

**THE PONDICHERY CINEMAS  
(REGULATION) RULES, 1966**

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Pondicherry the 22nd March 1966.

## NOTIFICATION

S.O.NO.14-In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (2) of Section 1 of the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Act. 1964 (Act No XIII of 1964), the Lieutenant Governor, Pondicherry, hereby appoints the 22nd day of March 1956 as the date on which the said Act shall come into force in the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

P.L. SAMY,  
Under Secretary to Government.

G.S.R. No5 - In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 12 of the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964 (Act No.XIII of 1964), the Lieutenant - Governor, Pondicherry, hereby makes the following Rules, namely:

## PART I - GENERAL

1. These Rules may be called the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1966.

2. These Rules shall apply to all the existing cinema premises in the Union Territory of Pondicherry and the those who come into existence after the publication of these rules in the Official Gazette,

3. In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(a) "Act " means the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964 ;

(b) <sup>1</sup> [ "Appellate Authority means the Government or such authority as the Government may specify in this behalf under sub-section (5) of section 5 of the Act.] <sup>1</sup>

(c) " Auditorium " means the portion of licensed place in which accommodation is provided for the public to view the cinematograph exhibition;

(d) " Enclosure " means the portion of the licensed place in which the cinematograph apparatus is erected;

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1. Substituted by G.O.Ms No.20 dt 5-3-76

(e) " Form " means form annexed to these rules;

(f) " Local Authority " means the Mayor of the concerned commune;

(g) " Permanent Building " means a building which is constructed for permanent use with stones, mud, brick, mortar, cement or other non-inflammable material.

Explanation :- Where the floor, roof, side walls, galleries and staircases of a building are made of non-inflammable material, the building shall, for the purpose of these rules, be deemed to be a permanent building.

(h) " Temporary Building" means a building which is not a permanent building ;

4. If any question arises as to the interpretation of these rules otherwise than in connection with the prosecution for an offence, the question shall be referred to the Government whose decision thereon shall be final.

5. No person other than a company or association shall be entitled to obtain or hold any licence under the Act unless such person has attained the age of 21 years.

6. The licensee shall comply with such of the provision of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and of the rules made thereunder as are applicable of the premises.

7. Any Police Officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector, any Fire Officer not below the rank of a Sub-Officer, any Health Officer, any Magistrate having jurisdiction over the area, the Electrical Inspector or his representative, the licensing authority or his representative and the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department or any person authorized by him may enter at any time, any place licensed or proposed to be licensed under the Act for the purpose of satisfying himself that the provision of the Act and the rules thereunder are carried out correctly by the licensee.

In case of any breach, the inspecting authorities should draw the attention of the licensing authority for necessary action.

8. The licence and the plan and description attached thereto shall be produced on demand by any Police Officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector or by the licensing authority or by the Electrical Inspector or by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, or by any persons authorised by them in this behalf.

9. The licensee, his servants and agents shall comply with all orders issued by the Electrical Inspector, the licensing authority or police officers acting on their behalf from time to time or as occasion arises for the safety or convenience of the public or for the preservation of order or the maintenance of peace. The licensing authority may, if circumstances so require, impose safeguards for the purpose in addition to those laid down in those rules.

<sup>1</sup> [10. (1) During exhibition of films the enclosure shall be in charge of an operator who holds a certificate in Form 'G' granted under and in accordance with the regulations in Appendix II by the <sup>2</sup>[Electrical Inspector, Central Electricity Authority, AB-5, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi - 110016) ("hereinafter referred to as Electrical Inspector") or by an officer not below the rank of Deputy Director Central Electricity Authority]<sup>2</sup> duly appointed to assist the Electrical Inspector to effect that he is competent to handle and operate a Cinematograph.

(2) The Operator shall be present in the enclosure during the whole period of operation of the machine. Before the commencement of each performance, he shall satisfy himself that all cables,

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1. Substituted by G.O. Ms. No.27 dt 9-3-1974

2. Substituted by G.O. Ms. No.118 dt 15-10-74

leads connections and resistances as also the fire extinguishing appliances in the enclosure are in good working order.

(3) The Cinemas licensee shall report to the Electrical Inspector, the name of the Operator and serial number of the certificate granted by the Electrical Inspector together with his letter of consent and any change in the personnel.

**Note:** Sub-rule (1) and rule 10 shall not apply to Cinema Operators in service on as the date of publication of these rules and shall apply only to the operators employed after that date.]

11. If the applicant for the licence is the owner of the site, building and equipment, he shall produce to the licensing authority the necessary records relating to his ownership and possession thereof. If he is not the owner, he shall to the satisfaction of the licensing authority, produce documentary evidence to show that he is in lawful possession of the site, building and equipment.

12 (1) There shall be no restriction to the grant of licences to permanent and touring cinemas on the basis of population in any place, except towns with a population of 30,000 and above in which no touring cinemas will be allowed, if there are three or more permanent cinemas.

(2) The restrictions in respect of distance between cinemas shall be as specified below:

A touring cinema in any place shall not be allowed within a distance of 3 kilometres of the nearest permanent cinema.

The distance between any two touring cinemas shall not be less than 1.5 kilometres.

There shall be no restriction in regard to the distance between one permanent cinema and another permanent cinema.

(3) The distance between cinemas in any place or in adjacent places shall be reckoned along the shortest pathway, lane, street, road or any other route connecting the cinemas which is generally used by the members of the public.

(4) The distance between any two cinemas shall be reckoned from the main entrance of one cinema to the main entrance of another.

## **PART II (a) - APPROVAL OF LOCATION OF PERMANENT CINEMAS**

13. (1) A person who intends to build a permanent cinema building shall furnish the licensing authority with relevant particulars required in Form A. The applications shall be accompanied by a plan of the proposed site drawn to scale and shall clearly indicate the surrounding roads and buildings which exist up to distance of 200 metres of the proposed site, schools, hospitals, temples or other places being clearly indicated.

(2) A copy of the application in Form 'A' referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be sent to the local authority which shall forward it within one month from the date of receipt of application from the applicant, to the licensing authority with its remarks recording its objection, if any, to the site and to the installation of machinery.

(3) A copy of the application shall also be sent to the Superintendent of Police, in Pondicherry and Karaikal regions or the Inspector of Police in Mahe and Yanam regions, who shall remit it, within one month from the date of receipt of application from the applicant, to the licensing authority, with objections if any, from the traffic point of view.

**Note:-** On receipt of the application from the applicant, the licensing authority shall ensure from the local authority and the Police that they have received copies of the application and ascertain dates of their receipt to avoid non-receipt or delay in receipt of the copies by the authorities concerned. If no reply is received within the time prescribed in sub-rules (2) and (3), it shall be presumed by the licensing authority that there is no objection on their part.

14. (1) After consideration of the application with reference to the objections of the local authority or the police and the following matters, viz:-

- (a) the interest of the public generally ;
- (b) the suitability of the place where the cinematograph exhibitions are proposed to be given ;
- (c) the adequacy of existing places for the exhibition of cinematograph films in the locality ;
- (d) the benefit to any particular locality or localities to be afforded by the opening of a new place of cinematograph exhibition ;
- (e) the previous experience of the applicant ;

the licensing authority shall grant a no objection certificate in Form 'B' or may refuse to grant the same, within two weeks after the receipt of the remarks of the local authority and the police or within one month, if the licensing authority has to get any further report.

(2) Any applicant aggrieved by the orders of the licensing authority refusing to grant a 'No Objection Certificate' may appeal to the appellate authority. The rules in Part III shall apply to such appeals.

### **Part II (b) - Approval of plan of building.**

15. (1) On receipt of the certificate referred to in rule 14, the applicant shall submit an application for approval or plan of building to be constructed in the approved site. Such application shall be accompanied by :-

(i) complete plans, elevations and sections in duplicate of the premises and of all erections or buildings thereon drawn correctly to a scale of one centimetre to a metre (1/100) and showing the position of the electrical machinery and cinema apparatus prepared by an Engineer holding a B.E. Degree or any other equivalent degree of a recognised University.

(ii) a block plan in duplicate on a separate sheet showing the position of such premises in relation to any adjacent premises and to the public thoroughfare upon which the site of such premises abuts, drawn to a scale of not-less than 2mm. to a metre (1/500):

(iii) a treasury receipt for the payment of fees if any, for construction of building and installation of machinery at the rates prescribed by the local authority ; and

(iv) a plan (in single line) of the wiring in duplicate a copy of which shall be sent to the Electrical Inspector. The plan should conform, as far as may be to the diagram appended to the rules.

(2) The cardinal points shall be marked on such drawings. All drawings shall be coloured to distinguish the material employed in the construction of buildings and erection.

(3) The width of all staircases and the number of steps in each, the width of corridors, gangways and doorways together with the height of any galleries or tiers in such premises and in any of the erections or buildings in connection therewith as are more than one tier in height shall be indicated in

such drawings, as well as the floor and roof ventilation and the details of any intended gas or electric installation. The thickness of the walls and scantlings of the various materials used shall be clearly shown on such drawing by figures dimensions.

16. On receipt of the plan in duplicate, the licensing authority shall consult the Executive Engineer, who shall send his report within one month from the date of receipt of reference from the licensing authority. The licensing authority shall issue or refuse approval of the plan of building within two weeks after the receipt of the report of the Executive Engineer. If the licensing authority obtains the opinion of the Director of Public Works Department, the period shall not exceed one month.

17. An exemption may be granted by the Government from the operation of any particular condition or restriction, provided a strict application of it involves-

- (a) heavy structural alteration to the existing premises; and
- (b) enormous cost or loss to the licensee.

## **PART II (C).**

### **Approval of building constructed and issue of licence.**

18. (1) On commencement of construction, the applicant shall notify the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, to enable him to issue to certificate of structural soundness under sub-rule (4).

(2) On completion of the building according to the approved plan, the applicant shall obtain-

<sup>1</sup> [ (i) a certificate in Form C1 from the Executive Engineer, regarding the structural soundness of the building and its conformity to the approved plan covering the provisions in rules 25 and 26 in this part, rules 42 to 44, 47, 48, in Part IV and rules 63 to 65 in Part V ; ] <sup>1</sup>

(ii) a certificate in Form 'D' from the Electrical Inspector covering the provisions in rule 10 in Part I, rules 23 and 24 in this Part, rules 53 to 62 in Part IV and rules 69 to 74 in Part V.

**Note:** The Executive Engineer shall issue the structural soundness certificate and the Electrical Inspector the electrical certificate within one month from the date of receipt of the application from the applicant. The Executive Engineer shall issue the structural soundness certificate within two months from the date of receipt of application from the applicant, if the matter is referred to the Director of Public Works Department for second technical opinion.

(3) The Electrical Inspector's certificate shall be valid for a period of one year provided that, for reasons to be recorded in writing, the officer granting the certificate may reduce the period of validity of the certificate to any shorter period.

(4) The Executive Engineer's certificate regarding structural soundness of the building shall be valid for such period as may be certified by him. Before the expiry of the certified period, the building, shall, on application by the licensee be inspected again and subject if necessary to conditions and alterations be certified again for a suitable period.

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1. Substituted by No.F.32-5/66-H dt. 24-6-1967, E.G.No.50 dt. 29-6-1967.

**Explanation:** For the purpose of issuing a certificate under this rule, the Executive Engineer, shall have power to make an inspection of the building including the right to probe any portion of the structure and to call upon the applicant for the licence to furnish him with detailed particulars regarding the quality and proportion of the materials used in the construction of the building.

(5) The applicant, if aggrieved by an order of the Executive Engineer, refusing to grant a structural soundness certificate shall have the right to refer the matter to the Director of Public Works Department concerned whose technical opinion thereon shall be final.

19. After obtaining the certificates referred to in rule 18, the applicant shall submit his application for licence in writing to the licensing authority. The application shall be accompanied by -

(i) The certificate issued by the Executive Engineer, and the Electrical Inspector:

(2) A declaration by the applicant to the effect that he has completed all arrangement for obtaining films approved by the Central Government for the purpose of directions under Section 7 of the Act for exhibition at each performance together with a statement from the suppliers confirming that arrangements have been made ; <sup>1</sup> [ \* \* \* ] <sup>1</sup>

(3) A treasury receipt for the payment of fees for licence at the rates prescribed in . <sup>2</sup> [rule 21; and] <sup>2</sup>

(4). <sup>3</sup> [(4) Evidence of having insured the cinema building, machinery, etc., against fire hazards]<sup>3</sup>

20. (1) On receipt of the application for licence together with the certificate referred to in rule 19, the licensing authority shall issue to the applicant within two weeks from the date of its receipt a licence in Form 'C' or refuse to issue such a licence. A copy of the plans and drawings referred to in rule 15 shall be attached to the licence.

(2) Every licence issued under sub-rule (1) above shall be valid for a period of one year provided that the Electrical certificate and structural soundness certificate in respect of the licensed premises continue to remain valid.

21. (1) For every licence when granted, a fee shall be charged according to the scale laid down below:

**For an annual licence :** (i) <sup>4</sup>[ Rupees one hundred for an area of 100 square metres or less with an additional fee of rupees fifty for every 50 square metres or fraction thereof in excess of 100 square metres subject to a minimum of rupees five hundred only.]<sup>4</sup>

(ii) One-half of the fee shall be credited to the local authority concerned.

(iii) In case of refusal of the grant of a licence, a refund at the rate of one-half of the total amount of the fee collected, may be made to the applicant. The application for such refund shall, however, be made by the applicant within one month from the date of receipt of the orders of rejection of his application for grant of licence. The refund shall be made after the expiry of the period of appeal or after the disposal of the appeal if one has been presented.

(iv) A duplicate of a licence may be granted on payment of a fee of Rs.5.

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1. Omitted by G.O.Ms.No88 dt 27-10-1978

2. Inserted by G.O.Ms.No88 dt 27-10-1978

3. Inserted by G.O.Ms.No88 dt 27-10-1978

4.Substituted G.O.Ms.No55 dt 23-11-2001 in EOG No. 26 dt 30/11/2001.

<sup>1</sup> [21 (2). The fees mentioned in sub-rule (1) shall be paid in advance by the applicant for licence into a Government Treasury to the credit of the Government under the head "LII- Miscellaneous - Miscellaneous fees under the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Rule, 1966] <sup>1</sup>

22. (1) For the inspection of the enclosure, cinema apparatus and plant, electric installation, fire fighting and precautionary measures, when first erected, a fee of rupees one hundred shall be paid in advance by the applicant for the licence into a Government treasury to the credit to the Government under the head "XIII - Other Taxes and Duties - B. Electricity Duties - (a) Fees under the Indian Electricity Rules and fees for the electrical inspection of cineams"

(2) A duplicate of the electrical certificate may be granted by the Electrical Inspector on payment of a fee of Rs.3 provided that the application is submitted through the licensing Authority.

23. (1) The Electrical Inspector or any officer deputed by him, inspecting an installation under rule 22 shall, if he discovers any defect therein, issue written orders to the owner or person in charge for their rectification and prescribe a reasonable time within which such orders should be carried out.

(2) If, in the interval between two inspections, any further inspection shall, in the opinion of the Electrical Inspector or the officer deputed by him or the licensing authority have become necessary.

(i) owing to the neglect or failure of the owner or person in charge to carry out any written orders issued under sub-rule (1), within the time prescribed by the Electrical Inspector or the officer deputed him ; or

(ii) owing to other reasons to be recorded in writing a fee of Rupees sixty shall be charged for such further inspection and such fee shall be paid by the licensee on demand by the Electrical Inspector.

24. (1) No addition to or alteration of any part of the electrical installation within the cabin or auditorium or of the arc or projector in the cabin shall be made without the prior sanction of the licensing authority being obtained therefor. The licensee shall notify in writing his intention to make such addition or alteration simultaneously to the licensing authority and to the Electrical Inspector. The Licensing Authority shall not accord his sanction for the addition or alteration unless the Electrical Inspector or the Officer deputed by him certifies that the alteration or addition fulfills the requirements of these rules.

(2) Any temporary changes necessitated by sudden breakdowns should be reported simultaneously to the licensing authority and to the Electrical Inspector by wire immediately and in writing within 24 hours.

25. No subsequent addition or alteration shall be made to premises in respect of which a licence has been granted or to any part thereof, without the sanction of the licensing authority being obtained therefor and the plans and drawing relating to such addition or alteration being approved of by him.

26. The licensee shall give notice in writing to the licensing authority of his intention to add or alter the licensed premises or any portion thereof and such notice shall describe clearly the intended additions or alterations and be accompanied by complete plans, elevations and sections and block plan and specifications of the work proposed to be executed, drawn up in the manner required by rule 15 in Part II (b). The licensing authority shall, before according sanction to the proposed addition or alteration, follow as far as may be the procedure laid down in rule 16 in that part.



**PART II (d) - RENEWALS**

27. (1) Every application for the renewal of the licence shall be made one month before the expiry of the existing licence.

Such application shall be accompanied by -

(i) a declaration referred to in item (2) in rule 19 in Part II (c), <sup>1</sup> [ \* \* \* ] <sup>1</sup>

(ii) a treasury receipt for the payment of fees at the prescribed <sup>2</sup> [rates ; and] <sup>2</sup>

(iii). <sup>3</sup> [ evidence of having insured the cinema building, machinery, etc., against fire hazards.]<sup>3</sup>

(2) A copy of every such application shall be sent simultaneously to the Electrical Inspector direct.

**Note:** Application for renewal of the licence in respect of existing cinema premises shall be accompanied by plans and drawings referred to in rule 15 and a certificate of structural soundness prescribed in rule 18 (2)( i).

28. For every licence when renewed a fee shall be charged according to the scale laid down in rule 21 in part II (C). In the case of refusal of the renewal of a licence, the provisions regarding refund in sub-rule (iii) of that rule shall apply.

29. (1) On receipt of the application for renewal of the licence, the licensing authority or an officer deputed by him shall inspect and satisfy that all the rules including rule 43 in Part IV and rules 63 and 64 in Part V for sanitation are observed before the licence is renewed.

(2) Every licence renewed under sub-rule (1) shall be valid for a period of one year provided that the Electrical Certificate and the structural soundness certificate in respect of the licensed premises continue to remain valid.

30. (1) If, on an application for the renewal of a licence made under rule 27, the licensing authority does not for any reason before the date of expiry of the licence, either renew and return the licence or refuse to renew the same, he shall grant a temporary permit in Form E provided that the Electrical Inspector's Certificate continues to remain valid.

(2) Such temporary permit shall be subject to the conditions of the licence sought to be renewed, and shall be valid for a period of one month from the date of the grant thereof and may be renewed by the licensing authority for further periods of one month at a time:

Provided that the temporary permit shall cease to be valid and shall be surrendered to the licensing authority on the applicant receiving the licence duly renewed or on his receiving an order refusing to renew the licence:

Provided further that the temporary permit shall be surrendered to the licensing authority on demand made at any time in that behalf.

(3) No fees shall be levied for the grant of such temporary permit.

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1. Omitted by G.O.Ms.No.88 dt. 27-10-1978

2. Inserted by G.O.Ms.No.88 dt. 27-10-1978

3. Inserted by G.O.Ms.No.88 dt. 27-10-1978

(4) The temporary permit shall, during the period of its validity, be deemed to be a licence for the purpose of these rules.

31. (1) Every application for renewal of the Electrical certificate shall be made one month before the expiry of the period of validity of the certificate.

(2) At every renewal of the Electrical Inspector's certificate, the enclosure, cinema apparatus and plant, electrical installation and fire precautionary measures, shall be inspected by the Electrical Inspector or an officer deputed by him who will certify that the installations continue to be maintained in proper working order according to the rules.

32. (1) For the inspection under rule 31 before renewal of certificate, a fee of Rs. 60 shall be paid into a Government treasury under the head of account specified in rule 22 and the treasury receipt furnished direct to the Electrical Inspector three months before the date of expiry of the period of validity of the certificate.

(2) If the treasury receipt is not furnished within the period referred to in sub-rule (1), a penalty of one third of the fee specified in that rule for a delay of each month or fraction thereof shall also be paid into a Government treasury to the credit of the Government and treasury receipt to the payment of the penalty shall be furnished to the Electrical Inspector along with the treasury receipt relating to the payment of the fee for the inspection.

### **PART III - APPEALS**

33. Every appeal under sub-section (5) of Section 5 of the Act against the decision of the licensing authority shall be preferred within thirty days of the date of receipt of the order appealed against :

Provided that, if any doubt arises as to the date of receipt of the order by the person aggrieved, the decision of the appellate authority shall be final :

Provided further that appellate authority may admit an appeal preferred within a period of two months after the expiry of the prescribed period of thirty day aforesaid, if sufficient cause is shown for not preferring the appeal before the prescribed period :

Provided also that, where an appeal is presented within the prescribed period of thirty days aforesaid but is returned by the appellate authority for representation in the prescribed manner and if such appeal is represented in the manner prescribed and within the date, if any, specified by the appellate authority for the representation of the appeal, the appeal so represented shall be deemed to have been presented within the prescribed time for the purpose of this rule.

34. (1) An appeal preferred under rule 33 shall be submitted in duplicate in the form of a memorandum setting forth concisely the grounds of objection to the order which is the subject of appeal and shall be accompanied by the original or a certified copy of the order appealed against.

(2) The appeal shall be signed by the appellant or by his authorised agent and presented to the appellate authority in person or by agent at any time during the office hours on any working day or sent by registered Post-acknowledgement due. The authorisation of the agent to present appeals shall be in writing and shall accompany the appeal unless the agent holds a power-of-attorney.

35. A fee of Rupees fifty shall be paid in respect of each appeal and the memorandum of appeal shall be accompanied by a treasury receipt for the amount of the fee due on the appeal.

<sup>1</sup> [ The fee shall be paid into a Government treasury to the credit of the Government under the head "LII-Miscellaneous - Miscellaneous fees under the Pondicherry Cinemas(Regulation) Rules, 1966.] <sup>1</sup>

#### **PART IV - BUILDING**

36. (1) No site which would admit of storm-water draining into it owing to its level or location, shall be used for the construction of a building unless arrangements are made to prevent effectually the flooding of the site either by draining into a storm-water course, if one is available, or by raising the level of the site to an adequate height by the deposit of layers of sound and non-purtrescible material.

(2) No site wherein the soil and sub-soil would be so saturated with water that dampness of the floor and walls of the building would be inevitable, shall be used for the construction of a building, unless a damp-proof course is provided in the basement of the building not higher than the level of the lowest floor and unless the flooring is made with a material approved by the licensing authority which would effectively prevent the dampness rising in the floor of the building.

(3) Every person who constructs, reconstructs or alters, or adds to, a building shall, wherever the site is within 20 metres of any tank, reservoir, water-course, river, fresh-water channel, or well, carry out such measures as may be necessary or as the licensing authority may direct, for the purpose of preventing any contamination of, or any risk of the drainage of the building passing into, such tank, reservoir, water-course, river, fresh-water, channel or well.

37. (1) The foundation of every building newly constructed shall be -

(i) so constructed that they will sustain the combined load of the building and of the superimposed load and transmit those loads to the sub-soil in such manner, as not to impair the stability of the building or any part thereof by the settlement cause by the pressure of such loads ; and

(ii) taken down to such a depth, or so constructed, as to render the building immune from damage from movements due to seasonal variations in the content of moisture, in the ground.

(2) Every person who constructs, reconstructs, adds to, or alters a building, shall take necessary steps so as to secure proper stability of the building and to render the building immune from any settlement or movement that may be caused in the soil on account of seasonal variations in the contents of moisture, inequalities of soil resistance, lateral escape of soft soil, sliding of the substratum on sloping ground, distributed or concentrated lateral pressure, or other causes.

38. Every person who constructs, reconstructs, adds to or alters a building shall comply with the following requirements:-

The ground floor or lowest floor of the building shall be at such a level as will allow of the effectual drainage of that floor. It shall ordinarily be not less than 50cm. above the ground or site level.

39. Every building shall be provided with means for the effectual drainage of storm-water, sullage and sewage from the premises, and sufficient and suitable sanitary conveniences for the use of the occupants of the building.

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1. Inserted by No.F.32-5/66-H dt. 24-6-1967

40. Every permanent cinema building shall satisfy the following requirements:-

(1) Such building has a road frontage on the public thoroughfare upon which the site of such building abuts ;

(2) Suitable booking windows for the various classes are provided within the building in such a position that there is room for queues of would-be purchasers of tickets to form up within the premises without causing any obstruction to traffic on the public road ;

(3) Suitable handrailing 1.25 metre high in front of booking windows shall be provided to enable would-be purchasers of tickets to form up queues within the premises. The handrailing should be galvanized iron pipes at 25cms. to 30cms. in tabular posts or reinforced concrete work or wood work and should be so located that the width of the passage is not less than 60cms. ;

(4) Suitable shelters shall be provided for protecting the would-be purchasers of tickets standing in queues from sun and rain. The shelters may be of permanent pucca construction or of a light type of construction with asbestos cement sheets over steel or precast reinforced concrete members. The shelters should be so arranged that they do not affect light and ventilation and at the same time afford protection against sun and rain for the would-be purchasers of tickets standing in the queues ;

(5) The handrailing and shelter mentioned in sub-rules (3) and (4) above shall be sufficient to accommodate at least one-third of the number of the would-be purchasers of tickets ; and

(6) Suitable means of entrance and exit are provided for the public in such frontage.

41. The building shall be provided on at least three of its sides with an open space of not less than 6 metres in width or of such greater width as may be required by the licensing authority for parking the number of cars which would be normally attracted.

The eaves of the building shall have a height of not less than 3 metres.

42. The premises shall be enclosed with proper external or party walls of brick or stone.

43. The licensee shall provide suitable means of drainage to the building and also sanitary conveniences of such description and design as may be prescribed on the recommendation of the Executive Engineer - I, who has to issue the structural soundness certificate of the building, for the exclusive use each sex according to the scale indicated below and shall cause the same to be maintained in good order and sanitary condition :

Scale of sanitary accommodation to be provided.

Men -

Urinals-One stall (seat) for every hundred persons.

Latrines-One stall (seat) for every two hundred persons.

Women -

Same scale as for men.

44. The floor, roof, ceilings, private boxes, balconies, galleries, tiers, partitions and any room, lobby, corridor and passage intended for the use of the public shall; be constructed of fire-resisting materials :

Provided that the following materials may be used for the ceiling, namely :-

Acoustic Celotex.

Asbestos Spray.

Canec.

Celotex.

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Insulwood, Treetax.

Acosto Sound Insulation Board

" Light Crete " "Unika Sound Insulating Board" and "Anitone Acoustic Tiles".

"Gypsum Panel Board"

"Swan brand" 1.5 cms. insulation board made in Swedan.

"Ankar Board" poras, 1.5 cms. inch.

Thermo-coustic Insulation Board.

45. Where the first tier balcony extends over the pit or stall, the height between the floor of the pit or stall and such tier or balcony shall not, in any part, be less than 3 metres, the height between the floor of the highest of the gallery and the lowest part of the ceiling over the same shall not, in any part be less than 3.75 metres. The height between any tier and the tier or ceiling above it shall, in no case, be less than 2.50 metres.

46. (1) No Corridor leading to any staircase communicating with any exit shall be less than 1.50 metres in width in any part thereof.

(2) Where possible, gradients or inclined planes shall be used instead of steps, but no gradient or inclined planes shall be steeper than 1 in 10.

47. Where cloak-rooms are provided, they shall be so situated that the use of them shall not obstruct the free use of any exit.

48. (1) All outside doors for the use of the public shall be made to open outwards and all internal doors shall be so fitted as not to obstruct, when open, any gangway, passage stairway or landing. Such doors, when open should engage on an automatic spring.

(2) The size of the doorways shall not be less than 2.25 metres by 1.5 metres, the width being measured between the leaves of the door in the open position.

(3) When door open on to any gangway, passage stairway or landing, such doors shall open in the direction the public move to the Exit. No door shall open out directly on to a flight of steps. There shall be a landing of at least 1.50 metres flush with the floor.

**Note :** " Door" includes exit or entrance way

49. (1) All staircases shall be constructed entirely of stone, cement or concrete with fire-resisting roof and ceiling and shall have solid square (as distinguished from spandrel) steps and landing of approved stone or of such other fire-resisting material and construction as may be approved by the licensing authority with treads not less than 28cms. wide and with risers not more than 16cms. high (each lapping at least 3cms. over the back edge of the step below it) in flights of not more than 15 or less than 3 steps.

(2) The floors of all landings shall be 15cms. thick.

(3) Every staircase forming an exit from an upper gallery or tier of the auditorium shall be enclosed on both sides with walls of bricks or fire-resisting materials in the stories through which it passes, and no openings shall be made into auditorium except the one required for exit from the gallery or tier which it serves :

Provided that staircases leading to the first or lower gallery or tier may be left open on one side in which case the open side shall be provided with extra stout handrails and balusters, but in no case shall staircases be left open on both sides.

(4) All enclosed staircases shall have on both sides strong handrails firmly secured to the wall by strong metal brackets about 8cms. clear therefrom and about 1 metre above the stairs but such handrails shall not run on level platforms and landings where the length of such platform or landing exceeds the width of the stairs.

(5) where the flight of steps returns upon itself the newel wall shall be chased so as to allow the handrails to run without projecting over the landing.

(6) The treads and risers of steps on each flight shall be of uniform width and height.

(7) Each flight of steps shall be properly supported and enclosed to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.

(8) No staircases shall have more than two flights of 15 steps without a turn and the width of the landing between such flights shall be at least the same as the width of the staircase.

(9) There shall be at least two staircases each not less than 1.40 metre wide to provide access to any gallery or upper floor.

(10) Stairs turning at an angle shall have a proper landing without winders being introduced at the turn.

(11) There shall be no recesses or projections in the walls of such staircases within 1.80 metre of the floor and any fittings for lighting shall be at least 2 metres above the steps on landing.

50. (1) Every building shall be provided with an adequate number of clearly indicated entrances and exits so placed and maintained as readily to afford the audience ample means of safe movement, and with a passage 1 metre in width for every ten rows of seating accommodation. By 'adequate' is meant 1.5 linear metre of exit way for 50 square metres of sitting space inside.

(2) In addition, there are reserved for service in case of emergency, entrance and exits opening on two separate and distinct passages leading either to the said public thoroughfare or to other suitable thorough fares and such passages are not less than 1.5 metre in width.

(3) A common place of egress may serve as the exit, for the floor and the first tier of the

auditorium, provided the capacity of such place of egress is equal to the aggregate capacity prescribed by these rules for the necessary outlets from such floor and tier.

(4) If the floor or any tier of the auditorium is divided into two or more parts, separate exits as prescribed in the rules shall be provided for each such part.

(5) All doors shall open outwards and shall be distributed round the hall and not merely at one end or side.

(6) The words " No Exit " shall be painted over all doors or openings which are in sight of the audience but which cannot be used as exits. The word "Exit" shall be painted over all exit doors. The words "No Exit" and "Exit" shall be painted in letters of 15cms. high and 3cms. thick.

(7) A notice shall be clearly painted on the exit doors indicating the method of opening.

(8) Each exit shall be illuminated by a light ; such light shall be kept burning the whole time the public are on the premises.

51. The following provisions shall be observed in providing seating accommodation :-

(1) The gangway shall be not less than 1.25cms. width and shall be so arranged that no seat shall be more than 10 seats form a gangaway.

(2) The angle of elevation subtended at the eye of any person seated in the row nearest to the screen by the length of the vertical line dropped from the centre of the top edge of the picture to the horizontal plane passing through the observer's eye, shall not exceed 35 degrees, the height of the eye of the person so seated being 1 metre above the floor level. A strong barrier or other efficient partition shall be provided to enforce this provision.

(3) The angle between the vertical plane containing the upper edge of the picture and the vertical plane containing the observer's eye and the remote end of the upper edge of the picture shall not be less than 25 degrees. A strong barrier or other efficient partition shall be provided to enforce this provision.

52. Whenever required by the licensing authority sufficient and approved artificial means of ventilation shall be provided. Guards shall be provided for ceiling fans with less than 2.35 metres clearance ; the height between the guard and the floor shall not be less than 2 metres.

Provided that at the time of the grant of the annual licence for the first time, the licensing authority may require that the auditorium shall be provided with exhaust fans at the rate of one exhaust fan for a floor area of 50 square metres or fraction thereof.

53. The cinema apparatus shall be placed in an enclosure of substantial construction, made of, or lined internally with, fire resisting material, and of dimensions sufficient to allow the operator to work freely.

54. (1) The enclosure shall be outside the auditorium. In cases where a rewinding room adjoins the enclosure and has a common door between leading from one to the other this door shall be provided with a single shutter having suitable springs to make it self-closing.

(2) If the enclosure is inside the auditorium, no openings other than those required for projection and observation of the enclosure shall be permitted to communicate with the auditorium.

55. The openings in front of the enclosure shall not be larger than in necessary for effective projection and observation. No such opening shall exceed <sup>1</sup> [20 centimetres square] <sup>1</sup>

Provided that where a special type of film projector requires a wider opening, the Electrical Inspector may permit a larger opening up to a maximum of <sup>1</sup> [60 centimetres square]

56. Each opening shall be provided with a plate glass screen not less than 5mms. in thickness fixed in position within smok-tight joint :

Provided that for openings of less than 150 Sq. cms. the thickness of the plate glass screen shall not be less than 3mms.

Provided further for openings of more than 50cms. Square -

(i) the glass screens used shall be of armoured plate or wired plate glass ;

(ii) metal screens shall be provided in addition to the glass screens, and the openings shall be closed with the metal screens when not is use for projection ; and

(iii) a notice shall be put up in the cabin to the effect that the openings shall be closed with the metal screens when the openings are not is use.

57. (i) Lanterns shall be placed on firm supports constructed of fire-resisting material and shall be provided each with a metal shutter which can be readily inserted between the source of light and the film gate.

(2) Where the electric pressure in the enclosure exceeds 125 volts, all metal supports of the lantern shall be connected to the earth

<sup>1</sup> [58. Supply to the various apparatus inside the enclosure connected with the screening of the film shall be by independent circuit or sub-circuits, different from that of the lighting circuit in the enclosure.]

<sup>1</sup> [59. Efficient double-pole switches shall be provided within the enclosures in the cinema equipment circuits.]

60. Within the enclosure, the insulating material of all electric cables, including those leading to illuminating lamps, shall be covered with fire-resisting material. If the electric pressure to the cabin exceeds 125 volts, all cables inside the cabin shall be enclosed in screwed metal conduits connected to the earth. Lead covered cables shall not be used unless enclosed in such conduits.

61. All resistances, with the exception of a resistance for regulating purposes, shall be placed outside the enclosure and, if reasonably practicable, outside the auditorium. If placed inside the auditorium, such resistances shall be protected by an earthed wire guard or other efficient means of preventing accidental contact.

62. (1) The electric lighting of the premises shall have at least three separate and distinct main circuits as follows :-

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1. Substituted by No.F.36-57/66-Home dt.20-1-1967, E.G.No.9 dt-. 1967



(i) For the enclosure and thence through a dimming regulator to the central lighting of the auditorium;

(ii) For approximately one-half of the auditorium, passage ways, stairways exit and parts of the building open to the public ; and

(iii) For the remaining half of the auditorium, passage ways, stairways, exits and parts of the building open to the public ;

The control of the circuits in respect of the two halves of the auditorium referred to in clauses (ii) and (iii) shall be remote from each other.

(2) Where the general lighting of the auditorium is controlled from within the enclosure, there shall also be separate and independent means of control outside of and away from the enclosure. A competent person shall be appointed to be present and to be in charge of the general lighting when the public are on the premises.

#### **PART V - Maintenance of Premises.**

63. The licensee shall cause.

(1) all windows and other means of ventilation in the building to be maintained in good order ;

(2) every part of such building or place to be maintained in proper sanitary condition ;

(3) the walls of the building to be hot lime washed at least once in every six months or to be painted once in every two years or more often if so prescribed ; and

(4) the premises to be thoroughly cleaned and all refuse matters to be removed at least once in every 24 hours or more often if so prescribed.

64. (1) The licensee shall provide -

(i) a sufficient supply of wholesome drinking water ; for the use of persons employed in or frequenting such building ; the quantity and the place and the method of storage and supply being prescribed by the licensing authority, and

(ii) spittoons of such description, in such numbers and in such places as may be prescribed on the recommendation of the Health Officer concerned.

(2) <sup>1</sup> [ \* \* \* ] <sup>1</sup>

65. (1) No passage, gangway, or corridor shall be used as a cloak-room and no pegs or hanging hats, cloaks, etc, shall be allowed therein nor shall any such passage, gangway or corridor be used for storage purpose or for any purpose whatever except for exit and entrance from and to the auditorium.

(2) There shall be no recesses or projections in the walls of such passage, gangway or corridors within 1.80 metres of the ground ; light shall be not less than 2 metres above the ground.

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1. Omitted by No.F.36-57/66-Home dt.20-1-1967.

66. (1) (a) The number of persons admitted into any part of auditorium, shall not exceed the number prescribed in the licence for that part of the auditorium. The number prescribed for each part shall be clearly indicated in such part by means of a board or otherwise.

(b) The number prescribed under clause (a) in respect of any part of the auditorium shall not exceed the following limit, namely :-

The number arrived at by calculating at the rate of 20 persons per 10 square metres of floor area in respect of such portions as are provided with chairs having backs and arms and at the rate of 25 persons per 10 square metres of floor area in respect of other portions, after excluding the area of the entrances, the passages and gangways, the stage, the staircases, and all places to which the public are not admitted.

(2) All exit doors shall be kept unbolted during performance. All the top and bottom bolts of such doors shall, wherever possible, be capable of operation from one central handle on each pair of doors.

(3) The public may leave at the end of a performance or exhibition by any exit door.

(4) No chair or other obstruction shall be placed in any passage, gangway or staircase.

(5) No person shall be permitted to sit or stand in any gangway intersecting the seating or to sit in any gangway or between the screen and the barrier referred to in rule 51.

67. The following provisions shall be observed in providing seating accommodation:

(1) Chairs shall be battened together in complete lengths.

(2) In all cases there shall be an intervening space of at least 30 cms. between the back of one seat and the front of the seat immediately behind measured between perpendiculars.

(3) Where a curtain is used to cover a doorway, it shall be so hung as to be easily pulled aside and the bottom edge of the curtain shall not be less than 7.5 cms. above the level of the floor.

(4) The area reserved for floor seats shall be covered with druggets, or carpets or mats.

(5) Druggets and carpets shall be securely fixed to the floor so that ends and edges do not turn up or ruck up.

(6) Mats shall be let into the floor in a recess not exceeding the size of the mat and not deeper than the thickness of the mat.

68. (1) Not more than 90 kilograms of cinema films shall be stored on the premises to which the licence relates, unless a specific licence has been obtained from the Chief Inspector of Explosives as required by the Cinematograph Film Rules, 1948.

(2) The storage of film under sub-rule (1) shall be subject to the conditions specified in the schedules to these rules.

69. The door of the enclosure and of any rewinding room and all openings, bushes and joints shall be so constructed and maintained as to prevent, as far as possible, the escape of any smoke into the auditorium. Ventilators shall be provided for the enclosure and for any rewinding room but the ventilation ducts shall not communicate direct with the auditorium. The area of the ventilating ducts of the enclosure shall not be less than one per cent of its floor area.

**Explanation:** By 'bush' is meant packing inserted in the holes through which the pipes and cables pass in order to render such holes reasonably smoke-proof.

70. Cinema projector shall be fitted with two metal film boxes of substantial construction to and from which the films shall be caused to travel. The film boxes shall be made to close in such a manner and shall be fitted with a film slot so constructed as to prevent the passage of flame to the interior of the box.

71. Film shall be wound upon spools in such a manner that the wound film shall not at any time reach or project beyond the edges of the flanges of the spool. The rewinding of films shall not be carried out in the enclosure while an exhibition is in progress.

72. All films, when not in use, shall be kept in separate closed metal boxes of substantial construction, the plate used being not less than 0.5 mm. thickness. Each box shall have a hinged cover secured by hasp and staple. A rack shall be provided for storing the closed metal boxes without piling. Films shall not be stored in any part of a building which is at a lower level than any other part thereof used for residential purposes.

73. (1) A plan (in single line) of the wiring shall always be kept in a prominent place in the office of the manager.

(2) Whenever required by the licensing authority or a police officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector, a sufficient number of approved oil or candle lights shall be provided for use in case of failure of electric lighting in the auditorium, gangways, passages and exits. These lights shall be kept burning during the whole time the public are on the premises.

(3) Whenever any illuminant other than electricity is used for the lantern, its use and the apparatus for its production shall be subject to the approval of the licensing authority.

(4) Ordinarily, no open or naked lights shall be allowed, but if the nature of the performance or exhibition absolutely necessitates the use of naked lights, this fact shall be mentioned when application is made for a licence.

(5) Where it is intended to use open or naked lights in any performance or exhibition, notice of such fact shall be given at least 48 hours prior to the performance or exhibition to the Fire Department in place where there are fire brigades so that additional precautions may be taken.

74. (1) The following extinguishing appliances shall be provided :

In the enclosure : A bucket of water, a blanket, a bucket of sand and a portable fire-extinguisher.

In the auditorium : Four portable fire-extinguishers, 20 buckets of water and a cistern supplying not less than twenty-five liters of water per 10 square metres of floor area stored.

(2) These appliances shall be so disposed as to be readily available for the use. The buckets shall have round bottoms and handles and shall be of 10 to 15 litres capacity, each to hold not less than 10 litres of water. They shall be painted red with the word 'Fire' painted on them in large block letters in English and the local vernacular.

(3) The portable fire-extinguishers shall be of soda acid type and of the 10 liters size; they shall be installed at an adequate height from the ground. A record regarding the maintenance of portable extinguishers shall be kept.

(4) Where a portable fire-extinguisher of the chemical combination pressure type is older than three years or has not been tested previously, it shall be tested by hydraulic pressure by the Electrical Inspector or by an engineering firm or mill authorised in this behalf by the licensing authority, to show that it can with-stand for one minute a pressure of 20 kilograms per square cm and a certificate of such test shall be submitted to the licensing authority. Similar tests shall be repeated once in two years.

(5) At least four stirrup pumps and eight buckets filled with water if there is no gallery or first floor in the premises; and at least six stirrup pumps and twelve buckets filled with water if there is a gallery or first floor in the premises in which case, at least two stirrup pumps and four buckets filled with water shall be kept in the gallery or first floor.

(6) The licensee shall --

(i) Once in every three months empty the container of each portable fire-extinguisher provided in the licensed premises, clean its nozzles and working parts, stir the liquid in it and top it up, immediately record the date of having done so, on a slip of paper and paste the same on the outside of such container;

(ii) Once in every year discharge each portable fire-extinguisher provided in the licensed premises and recharge it and immediately record the date of such recharge in durable paint on the external surface of the container of the portable fire-extinguisher ; and

(iii) Stock at least five spare refills for the use of the fire-extinguishers.

75. (1) All permanent cinema buildings shall be in communication with the nearest fire brigade station by telephone, when such facilities exist, which shall be fitted in such place and manners as the Licensing Authority may direct. The installation and maintenance of the complete telephone connection shall be carried out at the cost of the licensee.

(2) Attendants and staff shall be trained in the use of all fire fighting equipment maintained in the premises. Such number of persons as may be necessary shall be specially appointed to be in charge of the fire extinguishing appliances in the auditorium during every performance.

76. (1) Smoking shall not be permitted within the enclosure or within the auditorium.

(2) No unauthorised person shall be allowed to enter the enclosure.

(3) No inflammable article shall unnecessarily be taken into, or allowed to remain, in the enclosure.

(4) <sup>1</sup> [The licensee shall keep the cinema buildings and equipments insured against the risk of fire so that the cinema theatre is run without fire hazards.] <sup>1</sup>

## **PART VI - TRAVELLING CINEMAS**

77. The rules in this part and the following rules shall apply to travelling cinemas ;

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1. Inserted by G.O.Ms.No.88 dt. 27-10-1978

(i) Parts I and III  
(ii) Part II, rules 23, 24 [the fee chargeable for any inspection being Rs.40(Rupees forty only)].

(iii) Part IV-Rules 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, <sup>1</sup> [\* \* \* ] <sup>1</sup>

(iv) Part V-Rules 63 (1), (2) and (4), 64 66 (1) (a), (3), (4) and (5), 67 (2), 69, 70, 71 and 72.

78. In this part -

<sup>2</sup> [(a) 'building' shall mean and include any booth or building with roofing of bituminous asphalt, asbestos or zinc sheets with iron poles or with wooden poles and rafters duly coated with fire resistant paint and fixed with nails or screws or bolts and should be leak proof; and.] <sup>2</sup>

(b) 'travelling cinema' shall mean -

(i) an outfit comprising the cinema apparatus and plant and the enclosure taken from place to place in the Union Territory of Pondicherry for giving cinema exhibition ; or

(ii) an outfit comprising cinema apparatus and plant taken from place to place in the Union Territory of Pondicherry conducting shows in the local theatres or halls.

79. A person who intends to build a travelling cinema building shall follow the procedure in rule 13 in Part II (a). A treasury receipt for payment of fees, in any, for construction of building and installation of machinery at the rates prescribed by the local authority shall also be sent with the application.

80. (1) The building shall be provided on all its sides with an open space which in no part thereof shall be less than 20 metres in width.

**Note: -** The open space of 20 metres may comprise not only of the land of the licensee within the fence but also the open space outside the fence, if any, whether it belongs to the licensee or not provided that it is open for the public to use the land without obstruction.

(2) The building shall have a road frontage on the public thoroughfare upon which the site of such building abuts;

(3) There shall be suitable means of entrance and exit for the public in such frontage;

(4) The eaves of the building shall have a height of not less than 2.5 metres.

<sup>3</sup> [(5) Supply to the lighting in the various parts of the premises shall be suitably sectionalized and provided with cut-outs so as to localize the faults or failures of supply. A separate emergency light shall be provided in the auditorium for which supply is made by an independent main circuit controlled by a cut-out and switches both from within enclosure and auditorium. ] <sup>3</sup>

81. The licensee shall provide such sanitary convenience as may be prescribed by the licensing authority for the exclusive use of each sex according to the sale laid down in rule 43 of Part IV and shall cause the same to be maintained in good order and sanitary condition.

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1. Omitted by No.F.36-57/66-Home dt.20-1-67, E.G.No.9 dt. 1967

2. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.71 dt 7-11-85, E.G.No.27, dt 13/11/85

3. Inserted by No.F. 36-57/66-Home dt. 20-1-67, E.G. No.9 dt. 1967

82. (1) A licence shall not be granted if the building is constructed in whole or in part of a material, which in the opinion of the licensing authority is so inflammable as to be a public danger or is dangerously near to any other building.

(2) Where the building in which the travelling cinema is located is thatched with inflammable materials, there be a minimum distance of <sup>5</sup> [50 metres]<sup>5</sup> from the nearest house or other building.

83. In every pandal constructed of inflammable materials, there shall be on each side an aperture of at least 2 metres high and 6 metres wide. This aperture may be closed by tatties fixed on split bamboo frame and fastened by twine on the inside.

84. Doors and apertures not ordinarily in use may be made of or covered or closed by mat, screen or similar material which can be removed by a slight pressure from inside the building.

85. On receipt of the application made under rule 79, the licensing authority shall grant a "No objection certificate " in Form 'B' or may refuse to grant the same. He shall also issue an order approving or not approving the plan of the building to be constructed in the approved site within two weeks after the date of receipt of the application from the applicant.

**Note:-** Any applicant aggrieved by the orders of the licensing authority refusing to grant a ' No objection certificate' may appeal to the appellate authority. The rules in Part III shall apply to such appeals.

86. On completion of building according to the approved plan, the applicant shall submit his application for licence to the licensing authority. The application shall be accompanied by - (i) a certificate from the Electrical Inspector and a declaration prescribed in rule 18 (2) (ii) and 19 (2) respectively in part II (c) <sup>1</sup> [\* \* \*] <sup>1</sup> (ii) at treasury receipt for the payment of fees for licence at the rates prescribed in <sup>2</sup>[rule 89; and] <sup>2</sup> (iii) <sup>3</sup> [ evidence of having insured the cinema building, machinery, etc., against fire hazards.] <sup>3</sup>

**Note:-** The Electrical Inspector shall issue the electrical certificate within a period not exceeding one month from the date of receipt of the application from the applicant.

87. On receipt of the application for licence together with the Electrical Certificate and declaration referred to in rule 86, the licensing authority shall issue to the applicant a licence in Form 'C' for the period covered by the Electrical Inspector's Certificate or refuse to issue such licence within a period not exceeding one month from the date of its receipt.

88. <sup>4</sup> [(1) No traveling cinema shall be licensed to exhibit show in any place for a period longer than five years subject to the condition that the certificates regarding structural soundness, electrical installations and use of non-inflammable materials are produced every year.] <sup>4</sup>

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1. Omitted by G.O.Ms.No.88 dt. 27-10-1978

2. Inserted by G.O.Ms.No.88 dt. 27-10-1978

3. Inserted by G.O.Ms.No.88 dt. 27-10-1978

4. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.71 dt 7-11-85, E.G.No.27, dt 13/11/85

5. Substituted by No.F.36-57/66-Home dt.20-1-1967, E.G.No.9 dt. 1967

[ Provided that the licence may be renewed for a further period of not exceeding one year if after inspection as contemplated in Rule 93, the licensing authority is satisfied, that the site and the building continue to conform to the relevant rules.

Provided further that if the licence is granted for a period of less than one year or renewed for a period of less than one year or if renewal is refused, it shall be for reasons to be recorded in writing and communicated to the applicant.]<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup>[Provided also that the licensing authority may, for special reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the period of renewal for a further period, not exceeding one year.]

<sup>3</sup> [(1-A) The licence shall be granted initially for one year and it may be renewed for further period not exceeding one year each, subject however to the total period of five years prescribed in sub-rule(1), if after inspection as contemplated in rule 93 the licensing authority is satisfied that the site and the building continue to conform to the relevant rules and the building is structurally sound:

Provided that if the licence is granted or renewed for a period of less than one year or if renewal is refused, it shall be for reasons to be recorded in writing and communicated to the applicant]

<sup>4</sup> [(2) After the period of <sup>5</sup> [ five years ] exhibition as contemplated in sub-rule (1), there shall be a minimum interval of three months before the same site is again licensed.

(3) Where the licensing authority is satisfied that any break/breaks in the period for which the licence was granted is/are not due to the fault of the licensee, such break/breaks may be excluded for the purpose of computing the said period of <sup>6</sup> [ five years. ]

(4) A temporary licence for a permanent building shall be granted only for a period of three months in the aggregate within a continuous period of twelve months. ]

<sup>7</sup> [ 89 (1) (a) For every licence, when granted or renewed, a fee shall be charged according to the scale laid down below :

For a temporary licence for a period not exceeding one year for a building thatched or constructed of wood or mats or other inflammable or non-inflammable materials or for a tent.

<sup>8</sup>[Rupees three hundred for a period of one year for an area of 100 Square metre or less with an additional fee of rupees one hundred and fifty for every 50 Sq. metre or fraction thereof in excess of 100 Sq. metre subject to a minimum of rupees one thousand only.]<sup>8</sup>

The licensing authority shall collect the licence fee in proportion to the period for which the licence is granted or renewed.

For a temporary licence for a period not exceeding three months for a building not thatched nor constructed of inflammable material falling under item (ii) of clause (b) of rule 78

Rupees two for a month or portion thereof for an area of 92.90 Sq. metre or less with an additional fee of Rs. 1 for a month or for a portion thereof for every 46.45 Sq. metre or fraction thereof in excess of 92.90 Sq. metres.

**Note :** One half of the fee shall be credited to the Local Authority concerned . ]

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1. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.48 dt. 11-6-68 E.G.No.53 dt. 13-6-1968

2. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.30, dt. 10.4.1978.

3. Inserted by G.O.Ms.No.71 dt. 7-11-85 E.G.No.27 dt 3-11-1985.

4. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.71 dt. 7-11-85 E.G.No.27 dt. 13-11-1985

5. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.71 dt. 7-11-85 E.G.No.27 dt. 13-11-1985

6. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.48 dt. 11-6-68 E.G.No.53 dt. 13-6-1968

7. Inserted by F.32-5/66-H dt. 24-6-1967

8. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No:55 dt 23-1-2001 in E.O.G:26 dt 30-11-2001s

(b) Duplicate of a licence may be granted on payment of a fee of Rs.5.

89. <sup>1</sup> [ (c) The fees mentioned in clauses (a) and (b) shall be paid in advance by the applicant for licence into a Government Treasury to the credit of the Government under the head "LII-Miscellaneous-Miscellaneous fees under the Pondicherry Cinemas Regulation Rules, 1966. ]

(2) In case of refusal of the grant or renewal of a licence a refund at the rate of one-half of the total amount of the fee collected, may be made to the applicant. The application for such refund shall, however, be made by the applicant within one month from the date of receipt of the orders of rejection of his application for grant or renewal of licence. The refund shall be made after the expiry of the period of appeal or after the disposal of the appeal if one has been presented.

90. For the inspection of the enclosure, cinema apparatus and plant, electric installation, fire fighting and precautionary measures when first erected, a fee of rupees sixty shall be paid in advance by the applicant for the licence into the Government treasury under the head of account referred to in rule 22 of Part II (C) of these rules.

91. <sup>2</sup> [For the renewal of the electrical certificate a fee of rupees forty shall be paid in advance into the Government Treasury under the head of account specified in rule 22 and the treasury receipt together with an application for renewal be furnished to the Electrical Inspector, three months before the date of expiry of the period of validity of that certificate.]

(2) If the treasury receipt is not furnished within the period aforesaid, a penalty of one-third of the fee specified above for a delay of each month or fraction thereof shall also be paid into a Government treasury to the credit of the Government and the treasury receipt relating to the payment of the penalty shall be furnished to the Electrical Inspector along with the treasury receipt relating to the payment of the fee for the inspection.

(3) The Electrical Certificate shall cease to be valid when the cinema apparatus and plant of the travelling cinema are shifted to a different theatre or hall.

92. (a) Every application for the renewal of the licence shall be made one month before the expiry of the existing licence.

Such application shall be accompanied by -

(i) a declaration referred to in rule 19 (2) in Part II (C).

(ii) a treasury receipt for the payment of fees at the prescribed rates.

<sup>3</sup> [(iii) evidence of having insured the cinema building, machinery, etc., against fire hazard.]

(2) A copy of every such application shall be sent simultaneously to the Electrical Inspector direct.

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1. Inserted by F. 36-5/66-H dt. 24-6-1967.

2. Sunstituted by No.F.32-5/66-H dt. 24-6-67

3. Inserted by G.O.Ms.No.88 dt. 27-10-78.



93. On receipt of the Electrical Inspector's Certificate duly renewed, the licensing authority or an officer deputed by him shall inspect and satisfy that all the rules are observed before the licence is renewed.

94. The number prescribed under rule 66 (i) (a) in Part V in respect of the auditorium shall not exceed the following limit :

The number arrived at by calculating at the rate of 25 persons per 10 square metres of floor area, after making the exclusions referred to in that rule.

95. Sufficient provision shall be made for preventing and extinguishing fire which may occur and such provision shall be specified by the licensing authority.

A supply of not less than 50 litres of water per 10 square metre of the area shall be stored : one-third of the supply shall be in buckets of the same description as in rule 74 (2) in readiness inside the building and the balance stored in a cistern outside the building.

#### **Part-VIA\*—Exhibition of Moving Pictures on Video**

95A. In this part, unless the context otherwise requires—

(a) "film" means a cinematograph film recorded on video cassette tape;

(b) "video cassette projector" or " video cassette recorder" means a cinematograph for the purpose of giving cinematograph exhibition of films recorded on video cassette tape.

95B. The rules in this part and the following rules shall apply to video cassette recorders and video cassette projectors or any other equipments used for public exhibition moving pictures on video in any place, namely :—

(i) Part-I—Rules 1 to 9;

(ii) Part-III;

(iii) Part-V —Rules 63, 64, 65, 66 (2), (3), (4) and (5).

95C. (1) Any person who intends to use any place for public exhibition of moving pictures on video shall make an application in writing to the licensing authority for grant of licence under this Part.

(2) the application shall be in Form-A 1 and accompanied by—

(i) if the place in respect of which the licence is required is other than any means of transport, a site plan in quadruplicate together with—

(a) a certificate in Form-C1 of an officer of the Public Works Department not below the rank of the Executive Engineer that the building is safe and suitable for the purpose and afford shelter from sun and rain;

(b) a certificate in Form-D1 from the Electrical Inspector or officer deputed by him to the effect that the video apparatus, the electrical installation and fire fighting appliances are suitable and in order and fulfil the requirements of these rules;

\* part VI A inserted vide G.O.Ms No. 29 dt 28/05/84 in E.O.G No : 18 dt 07/07/84.

(ii) if the licence is required in respect of any means of transport the 'C' certificate and fitness certificate issued by the competent authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 (Central Act No.4 of 1939);

(iii) documents evidencing the ownership or tenancy in favour of the applicant in respect of the place which is to be licensed;

(iv) Photocopy of the licence obtained for commercial use under the Indian Telegraphs Act, 1855 (Central Act No. 13 of 1855);

(v) Chalan for having paid the fees specified in rule 95D

(3) The certificates mentioned in items (i) (a) and (i) (b) of sub-rule (2) of this rule shall be valid for a period of one year.

(4) Application for renewal of licence shall be made three months before the expiry of licence sought to be renewed and shall be accompanied by the certificates mentioned in sub-rule (2).

95D. (1) The fees payable for licence under this part shall be as follows :—

(i) fee for grant of renewal of licence for a period of one year or less shall be Rs. 50 up to 50 seats and Rs. 100 upto 100 seats

(ii) fees payable for grant of renewal of electrical and fire certificate in Form-D 1 shall be Rs. 50.

(2) The fees shall be paid into a Government treasury to the credit of the Government under the relevant heads of account as specified in rules 21 and 22.

95E. (1) Within fifteen days of receipt of the application under rule 95C the licensing authority shall, if the application is not in order, return the same to the applicant for re-submission within a period of sixty days. If the application is not re-submitted within the said period the application be treated as rejected and fresh application shall be made.

(2) If licensing authority is of the opinion after such enquiries as he may deem fit to make with the police, health and local authorities, that it would not be in the interest of the health and safety of the public to grant licence to the applicant for public exhibition of films on video in the place for which licence has been applied for, he may refuse the grant of licence applied for and communicate to the applicant the reasons for such refusal.

(3) The licensing authority or such other authority which it may enquire for purpose of grant or refusal of licence, shall take into consideration the following matters, namely :—

(a) The interest of public generally;

(b) The suitability of the place where the video exhibition is proposed to be given;

(c) The adequacy of the existing places or exhibition of the video shows in the locality;

(d) The benefit for any particular locality or localities to be afforded by opening a new place of video exhibition;

(e) The need of the locality and existing sources of entertainment to through cinematograph films;

(f) The status antecedent and the previous experience of the applicant;

(g) The possession by applicant of other place, if any, licensed under this part whether in the same locality or elsewhere at the time of applying for licence or at any previous times;

(h) Representation, if any, made by persons already giving exhibition of cinematograph film or film on television screen through video cassette recorder or exhibition through video projector in or near the proposed locality.

(4) If licensing authority does not refuse to grant licence under sub-rule (2) and if he is satisfied that the provisions of rules 95E, 95F and 95G are complied with, he shall grant a licence in Form C2.

(5) The license that may be granted or renewed under this part shall be for a period not exceeding one year, provided that where the licensing authority does not for any reason before the date of expiry of the licence either renew or return or refuse to renew the licence, he shall extend the licence for such period of as he deems fit not exceeding one month subject to the condition that the Electrical Inspector's certificate and structural soundness certificate continue to remain valid.

(6) The licensing authority, while granting or renewing the licence shall fix the number of persons to be admitted at a time and also fix the maximum rates of admission exclusive of the entertainment tax payable under the Pondicherry Municipalities Act, 1973 (Act No. 9 of 1974) or the Pondicherry Village and Commune Panchayats Act, 1973 (Act No. 10 of 1974) as the case may be, and the rules made thereunder.

95F. Every place other than any means of transport in respect of which application is made for licence under this part shall satisfy the following requirements, namely :—

(i) the distance between the video screen and the first row of the seats shall be not less than 10' (ten feet) and no person shall be admitted within such space;

(ii) the distance between the existing permanent or semi permanent or temporary cinemas and video public exhibitions shall not be less than 100 metres;

(iii) the distance between one video centre and another video centre shall not be less than 100 metres;

(iv) the building where such exhibition is given shall be provided with open space of not less than 10 feet in width on any two sides of the building and an open space of not less than 20 feet in width on the third side for parking of vehicles;

(v) the licensing authority may in consultation with Health Officer either require extracters, exhaust fans, ceiling fans or other means of artificial ventilation to be provided;

(vi) there shall be openings of 1.5 square metres for every ten persons for ventilation purposes to ensure a balanced air supply;

(vii) one W.C. and one urinal for every fifty persons and less for exclusive use of each sex shall be provided;

(viii) there shall be at least two door ways fitted with doors to open outwards;

(ix) drinking water shall be provided in such manner and in such quantity as may be specified by the licensing authority;

(x) all the cables, wires used shall be of ISI grade and the wiring shall pass through conduit pipes only;

(xi) there shall be a separate circuit controlled by a suitable linked switch for the supply of electricity taken to the video hall;

(xii) Three pin plugs with the third pin effectively connected to earth shall be used;

(xiii) separate circuits shall be provided for lights, fans and other equipments respectively;

(xiv) an automatic voltage regulator/stabiliser which can provide an output voltage of 230.6% shall be installed before the video equipment;

(xv) one portable fire extinguisher of CO<sub>2</sub> or CTC or D.P.C. type of 1 kg. capacity and one bucket (9 lits.) filled with sand shall be provided.

95G. The following provisions shall be observed providing seating accommodation, namely:—

(i) the number of persons to be admitted into any part of the auditorium shall be determined by calculating at the rate of 20 persons per 9 square metres of floor area after excluding the area for entrances, passages, gangways, stage and all places to which the public are not admitted.

(ii) chairs shall be battened together in complete lengths;

(iii) there shall be an intervening space of at least 0.30 metres between the back of one seat and front of the seat immediately behind measured between perpendiculars. In the case of establishments for serving coffee, tea, cool-drinks and other beverages, required tables should also be provided;

(iv) there shall be a passage of 0.90 metres in width for every ten rows of seating accommodation.

(v) the gangways shall not be less than 0.90 metres in width and shall be so arranged that no seat shall be more than 10 seats from a gangway.

95H. Video films shall not be exhibited in a totally dark room or hall. A dim light (about 25 watts. to 40 watts bulb) shall be kept burning throughout the exhibition of films. The bulb shall be placed at right angles to the line of vision of the public.

95I. No person licensed under this Part shall exhibit or permit to be exhibited any film other than a film which has been certified as suitable for public exhibition by the authority constituted under section 3 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (Central Act No. 37 of 1952) and which when exhibited displays the prescribed marks of that authority and has not been altered or tampered with in any way since such mark was affixed thereto.

95J. Either the holder of the licence or some person or some of the several persons whom the licensee has nominated as Manager or Managers and whose names have been entered as such in the licence shall be present at the exhibition to which the licence applies during the whole time for which premises are open to the public for exhibition of film by means of video cassette recorder.

95K. The licensee shall have the license displayed prominently on the wall of the licensed premises or in a conspicuous place in any means of transport, as the case may be.

95L. A licence granted under these rules shall not be transferable, but shall be personal for the benefit only of the person to whom it is granted and on the death of the licensee, shall be deemed to be revoked.

**FORM-AI**

(See rule 95F)

Application for licence under rule 95 C of the Pondicherry Cinemas

(Regulation) Rules, 1966.

1. Name of applicant :
2. Father's name :
3. Age :
4. Address :
5. Name of place and description where exhibition of film for public shall be made by the video cassette recorder. :
6. Whether certificates under rule 95C (2) have been obtained from the concerned authorities and enclosed :
7. Time Schedule for exhibition of film :
8. Details regarding building and requirements vide rule 95F :
9. Seating arrangement in the building vide rule 95G :
10. Rates of admission proposed :
11. Treasury voucher No. and date indicating deposit of licence/renewal fees :

I solemnly affirm and state that the particulars furnished above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**Signature of the applicant.**

**FORM-CI**

[See rule 95C (2)(i) (a)]

**CERTIFICATE OF SUITABILITY OF THE BUILDING  
FOR VIDEO EXHIBITION**

Certificate No. Pondicherry/Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam.

Under rule 95C of Part-VIA of the Pondicherry Cinemas(Regulation) Rules, 1966, I certify that building at.....where Thiru.....proposes to show public exhibition of moving pictures on video is structurally sound and suitable for that purpose and afford shelter from the sun and rain. An inspection report is enclose.

2. This certificate is valid for a perid of one year from.....to..... but is liable for revocation within that period.

Signature of the officer and seal.

Designation :

Station :

Date :

**FORM-C II**

[See rule 95E (4)]

**LICENCE FOR EXHIBITION OF MOVING PICTURE/  
VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER/PROJECTOR**

Under the power vested in the District Magistrate under section 3 of the Pondicherry cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964, licence is hereby granted to Thiru.....son of Thiru ----- resident of -----district -----for givingexhibition by means of Cingematograph (recorded film or series of films on the magnetic cassettes by video cassette recorder) for the public in the following premises mentioned below subject nevertheless to the following further conditions and restrictions.

(Here give full description of the licensed premises).

**Conditions and Restrictions**

1. The licensee shall not exhibit or permit to be exhibited in the cinema :—

(a) any film other than a film which has been certified by the Board of Film Censors constituted under section 3 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (No. XXXVII of 1952), as suitable for unrestricted public exhibition or for public exhibition restricted to adults and which, when exhibited, displays the prescribed mark of the Board and has not been altered or tampered with in any way since such mark was affixed thereto;

(b) any film which has been certified by the Board of Film Censors as suitable for

public exhibition restricted to adults or to any person who is not an adult;

(c) any film the exhibition of which is suspended under section 6 of the said Act.

2. The licensee shall.—(1) Prominently exhibit at each public entrance of the premises, whenever the premises are open to the public, a notice indicating in tabular form and in clear bold letters and figures,—

(i) the title of each film, to be shown on that day;

(ii) the approximate times of commencement of each such film;

(iii) whether each film is suitable—

(a) for unrestricted public exhibition and has received certificate; or

(b) for public exhibition restricted to adults and has received certificate;

(iv) whether persons who are not adults will be admitted to the exhibition of the film.

(2) Indicates clearly the nature of any certificate received from the Board of Film Censors by the 'U' or 'A' as the case may be in any advertisement of the film displayed at the premises.

(3) Not exhibit or permit to be exhibited, in the cinema, any photograph, picture or poster which depicts, represents or purports to represent a scene or shot which has been excised from any film under the orders of the aforesaid Board of Film Censors or the Central Government.

(4) Not exhibit or permit or cause to be exhibited any poster or picture which is a gross misrepresentation of the film itself and which is obscene.

(5) Not continue any performance or exhibition of any film by means of a cinematograph after 12.30 a.m.

(6) Comply with such other conditions as may be prescribed from time to time by rules or the instructions given by the licensing authority.

(7) Inform the licensing authority the titles of film to be exhibited during the week.

(8) Not except with the previous permission of the licensing authority admit in the cinema auditorium or in any part or division thereof a number of persons more than that indicated below or not increase or reduce the number of seats in any such part or division.—

(Here enter name of division  
or part of the auditorium).

(Here mention the number of  
persons that may be  
admitted in the auditorium).

(9) The licensee shall comply with any direction and instructions (including any direction for temporarily closing the cinema premises) which the licensing authority may, from time to time, issue for preventing any obstruction, inconvenience, annoyance, risk, danger or damage to the audience in the licensed premises or the public or the residents or passers by the vicinity of the said premises or for the maintenance of public safety and the prevention of the disturbance therein.

3. The maximum rates of payment for admission to the licensed premises shall be as indicated below and these rates shall not be increased during the currency of this licence without an order in writing by the licensing authority permitting such increase. The order of the licensing authority in this behalf is liable to be cancelled or modified by the Government, if it considers such a course just and necessary.

4. This licence is granted subject to the provisions of the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964 and the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1966 licensing and the conditions detailed in this licence and is liable to suspension or cancellation for a breach of any of the said provisions or conditions.

5. This licence is not transferable but is personal for the benefit of the licensee mentioned above.

6. The persons nominated as Managers under rule 95 are:

(1) Thiru.....son of ..... resident of .....

(2) Thiru.....son of..... resident of .....

7. The licence is valid till the .....day of.....19  
Given under my hand and sea of this .....day of .....19.

Licensing Authority.

**RENEWALS**

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Date of renewal (1)	Valid till fee paid (2)	Signature of Licensing Authority (3)

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**FORM DI**

[ See rule 95C (2) (i) (b) ]

**CENTRAL WATER AND POWER COMMISSION**

(Power Wing)

Office of the Electrical Inspector for the Union territory of Pondicherry.

Certificate No.

Dated:

**Certificate of the video apparatus, electrical installations, fire fighting appliance and fire precautionary measures.**

Under rule 95C in Part VI-A of the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation), Rules, 1966 I certify that the video apparatus and the electrical installations of the building more particularly described overleaf in respect of which Thiru..... has proposed to apply for licence under Part-VI-A of the said rules are in order.

2. I also certify that the rules regarding fire fighting appliances and fire precautionary measures in the premises have been complied with.



3. The certificate is valid for a period of one year from.....  
to ..... but is liable to revocation within that period.

Signature of the Officer and Seal.

Buildings :

Revenue village :

Door No :

Street :

Video apparatus—

(a) Maker's name:

(b) Number or other distinguishing mark :

Detail of fire extinguishers and other fire fighting equipments :

Signature of the Officer.

**PART VII - CINEMA EXHIBITION IN EDUCATIONAL  
OR INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS  
AND IN THE OPEN AIR.**

96. The rules in this part and 1 to 7 in part I will apply to the cinematograph exhibitions in -

- (a) educational institutions
- (b) industrial and business establishments, and
- (c) open air cinemas.

97. The electrical equipment shall be initially inspected by the electrical Inspector or an officer deputed by him who shall send a report to the licensing authority within a period not exceeding one month from the date of receipt of application. A fee of rupees five shall be paid into the Government treasury to the credit of the Government and the treasury receipt furnished to the Electrical Inspector. But 35 mm. projector installations, which show feature films and admit the general public, shall be inspected once in every year and their electrical certificates renewed.

98. The licensing authority may grant a free licence in Form 'F' within two weeks from the date of receipt of the report referred to in rule 97.

99. While granting licences for open air cinemas, the licensing authority shall take into consideration the interest of permanent and touring cinemas in the neighbourhood.

**" FORM A "**

**Application.**

**See Rule 13 Part II (a).**

1. Full name of the applicant:

2. Address of the applicant:

Village :

Commune :

3. Status and previous experience of the applicant :

4. Is the application for a permanent or touring cinema ?

5. Place where the cinema is proposed to be located survey number or number of the plot or plots:

Village :

Commune :

6. Site plan drawn to a scale of not less than 13 mm. to a metre covering an area up to (200 metres) from the boundaries of the proposed site showing -

(1) the position of the proposed premises in relation to any adjacent premises and to the public thoroughfare upon which the site of such premises abuts ; and

(2) thatched sheds, if any, in the neighbourhood.

7. Possession by the applicant of other places, if any, licensed under the Act.

(a) Whether in the same locality or elsewhere :

(b) Whether at the time of applying for licence or at any previous time.

8. Distance by public road of the proposed site to the -

(1) nearest permanent cinema :

(2) nearest touring cinema :

(3) nearest school :

(4) nearest hospital : and

(5) nearest temple or other religious institution.

9. Interest of the public generally likely to be served by the location of the cinema.

10. Population of the place according to the census figures.

11. Suitability of the place where the cinema exhibition are proposed to be given.

12. Adequacy of the existing places for the exhibition of cinema films in the locality.

13. Benefits to any particular locality or localities to be afforded by the opening of a new place of cinema exhibiton.

Date :

Signature of applicant :

**FORM B**

**No Objection certificate**

**Rule 14 in Part II (a)**

In exercise of the powers conferred by rule 14 in Part II (a) of the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Rules 1966, I ..... District Magistrate (Independent) do hereby grant this certificate that there is no objection to Shri ..... son of ..... resident of village ..... Commune..... locating a permanent/touring cinema in the land belonging to Shri ..... village ..... Commune .....

The site where the cinema is to be located is specified below :

(Please give here the description of the site as in form A).

This ' No Objection Certificate' is valid for a period of two years in the case of permanent cinema, and six months in the case of touring cinemas from the date hereof and if within this period, the proposed cinema in not put up a fresh 'No Objection Certificate' should be applied for

Given under my hand, this ..... day of .....19

Licensing Authority.

**FORM C**

**Licence for exhibition under the Pondicherry**

**Cinemas (Regulation) Act 1964.**

**(See Rule 20 in Part II (C) and Rule 87 in Part VI)**

Name and address of licensee :

If the licensee is not the owner of the place or building the name and address of the owner thereof :

Situation of the place or building:

Area of the place or building in square metres :

Whether the place or building is to be used during the day or during the night or both;

Date of last inspection by the Electrical Inspector or Officer authorised by him:

Special conditions, if any, on which the licence is granted :

Period for which the licence is to be in force :

Fees paid :

Maximum number of persons permitted in each part of the auditorium:

In the first class	Persons
In the	Persons
In the	Persons
In the	Persons
Total	Persons

### CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

This licence is granted subject to the provisions of the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964 and the Rules made thereunder it is also subject to the following conditions. The terms and conditions of the licence, as inserted, may be modified or added to at any time during the currency of the licence :

1. This licence does not exempt the licensee or his servants or agents for taking out any other licence required by or otherwise complying with any other law or rule or by-law made thereunder.

2. (a) The licensee shall not exhibit or permit to be exhibited film other than a film which has been certified as suitable for public exhibition by the authority constituted under section 4 of the Cinematograph Act 1952 and which, when exhibited displays the prescribed mark of that authority and has not been altered or tampered with in any way since such mark was affixed thereto:

(b) The licensee shall not exhibit or permit to be exhibited in the place in respect of which this licence is given to any person who is not an adult any film which has been certified by an authority constituted under Section 4 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 as suitable for public exhibition restricted to adults.

**Explanation** - This condition shall not be construed as prohibiting the exhibition of a film, in respect of which an 'A' Certificate has been granted, to children in arms below the age of three.

(c) The licensee shall not display or cause to be displayed any photograph picture or poster which depicts or represents or purports to represent a scene or shot which has been excised from any film under the orders of the Central Board of Film Censors or the Central Government.

(d) There shall be prominently exhibited at each public entrance whenever the premises are open to the public, a notice indicating in tabular form and in clear bold letters and figures.

i) the title of each film to be shown on that day, other than trailers and advertisement films;

ii) the approximate times of commencement of each such film;

iii) whether each such film has received an 'A' or 'U' Certificate from the Central Board of Film

iv) whether persons below the age of 18 years, other than children below the age of 3 years will be admitted or not.

(e) The nature of any certificate received in respect of a film from the Central Board of Film Censors shall clearly be indicated by the letter 'U' or 'A' in any advertisement of the film displayed at the premises.

3. The licensee shall not exhibit advertisement, slides relating to sexual diseases and medicines to correct sexual disorders or purporting to assist the childless in begetting children.

4. The licensee shall not permit obscene or objectionable poster or pictorial publicity material to be displayed in all the licenced permises.

5. The grant of this licence is subject to any orders that may be passed by the Government under section 5 (2) of the Act.

6. The maximum rates of payment for admission to the different classes in the licensed premises shall be as indicated below and these rates shall not be increased during currency of this licence without an order in writing by the licensing authority permitting such increase. The order of the licensing authority in this regard is liable to be cancelled or modified by the Government if they consider such a course just and necessary.

Any person who is aggrieved by the order of the licensing authority on an application for permission to increase the said maximum rates may, within thirty days from the date of receipt of such order appeal to the Government, who may, after such inquiry as they consider necessary, pass such orders thereon as they think fit

Class of accommodation	Maximum rate of admission.
I Class	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....

7. The licensing authority and any subordinate duly authorized by him in that behalf and any police officer deputed to keep order during any entertainment in the licensed premises shall, at all times, have free access to the said premises in order to see whether the conditions of the license are fulfilled.

8. The licensee shall comply with such directions as the Government may, by general or special order, give as to the manner in which approved films shall be exhibited in the course of any performance.

9. The licensee shall also comply with such directions as the licensing authority may give in regard to the exhibition of slides in each performance.

10. No fire work shall be used as an adjunct to cinema exhibition.

11. No person shall be admitted within a line metre in front of and parallel to the screen. A strong barrier or other efficient partition shall be provided for enforcing this condition.

12. The licensee shall not, without the permission of the licensing authority, assign, sublet or otherwise transfer the licence or the licensed premises, nor shall the license without permission as aforesaid allow any other person during the period of currency of the licence, to exhibit films in the licensed premises.

13. In the case of traveling cinema shows, the address on the first day of each month and of even subsequent change of camp shall be notified to the Electrical Inspector.

Censors; and

14. The licensed premises shall not be kept open after the hours fixed by the licensing authority with due regard to local conditions (but not earlier than 12 midnight and not later than 1.30 A.M.) on any day without obtaining special permission in writing from the licensing authority in respect of such day.

15. The licensee shall ensure that no dispute arising out of ownership or possession of the site, building or equipment is likely to cause any breach of the peace at any time.

16. Non-payment of F.T. and other dues to the Government and local authorities will lead to cancellation of the license.

17. This license shall be subject to cancelled or suspension for the breach of any of these conditions or of the special conditions specified on the reverse.

18. The licensee shall keep offer or expose for sale any ticket or pass or any other evidence for admission only at the booking offices approved by the licensing authority in the plan of the theatre and no change in the location of the booking windows shall be made except with the previous permission in writing of the licensing authority.

Provided that the licensing authority may in the case of charitable shows or for any other sufficient reason permit in writing the sale of tickets, passes or any other evidence for admission of places other than the licensed booking offices or by other persons other than the licensee.

19. The licensee shall cause to be affixed and displayed in conspicuous manner in the cinema premises or the booking office a price list showing the various rates charged per ticket of different classes which are kept, offered or exposed by him for sale and also the hours of business during which such sale will be effected and no sale shall be effected excepting the hours notified.

20. Every licensee shall print or cause to be printed on the face of every ticket, pass or other evidence of the right of admission to be sold or kept, offered or exposed for sale the price charged therefor as approved by the licensing authority and he shall not at any time charge for any such ticket, pass or evidence of the right of admission a price in excess to that printed thereon.

21. Not more than four tickets, pass or evidence of the right of admission shall be sold to any particular individual for any one show.

22. Any kind of tickets, passes or other evidence of the right of admission shall be sold only after authentication is obtained from the entertainment tax authorities concerned.

23. Every licensee shall at all times keep and maintain full and accurate ste of records showing sale of tickets and their rates and produce on demand for inspection by the licensing authority and the officers mentioned in rule 7 of the Pondicherry Cinema (Regulation) rules, 1966.

Dated the

Official seal of the licensing Authority.

**<sup>1</sup>[FORM C1  
GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERRY  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Pondicherry-1, the

Certificate No.

Date

**Certificate of the Structural Soundness of the buildings.**

Under Rule 18 in Part II (c) of the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1966, I certify that the

building housing the \_\_\_\_\_  
of which Shri \_\_\_\_\_ is the managing proprietor, is structurally sound.

2. I also certify that the rules regarding the maintenance of the premises and fire fighting appliances in the licensed premises as required in Rules 63 and 64 and 74 in Part V have been complied with. An inspection report is enclosed herewith.

3. This certificate is valid for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
but is liable to revocation within that period.

Signature of Officer  
Designation:

FORM D

See Rule 18 in Part II (c)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

CENTRAL WATER AND POWER COMMISSION  
(POWER WING)  
OFFICE OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR FOR THE UNION  
TERRITORY OF PONDICHERRY, MADRAS.

Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF THE CINEMA APPARATUS AND PLANT, ELECTRIC INSTALLATION, FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES AND FIRE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.**

Under Rule 18 in Part II (c) Rule 31 (2) in Part II (b) of the Pondicherry Cinema (Regulation) Rules, 1966, I certify that the enclosure, the Cinema apparatus and plant and the electrical installation of the cinema known as \_\_\_\_\_ (for silent i.e. non-talkies films only/both silent and talkies films) and more particularly described overleaf of which Shri \_\_\_\_\_ is the managing proprietor and Shri \_\_\_\_\_ is the Manager or person-in-charge at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ are in order.

2. I also certify that the rules regarding the fire fighting appliances and fire precautionary measures in the licensed premises and Rule 10 in Part I, Rule 55 in Part IV and Rule 74 in Part V have been complied with.

3. This certificate is valid for a period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ but is liable to revocation within that period.

Signature of Officer.

(Reverse)

**Details of equipment**

Equipment	Maker's name	Number	Quantity
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Engine

Motor

Generator

Rectifier

Projector

Converter

Transformer

Amplifier

Fire Extinguishers

Name of Operator

Licence Number

Period of validity of licence

Where, however, the licensee does not employ a licensed operator at the time of issue of certificate under Rule 18 by the Electrical Inspector, these details will be entered in at the time of issue of licence.

**Note:** For renewals, a chalan for Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ towards fee for inspection under rule 32(1) Part II (d), 91 (1) Part VI should be sent to reach the Electrical Inspector on or before the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.]<sup>2</sup>

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2. Substituted by Notification No.F.36-57/66-Home dt 20/1/67.



**FORM E**

**TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR EXHIBITION UNDER THE PONDICHERRY  
CINEMAS (REGULATION) ACT, 1964**

**See Rule 30 in Part II (d)**

Whereas ..... (full name and address) has applied for the renewal of his licence and the said licence has been retained in my office pending disposal of his application, he is hereby permitted temporarily to exhibit films in ..... (here enter description of premises), under the Pondicherry Cinemas(Regulation) Act, 1965 for a period of one month from this date subject to the provisions of Rule 30 in Part II (d) of the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1966.

Dated the .....

Licensing Authority.

30. (1) If, on an application for the renewal of a licence made under Rule 27, the licensing authority does not for any reason before the date of expiry of the licence, either renew and return the licence or refuse to renew the same, he shall grant a temporary permit in Form E provided that the Electrical Inspector's certificate continues to remain valid.

(2) Such temporary permit shall be subject to the conditions of the licence sought to be renewed, and shall be valid for a period of one month from the date of the grant thereof and may be renewed by the licencing authority for further periods of one month at a time.

Provided that the temporary permit shall cease to be valid and shall be surrendered to the licensing authority on the applicant receiving the licence duly renewed or on his receiving an order refusing to renew the licence.

Provided further that the temporary permit shall be surrendered to the licensing authority on demand made at any time in that behalf.

(3) No fees shall be levied for the grant of such temporary permit.

(4) The temporary permit shall, during the period of its validity, be deemed to be a licence for the purpose of these rules.

**FORM F**

***Licence for exhibition under the Pondicherry  
Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964***

**(See Rule 98 in Part VII)**

Name and address of licensee:

If the licensee is not the owner of the place  
or building, the name and address of  
the owner thereof :

Situation of the place or building :

Area of the place or building in square metres :

Materials of which the roof, side walls, gallery and staircase are made :

Whether the place or building is to be used during the day or during the night or both :

Date of inspection by the Electrical Inspector or Officer authorised by him :

Period for which the licence is to be in force :

### **CONDITIONS OF LICENCE**

This licence is granted subject to the provisions of the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964 and the rules made thereunder. It is also subject to the following conditions. The terms and conditions of the licence as inserted, may be modified or added to at any time during the currency of the licence :-

(1) This licence does not exempt the licensee or his servants or agents from taking out any other licence required by or otherwise complying with any other law or rules or by-law made thereunder.

(2) The licensee shall not exhibit advertisement slides relating to sexual diseases and medicines to correct sexual disorders or purporting to assist the childless in begetting children.

(3) The licensee shall not permit obscene or objectionable posters or pictorial publicity material to be displayed in the licensed premises.

(4) The licensee shall not display or cause to be displayed, any photograph, picture or poster which depicts or represents or purports to represent a scene or shot which has been excised from any film under the orders of the Central Board of Film Censors, or the Central Government.

(5) The licensing authority and any subordinate duly authorised by him in that behalf and any police officer deputed to keep order during any entertainment in the licensed premises shall at all time have free access to the said premises in order to see whether the conditions of the licence are fulfilled.

(6) No firework shall be used as an adjunct to a cinema exhibition.

(7) No admission fee shall be charged.

Dated the

Official Seal of the Licensing Authority.

<sup>1</sup> [FORM G

(Counter Foil).

Sl. No.

Valid upto

Renewed upto

Renewed upto

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

<sup>2</sup> [ Central Electricity Authority, New Delhi  
Central Electrical Inspectorate] <sup>2</sup>

*Certificate of Competency for Cinema Operators.*

Under sub-rule (1) of rule 10 of Pondicherry  
Cinemas (Regulation), Rules 1966

Passport size  
Photograph.

Name of the Candidate .....

Father's name .....

Address .....

Place of Examination .....

Date of issue .....

New Delhi

Dated :

Electrical Inspector  
to the Government  
of Pondicherry.

**FORM G**

Sl. No.

Valid upto .....

Renewed upto .....

Renewed upto .....

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

Central water and Power Commission  
(Power Wing)  
New Delhi.

*Central Electrical Inspectorate.*

Certificate of Competency for Cinema operators  
Under sub-rule (1) of rule 10 Pondicherry  
Cinemas (Regulation)  
Rules 1966.

This is to certify that Shri.....  
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son of Shri.....

and resident of.....

has passed the examination for cinema opera-  
tors conducted by the Electrical Inspector  
and he has been competent to handle and  
operate cinematograph apparatus.

Passport size  
Photograph

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Specimen signature of the candidate.

The holder of this certificate is a authorised to  
operate the cinematograph Apparatus through-  
out the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

New Delhi  
Date

Electrical Inspector  
to the Government of Pondicherry.

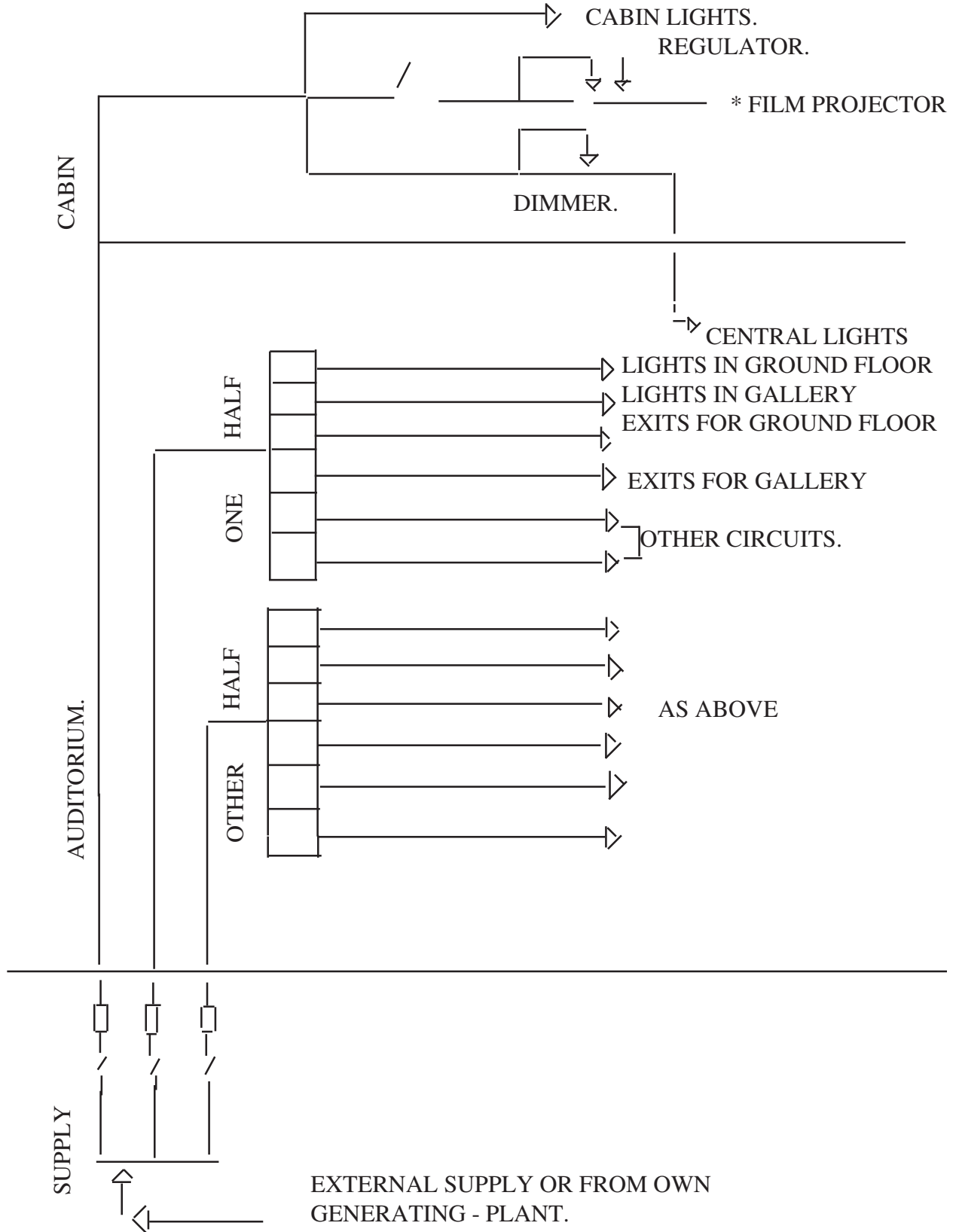
Note: The certificate may for the reasons to be  
recorded in writing be withdrawn by the Electri-  
cal Inspector, or an Officer not below the rank of  
Dy. Director appointed duly to assist the Elec-  
trical Inspector.] <sup>1</sup>

1. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.27 dt. 9.3.74 E.O.G. No.42 dt. 25.3.74  
2. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.118 dt. 15.10.1975

APPENDIX - I

Model wiring Diagram For Cinemas.

[ See Rule 15 (i) (IV) in Part II (b) ]



## <sup>2</sup>[APPENDIX II

(See Rule 10(1))

### **Regulations for the issue of certificate of competency for Cinemas Operators**

1. *Applications* : Applications for the issue of certificate of competency for cinema operators may be made on the prescribed form obtainable from the <sup>3</sup> [ Regional Inspectorial Organisation, Central Electricity Authority, III Floor, Block No. IV, Shastri Bhavan, Madras-6 ] <sup>3</sup> on a written requisition. Every such requisition shall be accompanied by sufficiently stamped self-addressed envelope of size of 23 cm by 10 cm. The application forms duly filled in and complete in all respects, supported by necessary certificates and countersigned by a Gazetted Officer shall be submitted to the said office.

2. *Documents and certificates to be sent along with the application:*

(1) Attested copies of the school leaving certificates, degree or diploma in Electrical Engineering of a university, as the case may be, in support of the authentic proof of academic/technical qualifications.

(2) Three copies of passport size photograph of the applicant taken within six months of the date of application and attested by a Gazetted Officer as under:-

- (i) two copies duly attested on the back side of the photograph, and
- (ii) one copy duly attested on the front side of the photograph.
- (iii) conduct and service certificates duly signed by the appropriate authorities as specified therein.
- (iv) evidence or authority indicating the correctness of age of the applicant.
- (v) original copy of the receipted challan of Rs. 10.
- (vi) three specimen signatures of the applicant duly attested by a Gazetted Officer.

3. *Qualifications of Candidates:*

(i) the minimum educational qualification for candidates shall be VIII Standard pass. Prior to the date of application the candidate should have served as an apprentice in a cinema theatre under the supervision of a licensed operator for a period of not less than one year. If the candidate is a holder of a degree or diploma in Electrical Engineering of a University, or of a recognized Institute, he should have served previously to the date of applying for the certificates as an apprentice for not less than six months in a cinema theatre under the direct supervision of a licensed operator.

(ii) The record of such apprenticeship or service should be certified and attested both by the licensed operator under whose supervision he has worked and by the manager or proprietor of a theatre where he has worked for the specified period.

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2. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No.27 dt. 9-3-1974.

3. Substituted by G.O.Ms.No. 118 dt. 15-9-1975

4. *Age* : A candidate applying for the certificate of competency must be not less than 18 years of age on the date of application.

5. *Eligibility* : The certificate of competency shall not be granted unless the applicant possesses:

(i) working knowledge of cinematograph machines and technical knowledge of the particular type of machine which he is at the time employed in operating;

(ii) is thoroughly conversant with the rules relating to cinematograph exhibitions and precautions against fire, as per Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulations) Rules, 1966 as amended from time to time.

(iii) is acquainted with the most speedy and effective methods of dealing with fires;

(iv) possesses a fair knowledge of the elements of electric power such as direct and alternating currents, voltages, amperes, etc;

(v) is proficient in the handling, winding, repairing and efficient cleaning of films, and

(vi) satisfies the regulations for the issue of certificate of competency for cinema operator in form 'G' given in Appendix II.

(vii) possess the working knowledge of 35 mm cinema Projector and allied equipments.

6. *Payment of Fees*: A fee of Rs. 10 shall be remitted into the Pondicherry Government Treasury or the State Bank of India to the Head of Account " XIII-Other taxes and Duties etc. B-Receipts from Electricity Duties-(a) Fees under the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 and fees for the Electrical Inspection of Cinemas, theatres and other places of public amusement ", by a challan in triplicate. Original copy of the relevant challan shall be submitted along with the application.

7. *Issue of a duplicate Certificate*: An application for a duplicate certificate may be made by a Cinema Operator in case the certificate is lost, defaced or damaged stating the circumstances under which this was occasioned and made alongwith a fee of Rs.5. The fee may be paid into the Pondicherry Government Treasury or the State Bank of India to the Head "XIII-Other Taxes and duties-B. Receipts from Electricity Duties-(a) Fees under the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 and fees for the Electrical Inspection of Cinemas, theatres and other places of Public emusements " by a challan in triplicate and original copy of the receipted challan enclosed. The application shall be accompanied by 3 copies of Passport size photographs taken within 6 months of application and three specimen signatures of the applicant duly attested by a Gazetted officer.

The duplicate certificates may be issued by the Electrical Inspector or by an officer, not below the rank of Deputy Director duly appointed to assist the Electrical Inspector at his discretion after satisfying the bonafides of the case.

8. *Renewal of the Certificate* : Application for renewal of certificate shall be made direct to the <sup>1</sup> [ Electrical Inspector, Central Electricity Authority, AB-5, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110016;] three months before the expiry of the certificate. A fee of Rs.5 shall be paid into Pondicherry Government Treasury or State Bank of India to the Head of Account, "XIII-Other Taxes and Duties---. Receipts from Electricity Duties-(a) Fees under the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 and fees for the Electrical Inspection of Cinemas, theatres and other places of Public amusements ", by a challan in triplicate and the original copy of the challan enclosed. Two copies of the passport size photographs taken within six months of the expiry of the certificate duly attested by a Gazetted Officer on the back side of photographs and two specimen signature duly attested by a Gazetted Officer shall be forwarded alongwith the application.

The application received in the office of the Electrical Inspector after the expiry of the period of the certificate, shall be considered as an application for a new certificate and a fee of Rs.10 shall be charged.

Application received late, but within the date of expiry of the certificate, shall be considered as belated applications, and the penalty of Rs.1 for a delay of each month or part thereof shall be paid into the Pondicherry Government Treasury or State Bank of India to the said Head of the Account and the Treasury Challan relating to the payment of the penalty shall be furnished to the Electrical Inspector with the application and Treasury challan relating to the renewal of certificate for cinema operator.

The certificate issued to a candidate who had not got renewed his certificate as required above within a period of five years, shall be taken as lapsed after the date of expiry of his certificate and he shall have to appear again for the examination if he desires renewal after the lapse of his earlier certificate.

9. The fees once paid shall not be refunded.

10. The Cinema operator shall report to the <sup>1</sup> [ Regional Electrical Inspectorial Organisation, Central Electricity Authority, III Floor, Block No. IV, Shastri Bhavan, Madras-6; ] <sup>1</sup> whenever, he resigns or accepts appointment in another cinema.

11. The Electrical Inspector or an officer not below the rank of Deputy Director duly appointed to assist the Electrical Inspector, may issue the certificates for period not exceeding five years.

12. The certificate for cinema operator granted to any person under these regulations shall be liable to be withdrawn, suspended or cancelled, if, in the opinion of the Electrical Inspector or the officer not below the rank of a Deputy Director duly appointed to assist the Electrical Inspector the operator has not complied with these provisions, or is found incompetent or adopts malpractices or impersonated. The decision of the Electrical Inspector or the officer duly appointed to assist the Electrical Inspector shall be final in all matters of issue of certificates, renewals, suspension or cancellation.

13. The syllabus for the examination shall be as under:

#### **SYLLABUS FOR CINEMA OPERATORS TEST**

(1) Applicants knowledge and ability to handle the Cinematograph machine: Types of projectors, name and working of the associated equipment required for running the projector viz. motor generator sets, amplifiers, rectifiers, voltage regulators etc. Operation of the Cinematograph

(2) machines, rewinding and jointing of films, replacement of electrodes and knowledge of operating voltages.

(2) Applicants knowledge about Cinematograph rules: Knowledge about the relevant rules pertaining to electrical installation and equipments laid in the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 1966 and knowledge about the wiring of the Cinemas.

(3) Knowledge about safety of equipments and personnel: Various types of fire fighting equipments used in cinemas and their operation and refilling etc. knowledge about the electric shock treatments and first-aid.

(4) Applicants knowledge about electricity: Elementary knowledge about the elements of AC, DC, supplies batteries, measuring instruments viz., Megger. Earth tester, volt meter ampere meter, energy meters etc. knowledge about the earthing of the electrical installations knowledge about connecting switches instruments, projectors etc.]

## **SCHEDULE**

Conditions under which not more than, 90 Kms. of cinematograph film may be stored in the premises licensed under the Pondicherry Cinemas (Regulation) Act, 1964.

*(Vide Rule 68 in Part V)*

Film shall be stored-

1. (i) in a storage shed constructed of suitable unflammable materials; the doors and ventilators may be of wood, and shall open outwards, or

(ii) in a tent, placed on private grounds and separated by distance of not less than 8 metres from any dwelling house, other buildings, highway, street, or public place.

2. The storage shed or tent shall not be used for any other purpose.

3. All film waste and scrap shall be disposed of immediately.

4. Adequate precautions shall at all times be taken for the prevention of accidents by fire or explosion and no smoking, fire or articles capable of causing fire to film shall be permitted at any time within the licensed premises.

5. The furniture and other articles shall be so arranged as to afford free egress to persons in the room in the event of fire.

6. There shall be kept posted up in large characters in the room-

(i) full instructions as to the action to be taken in case of fire, and

(ii) full directions as to the means of escape from the room in case of fire.



7. Free access to the licensed premises shall be given at all reasonable times to any Magistrate or any Police Officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector of Police deputed by the District Magistrate or the Superintendent of Police or the Electrical Inspector and every facility shall be afforded to such officer for ascertaining that the rules and conditions are duly observed.

8. Any accident, fire or explosion occurring within the licensed premises which is attended with loss of human life or serious injury to persons or property shall be reported immediately to the nearest Magistrate or to the officer-in-charge of nearest Police Station and by telegram or telephone where such means of communication are available.

9. If the licensing authority calls upon the holder of a license by a notice in writing, to execute any repairs to the licensed premises which are in the opinion of such authority necessary for the safety of the premises, the holder of a licence shall execute the repairs within such period, not being less than one week from the date of receipt of notice, as may be fixed by the notice.

10. All electric wiring and equipment shall conform to the regulations for the electrical equipment of buildings framed by the institution of Electrical Engineers. All electric wiring shall be in gas-tight screwed conduits which shall be electrically and mechanically continuous throughout and effectively earthed outside the building.

Portable electric lights on extension cords shall not be used in any storage shed or examining room.