



वास्तुकला परिषद्
Council of Architecture

वास्तुविद् अधिनियम, 1972 के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार का एक स्वायत्त सांविधिक निकाय
(An Autonomous Statutory Body of Govt. of India, under the Architects Act, 1972)

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Subject : Violations of the Architects Act, 1972 by CPWD by directing its officers not to follow the conditions of engagement and scale of charges prescribed by the Council.

Respected Sir,

We would like to beseech your goodself to kindly intervene and save the profession of architecture from being ruined at the hands of officers of CPWD, Govt. of India.

The CPWD has recently issued Office Memorandum/ Circular NO.DG/P&WA/79 dated 16/12/2015 advising Officers of CPWD not to use conditions of engagement and scale of charges prescribed by the Council of Architecture under its Regulations for granting work to consultant architects for providing Architectural Services. A copy of the circular is enclosed herewith.

Sir, as you are aware that Architects Act, 1972, was enacted by the Parliament of India keeping in view the fact that since Independence and more particularly with the implementation of five-year plans, the building construction activity in our country had expanded almost on a phenomenal scale. A large variety of buildings, many of extreme complexity and magnitude, like multi-storeyed office buildings, factory buildings, residential houses were being constructed each year. With this increase in building activity, many unqualified persons calling themselves as architects were undertaking the construction of buildings which were uneconomical and quite frequently were unsafe. In order to protect the general public from unqualified persons working as Architects, the Parliament decided to pass the legislation making it unlawful for any person to designate himself as "architect" unless he has the requisite qualifications and experience and is registered under the Act.

The Council as empowered under Sections 22, 30 and 45 of the Act laid down Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989 and also laid down Conditions of Engagement and Scale of Charges for Architects and Architectural Competition Guidelines for Appointment of Architects.

Sir, after having followed the Council's norms for more than 40 years the CPWD has now issued an unreasonable, illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional Circular that the Conditions of Engagement and Scale of Charges prescribed by the Council be not followed and thus putting all architects in breach of Professional Conduct Regulations prescribed under the Act.

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