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Question :

The Buildings Department has substantially reduced the number of “single-staircase buildings improved under rooftop structure clearance operations” to 280 buildings in 2009, which is only 40% of its annual target of 700 buildings. What are the reasons?

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Reply :

Since 2001, the Buildings Department has been embarking on a clearance operation to remove illegal rooftop structures (IRSs) on single-staircase buildings in Hong Kong. About 5 500 single-staircase buildings have been identified with IRSs. Up to the end of December 2008, IRSs in 5 200 buildings were cleared and IRSs in about 280 buildings are scheduled to be removed in 2009. The target of 280 is the number of remaining buildings covered by the operation.

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