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## CIRCULAR

A question has been raised as to which period should be mentioned in Form – ‘B’ required to be submitted “twice a year” or “six monthly” by the Licences Agency under the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Maharashtra Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Act, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the “Fire Act”) read with sub-rule (2) of rule 4 of the Maharashtra Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures Rules, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “Fire Rules”).

02. The answer to this question is very simple and there should, in fact, be no cause for confusion to raise this question in the context of the provisions under which Form-‘B’ is required to be submitted by the License Agency. The provisions noticed in sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Fire Act clearly indicates that a License Agency shall furnish to the Chief Fire Officer or a Nominated Officer, a certificate in the prescribed form, twice a year in the months of January and July regarding the maintenance of fire prevention and life safety measures in good repair and efficient condition as specified in sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Fire Act. Even the heading of the Form ‘B’ clearly indicates the period for which and the time when such certificate is to be given. That heading is to the following effect, namely:-

**“Six monthly certificate to be given in every January and July by the owner or the occupier for compliance of the Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures”.**

03. It is, therefore, clear that the period to be mentioned in a certificate to be given in July of a year shall be for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 30<sup>th</sup> June of that year; and certificate to be given in January shall be for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December of the previous year.

04. The Municipal and Planning Authority and the Chief Fire Officer and Nominated Officer shall inform the License Agencies in their respective areas to issue Form-‘B’ strictly as envisaged by the aforesaid provisions of the Fire Act and the Fire Rules.

  
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