
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR TO GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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Thiruvananthapuram

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C I R C U L A R

Sub:- Guidelines for Cinema Scheme approval - Reg.

Ref:- 1. G.O.(MS) No.167/93/Home dated 29/11/1993. Notified vide SRO No. 1861/93 dated 1/12/1993.

It has come to the notice of the undersigned that scheme approvals issued to Cinema theatres from District Offices do not strictly adhere to the clearance specifications stipulated in the Kerala Cinema (Regulation) Rules 1988 and Kerala Building Rules 1984. In many cases this has attracted criticism from the Government and also from courts. Being the statutory authority to issue fire safety certificate, Electrical Inspectors are duty bound to ensure that clearances as per rules are available while issuing the scheme approval and also while issuing "D" Certificates. Under these circumstances the following guidelines are issued for strict compliance while scrutinizing and issuing cinema scheme approvals. "D" Certificates of new or renovated cinema theatres shall be issued only if they comply with all the rules and regulations.

1.The building shall be provided with open spaces on all sides as provided in Rule 34 of Kerala Building Rules 1984 and parking space for one car for every 33 seats of accommodation. (Refer Rule 59 of K C (R) Rules 1988 as amended vide Notification cited.) Enforcement of Rule 59 of KC(R) Rules 1988 regarding around clearance is of prime importance considering public safety in the event of fire or panic in the theatre.

a.) As per Rule 34 of Kerala Building Rules 1984, the building under assembly occupancy shall have open spaces as given below:

Built up area - Exceeding 100 sq.m but below 400 sq.m.

Nature of open space	Dimension
Front	7.5m
side	3m
Rear	3m

Built up area - Exceeding 400 sq.m but below 800 sq.m.

Nature of open space	Dimension
Front	10.5m
side	4.5m
Rear	3m

Built up area - Exceeding 800 sq.m

Nature of open space	Dimension
Front	12m
side	6m
Rear	3m

b) The parking area required for one Car is approximately 15 sq.m.

c) The parking area stipulated under this amendment shall be insisted to be provided in addition to open spaces mentioned above.

2. Schemes pertaining to the following categories shall be forwarded to the Chief Electrical Inspector for approval.

a. Cinema theatres constructed above columns.

b. A/c cinemas including additions and alterations.

c. Two or more theatres in the same premises.

d. Cinema theatres and commercial building constructed in the same building.

3. The checklist appended to this circular shall be followed for scrutiny of schemes pertaining to cinemas.

CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR