

**MINUTES OF THE 197<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AT INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, NEW DELHI.**

**Present:**

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| 1. Ar.Vijay Garg        | : | Chairman |
| 2. Ar.Ranee Vedamuthu   | : | Member   |
| 3. Ar.Alok Ranjan       | : | Member   |
| 4. Ar.Amogh Kumar Gupta | : | Member   |
| 5. Ar.Amitava Roy       | : | Member   |
| 6. Ar.Abhay Purohit     | : | Member   |

**In attendance:**

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| 1. Shri R.K.Oberoi   | : | Registrar-Secretary    |
| 2. Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |

The Chairman welcomed the Members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

**ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 196<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.**

The Minutes of the 196<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee were confirmed after carrying out the correction under any other item that "Ar.Abhay Purohit, Member, Executive Committee was authorized to monitor/oversee the working of TRC's and all the programs of the TRC shall be forwarded to Ar. Purohit by the concerned TRC's and the Executive Committee shall consider the proposals for conduct of programmes based on the proposal/recommendations of Ar. Abhay Purohit".

**ITEM NO.2 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF INSPECTORS REGARDING THE SURPRISE INSPECTION OF FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:**

The Chairman informed that he directed for conduct of surprise inspections of certain institutions who have submitted undertakings to the Council to comply with the shortcomings/deficiencies pointed out by the experts of the Council at the time of regular inspections and also on receipt of complaints against some of the institutions.

The Executive Committee perused the Inspection Reports in respect of TN 43, N.R. School of Architecture, Coimbatore & TN 64, Capital College of Architecture, Coimbatore.

The Executive Committee perused the inspection reports and decided that the Institutions be cautioned to rectify the deficiencies at the earliest.

**ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Chairman informed the Members that in the last meeting the Convener of Administrative Reforms Committee has handed over to him a copy of Report of the Committee.

He further informed that since original Report is not available with the Council, he had also requested the Central Government to provide original Report of the Administrative Reports Committee which must have been forwarded by Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak, former President, CoA to the Central Government.

The Central Government vide their letter dated 19.11.2018 has forwarded a copy of the Report of the Administrative Reforms Committee of the Council. Further, on comparison of both the copies, it is noticed that several pages are missing and over lapping and the page numbering is also different.

The Chairman informed the Members that in the absence of original Report of the Committee it would be very difficult to proceed in the matter.

The Executive Committee suggested that the Chairman should write to the Members of Committee as well as to former Chairman of the Executive Committee to provide original copy of the Report, in case the same is available with them.

The Chairman also brought to the notice of the Members that the copy of the Report was directly forwarded to the Central Government by Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak without placing the same before the Executive Committee. The members noted the same and showed their displeasure on the same as the matter/report was never brought to the notice of the Executive Committee.

In the meantime, the Chairman circulated the copy of the Report of the Administrative Reforms Committee to all the Members of the Executive Committee and requested them to send their views on the Report to proceed further in the matter, before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee noted that the probation of Shri R. K. Oberoi in the post of Registrar, was extended for a period one year from 14.05.2017 by the then Chairman, Executive Committee vide his e-mail dated 27.08.2017, from the due date (i.e. 14.05.2017), since the period of one year is already over Shri Oberoi be confirmed in the post of Registrar.

**ITEM NO.4 TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAMME.**

The Executive Committee perused the list of Training programme as listed in Appendix-D of the Agenda and approved the same.

The Executive Committee further decided that a communication be sent to all the TRC's to submit the details of programmes to be conducted to Ar. Abhay Purohit, Member, Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consider for approval of programmes on the basis of proposal/recommendations of Ar. Purohit.

**ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER THE REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTIONS REGARDING ADMISSION OF SOME STUDENTS WITHOUT NATA AND WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE ELIGIBILITY PRESCRIBED BY THE COUNCIL AS TO MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF MARKS.**

The Executive Committee perused the letters received from RJ06, Buddha Institute of Architecture & Town Planning, Udaipur and UP23, School of Architecture & Town Planning, Lucknow requesting the Council of Architecture for issuance of enrolment No. to B.Arch. students who were admitted in the course without securing 50% marks in aggregate in 10+2 and in some cases even without passing Aptitude Test in Architecture, which is mandatory for admission to B.Arch course.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the students cannot be considered for issuance of enrolment no. by the Council since their admissions have been made in violation of the eligibility prescribed by the Council under the COA Regulations, 1983.

**ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OR09-DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE, VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA, SAMBALPUR – 768 018, ODISHA WHICH HAD UNDERGONE COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC REVIEW BY COA FOR REGULARIZATION OF PREVIOUS UNAPPROVED B.ARCH. BATCHES.**

The Executive Committee noted that in its 195<sup>th</sup> Meeting, the Institution was asked to provide syllabus of the B.Arch course during the academic session 2013-2016 and also time table of the B.Arch course followed by the institutions during academic Session 2013-14 to 2015-16.

The Executive Committee perused the information submitted by the Institution and noted that the information is incomplete and the institution must supply the complete information including the details of faculty which were employed at that time for teaching the concerned subjects along with details of salary that paid and TDS Certificate.

The Executive Committee directed that after receipt of complete information from the Institution the matter be placed before the Executive Committee.

**ITEM NO.7 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SHRI J.P. DHAUNDIYAL AS CONSULTANT (PR).**

The Chairman informed the Members that he has approved the appointment of Shri J.P.Dhaundiya as Consultant (PR) in the Council of Architecture for a period of 6 months on consolidated salary of Rs.30,000/-per month.

Shri Dhaundiya shall be required to deal with work related to public relations and interactions, liaising with Govt. Departments, Press and with general public apart from dealing with other assignments as may be assigned by the President and Registrar from time to time.

The Executive Committee approved the action taken by the Chairman.

**ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER THE EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR CONDUCT OF NATA 2019 IN RESPONSE TO ITS ADVERTISEMENT.**

The Chairman informed the Members that the Council has issued a public notice/advertisement on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 in Times of India (all additions) inviting Expression of Interest from eligible firms/companies for conduct of NATA 2019 Examination twice a year all over India.

The Council has received response/proposals from 2 firms. The Executive Committee decided that the Expression of Interests be opened and accordingly the same were opened in the meeting before the Members.

The Committee decided that a detailed comparative Statement of offers be prepared and the work may be awarded to the suitable firm/company for undertaking NATA 2019 Examination.

**ITEM NO.9 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

**i) ALLOTMENT OF 2 ACRES OF LAND TO ESTABLISH CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE AND TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTRE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.**

The Chairman informed the Members that the Bengaluru University vide letter No. DEV/COA/Land/2018-19 dated 20.11.2018 has informed the Council that the Bengaluru University syndicate in its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 considered the request of Council of Architecture made vide letter dated 27.10.2018, for allotment of land at Jananbharathi Campus at Bengaluru University and resolved to allocate 2 Acres of land to Council of Architecture on lease basis for a period of 30 years with a condition that the facilities developed in the Centre would be shared with Bengaluru University free of cost, subject to approval from the Dept. of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka. A copy of CoA letter dated 27.10.2018 & Bengaluru University letter dated 20.11.2018 attached as **Appendix-A**.

The Executive Committee appreciated the efforts made by the Chairman and decided that a communication regarding acceptance of the same be sent to the University at the earliest.

Further, the Executive Committee desired that the Council should enquire from the Bengaluru Development Authority about the feasibility of withdrawal of its application and for full refund of the amount deposited by the Council with BDA. In case, the BDA agrees to refund 100% amount deposited by the Council, the funds may be used for developing the land allotted by the Bengaluru University.

**ii) DEPOSIT OF SECURITY MONEY BY PRIVATE ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS TO COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.**

The Chairman informed the Members that consequent upon receipt of representations from Architectural Institutions in the matter, it is proposed that the Security deposit be insisted only from new Institutions and institutions which are up to 10 years old and Govt. Institutions and Private Institutions which are more than 10 years old be not asked to deposit security money.

The Executive Committee concurred with the proposal submitted by the Chairman and decided that the proposal be put up before Council for approval in the matter accordingly.

**iii) PROPOSAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENTS IN THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.**

The Chairman informed the Members that the draft proposal of the Council for Comprehensive Amendments to the Architects Act, 1972 has been circulated to all the EC Members, Council Members and all Architects all over India by e-mail and they have been given about 30 days' time to make their views/suggestions in the matter.

The Chairman further informed that the matter is placed before the Council for appropriate consideration in the matter.

The Meeting ended at 6:00 p.m with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

R.K.Oberoi  
Registrar-Secretary

Vijay Garg  
Chairman