

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, ASSAM, GUWAHATI FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021

Creation of the Organisation: The State Fire Service Organisation, Assam was created by taking over and merging the Fire Stations belonging to Municipal Boards of Shillong and Silchar by the State Govt. under the name and style “State Fire Service Organisation, Assam” in the year 1956. Further, the Organisation was amalgamated with Assam Police Department w.e.f. 01/05/1959 under a SP rank officer known as the Supdt. of Police-cum- Fire Service Advisor.

Later the Govt. created a new post of Director, State Fire Service Organisation as head of the Organisation and posted an officer in the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police w.e.f. 16/09/1983 and subsequently an officer of the rank of IGP and then DGP, Addl. DGP, Special DGP. Presently, the organization is headed by an officer of the rank of Spl.DGP with designation as Director of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam. There are 137 sanctioned Fire & Emergency Services Stations and 5 (five) companies of SDRF Bn. Besides, the department has opened 7 (seven) Ad-hoc Fire & Emergency Services Stations and 9 (nine) Fire Camps utilising the existing resources. The total strength of this Directorate is 3764 personnel with 1017 numbers of Fire Fighting equipments & appliances.

- **Training:** A training centre under name and style “Elementary Fire Fighting Training School” was set up at Sila, North Guwahati in the year 1968 on land measuring 38 bighas for imparting training to the personnel of Fire & Emergency Services. This training centre was renamed as “**Regional Training Centre**” by the Govt. of India in the year 2004. Now the RTC is imparting basic training as well as other training including Sub-Officers course to the F & ES personnel including SDRF and other agencies like ONGC, APDCL, NEEPCO as well as other States of North Eastern Region.
- **New name of the Organisation:** The State Fire Service Organisation has been renamed as “**Fire & Emergency Services, Assam**” w.e.f. 07/01/2013 vide Govt. notification No. LGL.56/2012/13.

1. MANDATE OF THE DEPARTMENT:

(a) Functions, role and responsibilities of the department:

VISION :- To respond to all types of disaster and emergency situations both natural and manmade, caused by fire, earthquake, landslide, flood and erosion, drought emergency, chemical and biological mishap, bomb explosions, major accidents on road, air, and water etc. speedily and effectively to save life and property of the people of Assam.

(2)

MISSION : To save life and property of the people of State timely in response to all kinds of disaster/ emergency situations by using the best technology and other resources including manpower available at the disposal of this Directorate. It will be the endeavour of this organization to have public participation in disaster response by building effective public and organizational interface through awareness building, training and interactive actions.

OBJECTIVES :

- (i) To respond to all types of disaster and emergency situation both natural and man-made caused by Fire, Earthquakes, Landslides, Flood and erosions, chemical and biological mishaps, bomb explosions, major road accidents etc.
- (ii) To save life and properties of all citizen in case of fire hazards and in other natural calamities.
- (iii) Generate public awareness by conducting Seminars, public meeting, mock and evacuation drill etc. with participation of the people at large.
- (iv) To ensure compliance of Fire and Disaster safety rules in all public, private and commercial buildings by regular inspections and suggestions relating to fire and other disaster safety and prevention.
- (v) To ensure fire and disaster safety by inducting skilled fire fighters, rescue and search operation and use of modern technology in all forms of disaster response related activities.
- (vi) Specialised response to threatening disaster situations.
- (vii) Regular conduct of scenario based exercise/ full scale exercise to determine the State of readiness of key response institutions (other line department or stake holder).
- (viii) Ensure operational readiness of the key units.

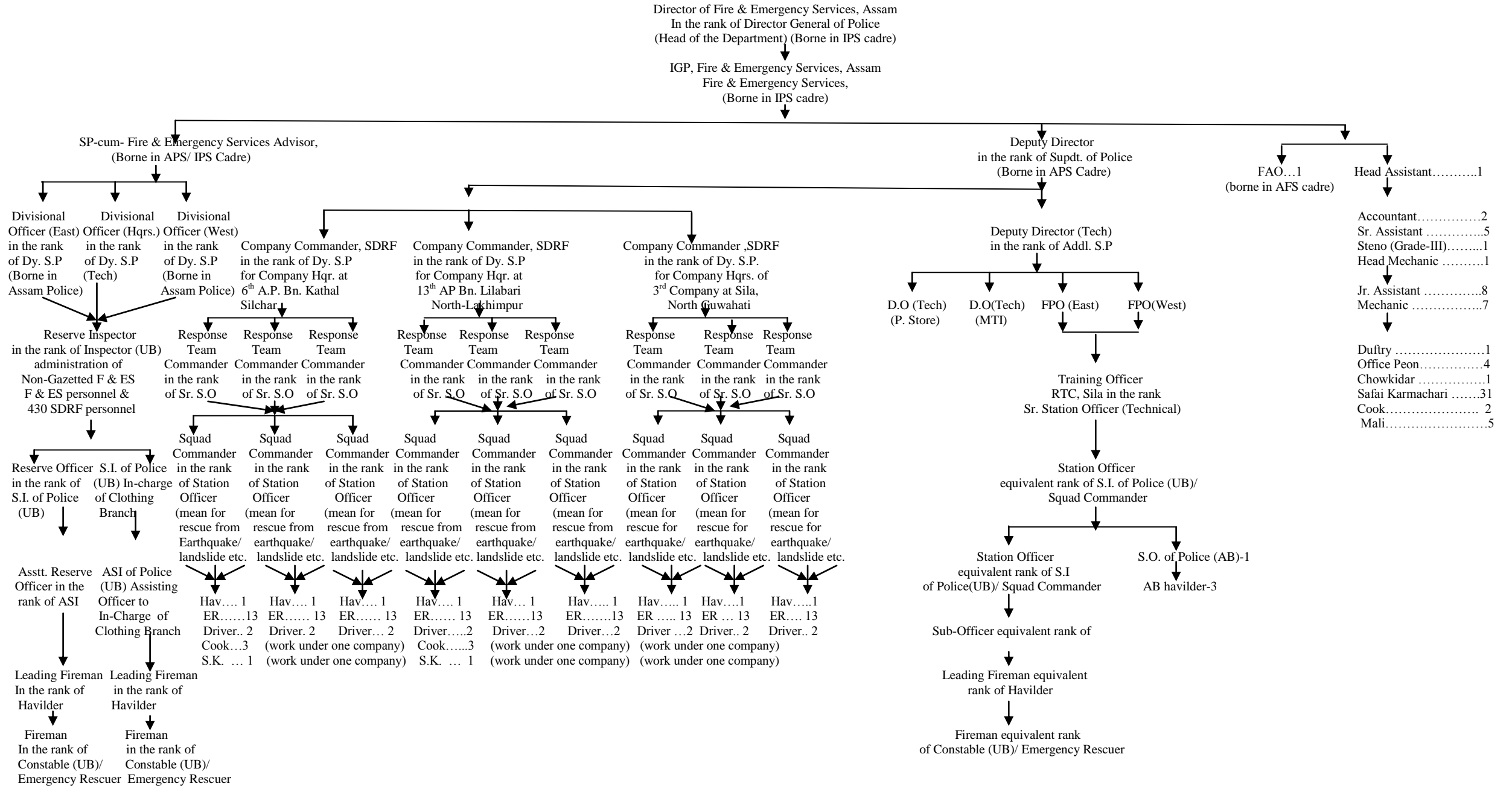
(b) The Fire & Emergency Services, Assam is functioning under Administrative Control of Home (B) Department and governed by the (i) Assam Fire & Emergency Services (Amendment) Act'2012 and (ii) Fire & Emergency Services Rules, 1989.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT:

The Fire & Emergency Services, Assam is functioning under the Director, Fire & Emergency Services, Assam in the rank of Spl. Director General of Police under the Administrative Control of Home (B) Department, Govt. of Assam,

The technical side of the Fire & Emergency Services, Assam is headed by the Deputy Director (Technical) in the rank of Addl. SP, Fire Prevention Officer, Divisional Officer (Tech) and other Gazetted Technical Officers (in the rank of Dy. Supdt. of Police). The Organisational set up of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam as follows:

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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURAL OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, ASSAM.



3. (a) ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT:

- (i) The list of Fire Fighting appliances and equipments as well as Search & Rescue equipments procured for Hqrs, F & ES Stations and SDRF during the financial year 2020-2021 as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the equipments	Quantity
1	Aerial Hydraulic Platforms (working height 55 mtrs.)	2 nos.
2	Water Tender Pumps	15 nos.
3	Mini Water Tender Pumps	15 nos.
4	Water Bowser	8 nos.
5	Fire Proximity Suits	180 nos.
6	Remote Area Lighting Systems	15 nos.
7	Portable Fire Fighting Pumps	55 nos.
8	High Pressure Breathing Air Compressor Machines Petrol Operated	5 nos.
9	High Pressure Breathing Air compressor Machines	7 nos.
10	Re-filling of Co2 Fire Extinguisher 4.5 kgs capacity	500 nos.
11	Re-filling of ABC Fire Extinguisher 4Kg capacity	250 nos.
12	Re-filling of ABC Fire Extinguisher 6 kg capacity	200 nos.
13	A Level Suits	6 nos.
14	Aerial Drone	1 no.
15	Design, Installation, Commissioning and training of Fire Fighting Training Simulator System at RTC	1 no.
16	De-watering Pumps	11 nos.
17	Delivery Hose with coupling	170 nos.
18	Breathing Apparatus Set	14 nos.
19	Life Buoy	70 nos.
20	Life Jacket	70 nos.
21	Foam Making Branch Pipe FB-5X	35 nos.
22	Foam Making Branch Pipe FB-10	35 nos.
23	AFFF liquid 3% concentrate	3400 ltrs.
24	Water Mist CAF Fire Extinguisher High Pressure back pack type	25 nos.
25	Fast Act Pressurised Cylinders 4 kg. capacity	39 nos.
26	Fast Act Pressurised Cylinders 1 kg. capacity	1600 ltrs.
27	SML S7Bus (SML ISUZU)	3 nos.
28	Light Motor Vehicle (Mahindra) B4 BS VI	5 nos.
29	Bajaj Pulsar 150 SD Motor Cycle	25 nos.

- (ii) The department had promoted 13 (thirteen) Station Officer to the rank of Sr. Station Officer, 1 (one) Station Officer to the rank of Response Team Commander, 12 (twelve) Sub-Officer to the rank of Station Officer, 52 (fifty two) Leading Fireman to the rank of Sub-Officer, 14 (fourteen) Fireman to the rank of Leading Fireman and 14 (Fireman) Fireman to the rank of Havilder. The department is in the process of recruiting of 9 Station Officers, 11 Squad Commanders, 6 Sub-Officers, 5 Asstt. Squad Commanders, 519 Firemen, 291 Emergency Rescuers, 27 Drivers and 12 Driver Operators.
- (iii) 2 personnel of Fire & Emergency Services have been awarded President's Fire Service medal for Meritorious/ Distinguished service on the occasion of Republic Day, 2021. In recognition of the good work done, 6 personnel of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam received Chief Minister's Police Medal, 4 personnel received DGP's Police Commendation Medal on the occasion of Police Day and 5 personnel received Director's Commendation Medal on the occasion of Fire Service Day.
- (iv) The department attended to 3128 fire incidents in various parts of the State and saved property worth Rs. 568 crores (approx) out of property worth Rs. 684 crores (approx.) involved in the fire incident, flood, landslides etc. During the period, the department rescued 3202 human lives and 212 animals besides recovering 259 bodies from flood, landslides, etc.
- (v) The department conducted awareness programmes, awareness-cum- mock drill programmes and inspection of high-rise buildings at various places of the State as follows:

Number of awareness programme conducted in Schools/ Colleges/ Universities of the State	Number of fire safety awareness-cum-mock drill programme conducted in public places/ hospitals/ shopping malls/ hotels/ residential Apartments etc. of the State	Number of Inspections conducted for issue of suggestions for the fire safety measures to the owner/ occupier of different buildings all over Assam	Number of Inspections conducted for issue of fresh NOC to the owner / occupier of different buildings all over Assam	Number of Inspections conducted for issue of renewal NOC to the owner / occupier of different buildings all over Assam
288	137	383	365	2237

Besides, the department had organized more community based awareness programmes, mock drills with a view to educate the occupants of different establishments like Residential Apartments, Commercial buildings, Hospitals, Life-line buildings and public places through training, demonstration etc. for reduction of loss of life and property in fire and disaster, both natural and man-made.

3 (b) NEW INITIATIVE AND INNOVATIVES STEPS TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT:

- (a) The Hon'ble Finance Minister of Assam had announced the sanction of 42 (36 + 6) numbers of already notified F & ES Stations in the Budget Speech'2018. Out of 42 (forty two) notified F & ES Stations, the Govt. sanctioned 13(thirteen) F & ES Stations alongwith manpower vide letter No.HMB.87/1994/451 dated 21/02/2019. Moreover, the department had submitted a proposal for sanction of 7 notified F & ES Stations out the remaining 29 notified F & ES stations during the financial year 2020-2021.
- (b) The Govt. has sanctioned manpower for raising of 2 companies of SDRF Bn. vide HMB.323/2009/Pt-I/265 dated 19/10/2020 and process of recruitment of personnel and creation of building infrastructure has been initiated.
- (c) In order to create adequate infrastructure, department had undertaken construction of 31 new Fire & Emergency Services buildings, construction of Headquarter buildings for 4th and 5th company of SDRF Bn. at Abhayapuri and Dergaon, 15 new Staff Quarters, construction of building for trainees Sub-Officers and Residential accommodation for Officers/ Instructors of SDRF Bn. at RTC, Sila. Out of which during the year 2020-2021, 2 (two) F & ES Station buildings and 6 (six) Staff Quarters has been completed. Further, Govt. had given administrative approval for construction of 13 new Fire & Emergency Services Station buildings and 25 new Staff Quarters and the construction works will be started shortly.
- (d) The Govt. had given administrative approval for construction of Swimming Pool at RTC, Sila, North Guwahati vide letter No. HMB.567/2018/4 dated 21/02/2019. The construction work is going on and it is expected to be completed within this financial year 2021-2022.
- (e) The Govt. has given administrative approval for construction of Parking-cum-Office building at Headquarters complex vide letter No.HMB.572/2018/8 dated 21/02/2019. The construction work is going on.
- (f) In view of the pandemic COVID-19, sanitization programme is being conducted by Fire & Emergency Services personnel all over the State. Two officers namely Station Officer Jugal Payeng and Sub-Officer Gajendra Nath Das who were infected during the course of their duties succumbed to COVID-19 virus.

4. STEPS TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE HUMAN RESOURCE OF THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING ETC.

- i. 27 personnel of Fire & ES attended various/different courses of training and workshops successfully at NDRF Academy, Nagpur and RTC, Kolkata as noted below during the year 2020-2021.

Sl. No.	Name of the training course	No. of F & ES/ SDRF personnel completed the training course	Total nos. of Trainees	Name of the Training Institute
1	2	3	4	5
1	Biological Incident First Responder	Station Officer	2	NDRF Academy, Nagpur
2	Chemical Disaster First Responder	Station Officer	2	NDRF Academy, Nagpur
3	45 th External Sub-Officer Course	Leading Fireman	23	RTC, Kolkata
		Total	27	

- ii. Moreover, the department has organized work shop on various subjects for capacity building / confidence building of Fire & Emergency Services personnel.

- a) Statement showing the data on employees of the Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Assam as on 31/03/2021 in connection with the Annual Administrative Report is as follows:

Sl. No.	Category	Sanctioned Strength	Total Staff in position	Vacancy
1	Class-I	6	5	1
2	Class-II	59	35	24
3	Class-III	3591	2510	1081
4	Class-IV	90	51	39
5	Master Roll	18	16	2
	Total	3764	2617	1147

Submitted for your information and necessary action.

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**Spl. Director General of Police-cum-
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Assam, Guwahati.**
