

Peer Review

Review of: "Can We Ensure Fire Safety in Buildings That Don't Require NOC From the Fire Department?"

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This commentary “Can We Ensure Fire Safety in Buildings That Don’t Require NOC From the Fire Department?” raises an important public safety concern and is strong in highlighting regulatory gaps in fire safety compliance, supported by real incident references and policy discussion. However, the article shows notable weaknesses, particularly its heavy reliance on opinion-based arguments, media reports, and legal interpretations rather than systematic empirical data, risk modeling, or comparative policy analysis. The recommendation of self-certification is conceptually interesting but lacks validation regarding its effectiveness, enforcement feasibility, compliance behavior, and potential for misuse or falsification. Additionally, the discussion is geographically limited to Delhi and does not incorporate international fire safety governance models that could strengthen the policy argument. To improve the article, the author should include quantitative fire incident statistics, behavioral compliance studies, or case comparisons from countries implementing similar regulatory frameworks, evaluate the effectiveness of self-certification through pilot studies or structured risk assessment frameworks, and propose measurable monitoring mechanisms that ensure accountability while maintaining practicality.

Declarations

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