



## **ABSTRACT**

Fire and Rescue Services Department - Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 13.09.2021 – Procurement of 350 sets of self contained breathing apparatus sets for the use of Fire and Rescue services Department – Administrative sanction of Rs.3.50 crore - Accorded – Orders – Issued.

### **Home (Police-XVII) Department**

**G.O.(Ms).No.546**

**Dated: 01.12.2021**

பிலை வருடம், கார்த்திகை 15,  
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2052.

**Read:-**

From the Director, Fire and Rescue Services letter Rc.No.13734/A1/2021, dated 17.09.2021 and 22.10.2021.

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### **ORDER :-**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister while replying to the Demand No.22 and 23, Police and Fire and Rescue Services respectively, among other Announcements has made the following Announcement on the floor of assembly on 13.09.2021:-

“தீயணைப்பு பணியின் போது புகை மற்றும் நச்சு வாயுக்களிலிருந்து தீயணைப்புப் பணியாளர்களைக் பாதுகாக்கும் விதமாக ரூபாய் 3 கோடியே 50 இலட்சம் செலவில் 350 எண்ணிக்கையிலான மூச்சுக்கருவிகள் (Self contained breathing apparatus sets) தீயணைப்பு மற்றும் மீட்புப் பணிகள் துறை பணியாளர்களின் பயன்பாட்டிற்கு வாங்கி வழங்கப்படும்”.

2. In pursuance of the above announcement, the Director, Fire and Rescue Services in his letters read above, has sent a proposal for procurement of 350 sets of self contained breathing apparatus sets for the use of Fire and Rescue services Department at a cost of Rs.3.50 crore.

3. The Director General of Police / Director, Fire and Rescue Services in his proposal has stated that, a self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) is a device worn to provide breathable air in a toxic

atmosphere. Fire and rescue personnel operates in dynamic and extremely hazardous environments which have fire, smoke, chemical and biological hazards. A self contained breathing apparatus assists fire fighters to work effectively and efficiently as they provide a high level of respiratory protection and also freedom to move around as opposed to being attached to an airline, and it allows the fire fighter to gain access into burning structures to suppress fire and prevent further property damage. The breathing apparatus is also used during rescue operations in deep wells, sewage building collapses etc., it allows a fire and rescue personnel wearing a breathing apparatus gets that extra time for safe rescue of a victim. The wearing of a breathing apparatus is a risk control measure within the overall operational plan in any type of incident.

4. The Director General of Police/ Director, Fire and Rescue Services has proposed to procure 350 sets of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus through the GeM portal / open tender system with a projected cost of Rs.1,00,000/- per set. The self contained breathing apparatus sets will be distributed to fire fighting vehicles of the department all over the state and the life of the self contained breathing apparatus set is 10 years. It will protect fire fighters from smoky and low visibility atmosphere. The projected cost for procurement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus is  $350 \times 1,00,000 = 3,50,00,000/-$  (Rupees three crore and fifty lakh only).

5. The Director, Fire and Rescue Services has therefore requested to accord sanction for a sum of Rs.3.50 crore for procurement of 350 sets of self contained breathing apparatus to protect fire personnel from smoke and poisonous gas during rescue operation.

6. The Government after detailed examination have accepted the proposal of the Director General of Police / Director, Fire and Rescue Services and accord administrative sanction for a sum of Rs.3.50 crore (Rupees three crore and fifty lakh only) for procurement of 350 sets of self contained breathing apparatus sets for the use of Fire and Rescue services Department. The Government also direct the Director, Fire and Rescue Services to follow necessary purchase procedures. After completion of purchase procedure to send separate proposal for financial sanction.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.53872/Home-II/2021, dated 30.11.2021.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**S.K. PRABAKAR**  
**ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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The Director General of Police / Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Chennai-8.  
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18.

The Resident Audit Officer, Chennai-9.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-8.

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