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At least 43 killed as massive blaze rips through factory building in New Delhi

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New Delhi, December 9 (RHC)-- At least 43 people have been killed after a fire erupted at a house in New Delhi, trapping scores of workers inside the burning building. Multiple fire units rushed to the scene in an attempt to fight the blaze.

The fire broke out in the early hours of Sunday, at about 5:30 am, when dozens of workers were sleeping inside the factory building in the Aanaj Mandi area near downtown New Delhi. The fire spread rapidly through the building, exposing many oblivious workers to the smoke and flames.

The building is located in a crowded area of a grains market. Media reports suggest the blaze may have originated in the bag manufacturing unit of what some reports call a makeshift factory, not equipped with fire extinguishers, as the result of a short circuit.

Around 50 people were rescued from the building and taken to various hospitals. However, several of them have apparently since succumbed to their injuries, and the death toll is expected to climb.

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