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#Lucknow #Uttar Pradesh Heaps of crucial land records of Waqf properties were destroyed when a suspicious fire broke out at the office of Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board in the state capital on Friday evening. It took firemen 45 minutes to douse the fire, apparently caused due to a short circuit, using two fire tenders.

The eyewitnesses said that the fire broke out inside the locked record room on the top floor of the office building in posh Mall Avenue area of Lucknow. Though the office was closed for the day, a number of devout were offering prayers in the Waqf Board mosque when the fire broke out at 5:15 pm.

Soon an alarm was raised and two fire tenders and a team of firemen rushed in. It took the firemen nearly 45 minutes to douse the fire but not before the crucial records of Waqf related properties were destroyed.

Though the Waqf board staff cited short circuit as the cause of the fire, a sabotage to destroy the records cannot be written off.



WAMSI Project Opinion: In view of this devastating fire in which invaluable Waqf Records must have been destroyed, this is another reason to go for Digitization of Waqf Properties' Ownership Rights Establishing Documents (ORE Docs) under WAMSI Project. This might happen to any Waqf Board at any Time.

Moreover, during & after Digitization, Metadata Folders must be kept in a Secured & Fire-proof Strong Room just like Bank's Lockers Strong Room with proper Indexing as maintained in any typical Library.

