

The following Act of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 12th September 2026 and is hereby published for general information:—

ACT No. 16 OF 2026.

An Act to amend the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Act, 2025.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services (Amendment) Act, 2026. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification, appoint.

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of 2025.

2. In section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Act, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), clauses (c) and (n) shall be omitted. Amendment of section 2.

3. In section 24 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), the expression “not below the rank of Station Officer” shall be omitted. Amendment of section 24.

4. In section 31 of the principal Act, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:— Amendment of section 31.

“(1) The owner or the occupier, who is either individually or jointly responsible for a building as classified under this Act, shall provide fire prevention and life safety measures therein, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder. The owner or occupier of the building shall also provide therein the fire prevention and life safety measures prescribed under—

(a) the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019;

(b) the guidelines issued by the Oil Industry Safety Directorate;

(c) the Petroleum Act, 1934 (Central Act 30 of 1934) and the rules made thereunder;

(d) the Explosives Act, 1884 (Central Act IV of 1884) and the rules made thereunder;

(e) any other guidelines issued by the Government or any other relevant authority; and

(f) any other law for the time being in force.”.

(By order of the Governor)

P. SUMATHI,
Secretary to Government,
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