



PRESS RELEASE

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On the early morning around 2:25 AM on 27.04.2025, fire broke out at the mezzanine floor (at 4th floor) of the Mumbai Zonal Office-I, Enforcement Directorate (ED) located at Kaiser-I-Hind building, Ballard Estate, Mumbai. The incident was first noted by the staff and security guard at the office premises building sensing heavy smoke in the area, who informed the night duty state police staff stationed at main entrance of the building at Ground floor. Subsequently, fire brigade was informed at around 2:30 AM.

Fire Brigade arrived after 10-15 minutes. In the meanwhile, local Police (MRA Marg Police Station, Mumbai) were also informed of the situation. The Fire brigade started the fire fighting operations at around 3:30 AM with more than 50 personnel and multiple fire tenders. Prima-facie reason for fire appears to be electrical short-circuit at Power Boxes on 4th Floor.

Though actual damage assessment is being carried out, preliminary damage assessment shows that certain papers/ documents and furniture etc have been burnt in the fire incident . It may be mentioned here that evidentiary documents pertaining to investigation and Relied upon Documents are invariably stored in the form of Digital records as well as stored in internal centralized record keeping system. With regard to the cases where Prosecution Complaints have been filed, the original records are available with concerned Courts. Therefore, no impediment in conducting investigation or trial is expected.

The offices on the ground and 1st floor of Kaiser-I-Hind building, Ballard Estate remain functional. Further, the part of office at 4th floor affected by fire, has been shifted immediately and is now operational from Old Regional Office situated at Janambhoomi Chambers.

Further, in the month of March, the State Government has allocated land at Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai to ED, for constructing standalone ED offices. The procedural requirements are being expedited for making independent offices for the ED at the earliest.