

MINUTES OF THE 62ND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON TUESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2014, AT 11.00 A.M., IN CASUARINA HALL, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI – 110003.

PRESENT :

Shri Uday C. Gadkari : President (In Chair)
Shri K. Udaya : Vice-President

Members :

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| 1. Shri Prakash S. Deshmukh | 20. Shri G. K. Bysack |
| 2. Shri Alok Ranjan | 21. Shri C.V. Dileep Kumar |
| 3. Smt. Mala Mohran | 22. Smt. Geeta Khulbe |
| 4. Shri Rajiv R. Mishra | 23. Shri V. C. Mongra |
| 5. Shri Kiran S. Mahajani | 24. Shri Ashish K. Rege |
| 6. Shri Inderjit S. Bakshi | 25. Smt. Amita Singh |
| 7. Shri Balbir Verma | 26. Shri Bansan S. Thangkhiew |
| 8. Shri Durlav C. Saikia | 27. Shri Gorge Lalzuia |
| 9. Smt. Sunita Monga | 28. Shri Biswaranjan Nayak |
| 10. Shri O. P. Gurnani | 29. Shri D. T. Vinod Kumar |
| 11. Smt. Sapna | 30. Shri Subir Kumar Basu |
| 12. Smt. Usha Kasana | 31. Shri D.V. Solomon |
| 13. Shri Amogh K. Gupta | 32. Shri Milind Kollegal |
| 14. Shri Sukrit Chatterjee | 33. Shri Arvind K. Ahirwar |
| 15. Shri H. K. Mittal | 34. Shri Rajiv Chadda |
| 16. Shri A.D. Shirode | 35. Shri Mitesh J. Kalola |
| 17. Shri Jitendra Singh | 36. Shri Sadiqu Ali D.A. |
| 18. Shri K. Patharchalam | 37. Smt. Sipra Mitra |
| 19. Shri Nikhil D. Desai | |

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shri R. K. Oberoi : Offg. Registrar – Secretary
Shri Deepak Kumar : Administrative Officer

The following members were granted leave of absence:

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| 1. Smt. Sumit Kaur | 6. Shri V. K. Pant |
| 2. Shri B.M. Sankhe | 7. Shri Dulalchandra Mukhopadhyay |
| 3. Shri Rajesh Singh | 8. Shri R. Radhakrishnan |
| 4. Shri R. Ramesh Kumar | 9. Shri D. Vijaya Kishore |
| 5. Shri Zavishio W. Khieya | |

The following Members did not attend the meeting and no intimation was received from them till the convening of the meeting:

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| 1. Ms. Devika Sharma | 3. Shri Dawa Tsering |
| 2. Shri Tapan Kumar Dwari | 4. Shri Gitkumar Singh |

The President welcomed the members attending the meeting with special mention of members attending the Council meeting for the first time and requested all the members to introduce themselves. The President also read out the faxed letter dated 01.09.2014, received from Ministry of HRD for information of Council members on the contents of the Agenda of the meeting.

ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 61ST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, HELD ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 2014, AT COCHIN.

The Minutes of the 61st Meeting of the Council held on 24th February, 2014, at Cochin, as circulated to members of the Council were confirmed and signed by the President.

ITEM NO.2 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 2014.

The Council noted the action taken report as placed at Appendix-B of the Agenda.

Further, the President informed the members about his meeting with Hon'ble HRM after change in government and also keeping on hold the resolution of Council for allocation of Council to Ministry of Urban Development or Ministry of Architecture, after kind hearing of the issues of conflict by Hon'ble Minister.

ITEM NO.3 APPROVAL OF RESTORATION OF NAMES TO THE REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE UNDER THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.

The Council perused the list of Defaulter Architects and approved action taken by Registrar for restoring names of 1338 Defaulting Architects, whose names were restored to the Register of Architects on the receipt of requisite fee, during the period 01.02.2014 to 10.08.2014.

ITEM NO.4 REMOVAL OF NAMES FROM THE REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS DUE TO REQUEST OR DEATH.

The Council noted with grief passing away of the Architects as listed in the Agenda. The Council Members expressed deep condolences to the families of the deceased architects and observed one minute silence and paid homage to them.

The Council decided to remove the names of deceased Architects from the Register of Architects as required under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 and passed the following Resolution :

Resolution No.448

Resolved that :

The names of following architects be removed from the Register of Architects upon their death as provided under Section 29 (1) (b) of the Architects Act, 1972 :

- 1) Mr. Anil D. Raje, CA/79/5146, Mumbai ;
- 2) Ms Sudha L. Patkar, CA/75/1839, Mumbai;
- 3) Mr. Jagdish Thakkar, CA/88/11509, Mumbai; and
- 4) Mr. Mohandas Kalipurayath, CA/88/11344, Calicut.

Further, the Council removed the names of the following architects upon their request as provided under Section 29(1) (a) of the Architects Act, 1972 and resolved as under :

Resolution No.449

Resolved that:

The names of the following Architects be removed from the Register of Architects at their request as provided under Section 29 (1) (a) of the Architects Act, 1972 :

- 1) Mr. Vinodchandra M. Shah, CA/75/1242, Ahmadabad; and
- 2) Mr. D.R. Karnalkar, CA/79/5073, Pune.

ITEM NO.5 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ON THE PROPOSAL / RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COUNCIL FOR ENHANCEMENT OF VARIOUS FEES UNDER THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972, AT ITS 60TH MEETING HELD ON 27TH AUGUST, 2013.

The President informed that members that the Council at its 60th Meeting held on 27.08.2013 passed a resolution requesting the Central Govt. (Ministry of Human Resource and Development) to amend Council of Architecture Rules for enhancing various fees prescribed under the Act, namely, Registration Fee, Renewal Fee, Restoration Fee, Duplicate Certification of Registration Fee and Additional Qualification Fee. Accordingly, the request was sent to ministry for enhancement of fees. The last fees were revised in the year 2002.

The Ministry vide its letter dated 07.11.2013 sought copy of Agenda item and Minutes of the 60th Meeting. The same were sent to the Ministry on 12.11.2013 requesting therein for amendment of Council of Architecture rules. The appropriate action from the Ministry of HRD in the matter is still awaited.

The President informed the Members that the Ministry vide a faxed letter dated 01.09.2014 had communicated that the necessary notification to increase various fees receivable by Council has been sent to Government of India press on 6th August, 2014 for publication in the Gazette of India and gazetted copy of the same is awaited.

The Council members thanked the Ministry for accepting its proposal for enhancement of fees and requested that gazette notification be sent to Council as early as possible for implementation of the same.

ITEM NO.6 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE COMPETENCY TEST CONDUCTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR CANDIDATES POSSESSING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF IIA (BY EXAMINATION).

The President informed the Members that in terms of the decision of the Council taken at its 60th Meeting held on 27.08.2013, a Competency Test was held on 7th and 8th February, 2014, at New Delhi, for Candidates who have passed the Associate Membership of IIA by Examination. Out of total 104 candidates 56 candidates appeared in the Examination.

The results of these candidates could not be declared as some of the candidates who did not appear in the examination have filed writ petitions against the Council before Hon'ble Delhi High Court, Andhra Pradesh High Court and Calcutta High Court, challenging the conduct of Competency test by Council in order to consider such persons eligible for registration as an Architect. The Hon'ble Delhi High Court has allowed the Council to conduct the test however, directed not to declare the results till the further orders of the Court.

The Council noted the matter and desired that results of all such candidates be declared with the permission of the Court and all successful candidates be granted Registration as an Architect.

The President also shared with the Members the comments of the Ministry in the matter sent through a faxed letter dated 01.09.2014.

ITEM NO.7 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE B.ARCH. FIRST STAGE EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR STUDENTS OF B.ARCH. COURSE ADMITTED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT VALID APPROVAL OF COUNCIL.

The President informed that in terms of the decision of the Executive Committee of the Council, B.Arch. first stage examination was held on 15th & 16th February, 2014 at Jaipur, Lucknow & Kanpur for 182 students who were admitted by the institutions without valid sanctioned intake or prior approval of the Council, for imparting B. Arch. course. The institutions wise details of candidates appeared in the examination are as under:

- 1) UP 15 – ITM School of Architecture & Town Planning, Lucknow - 23
- 2) UP-16 - JMS School of Architecture, Hapur - 16
- 3) UP 22 – Shri Ram School of Architecture, Muzaffarnagar - 16
- 4) UP 23 – School of Architecture & Town Planning, Lucknow - 11

5) UP 25 - Centre for Architecture, Brahmanand Group of Institutions, Bulandshahar	- 10
6) UP 26 - Hardayal School of Architecture, Mathura	- 05
7) UP 29 – Ideal School of Architecture, Ghaziabad	- 02
8) UP 36 – Axis Institute of Architecture, Kanpur	- 55
9) RJ 7 - NIMS School of Architecture & Planning, NIMS Univ., Jaipur	- 09
10) RJ 11 - MJRP College of Architecture & Planning, Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phoole University, Jaipur	- 35

The Council noted the above information and appreciated the action taken for ensuring maintenance of minimum standards of architectural education.

The President also shared with the Members the comments of the Ministry in the matter sent through a faxed letter dated 01.09.2014.

ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.

The President informed the members that the Council has earlier constituted a Sub-Committee, to examine the references of Foreign Qualifications being received from Ministry, consisting of Shri Milind Kollegal, Convenor, Shri Jitendra Singh, Member, Shri D.V. Solomon, Member and Shri Avinash D. Shirode, Member.

The Committee has examined the references received from Ministry of Human Resource Development for recognition of following foreign qualifications:

- 1) Integrated degree of Master of Architecture, University of Tehran, Iran – Request received from Mr. Mirza Zahid Rasool Baigh, Srinagar.
- 2) B.Arch. Degree awarded by Purbanchal University, Nepal- request received from Mr. Anand Gupta, Jaipur.
- 3) Non Integrated full time Masters degree in Architecture awarded by Imman Khomeini international University, Tehran – request Received from Mr. Mirza Asif Ali Beigh, Srinagar.
- 4) Masters in degree Architecture awarded by Montana state University, Bozeman, Montana- request Received from Director School of Architecture, Montana University, U.S.A
- 5) B.Arch. Degree awarded by University of Miami- request Received from Ms. Shefali Lal, Mumbai.
- 6) B.Arch. Degree awarded by KMUTT University Thailand - request Received from Mr. Bhargav Kaushik, Noida.
- 7) B. Arch. Degree awarded by New York Institute of Technology, New York, U.S.A - request Received from Ms. Ayusha Patel, Ahmadabad, Gujarat

- 8) B. Arch. Degree awarded by Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia- Request received from Mr Sanjiv Malhan, New Delhi
- 9) B. Arch. Degree Awarded by Deakin University, Australia- Request Received from Head, School of Architecture and Building Deakin University, Australia.

The Council perused the report of the Sub- committee in respect of above foreign qualifications and upon detailed deliberations case-wise/ qualification wise resolved as under :

Resolution No.450

Resolved that :

1. Integrated Degree of Master of Architecture, University of Tehran, Iran :

The following authentic information be sought in the matter from Ministry for examine the case further :

- i) Duration of Course and information of any intermittent Certification particulars;
- ii) Whether any practical training/ apprenticeship is included as per course curriculum or not; and
- iii) Official Transcript Document.

2. B.Arch. Degree awarded by Purbanchal University, Nepal :

- i) The B.Arch. Degree awarded by Purbanchal University, Nepal be recognized under Section 15 of the Act by the Central Government; and
- ii) All the candidates seeking registration with the Council on the basis of this qualification be asked to appear in Professional Practice Examination to be conducted by the Council and upon successful passing the exam the candidates be grated registration, as the Council has not inspected the institution to ascertain its Teaching Standards.

3. Non-integrated Full-Time Master's Degree in Architecture, Immam Khomeini International University, Tehran :

- i) Non-integrated Full-Time Master's Degree in Architecture, Immam Khomeini International University, Tehran, be not recognized under the Architects Act, 1972 due to following reasons
 - a. The Basic Bachelor's Degree is not in conformity with Minimum Standards prescribed by Council for B.Arch. Degree Course;
 - b. The Nomenclature and duration of the qualification is not in conformity with the Council's minimum standards; and
 - c. Two Year Master's Degree in Architecture is not a recognized qualification for registration with the Council of Architecture.

4. 5-Years Master's Degree in Architecture awarded by Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana :
 - i) 5 Years Master's Degree in Architecture awarded by Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana, be recognized under Section 15 of the Act by the Central Government;
 - ii) Sl.No.35 at Entry 8A of the qualifications notified u/s 15 be modified to state that the qualification of B.Arch. Degree is valid only upto the year 1998.
 - iii) This qualification is recognized as equivalent to B.Arch. Degree awarded by an Indian University ; and
 - iv) All the candidates seeking registration with the Council on the basis of this qualification be asked to appear in Professional Practice Examination to be conducted by the Council and upon successful passing the exam the candidates be granted registration, as the Council has not inspected the institution to ascertain its Teaching Standards.

5. B.Arch. Degree awarded by University of Miami, Miami :
 - i) B.Arch. Degree awarded by University of Miami, Miami, be recognized under Section 15 of the Act by the Central Government; and
 - ii) All the candidates seeking registration with the Council on the basis of this qualification be asked to appear in Professional Practice Examination to be conducted by the Council and upon successful passing the exam the candidates be granted registration, as the Council has not inspected the institution to ascertain its Teaching Standards.

6. B.Arch. Degree awarded by KMUTT University, Thailand :
 - i) B.Arch. Degree awarded by KMUTT University, Thailand, be recognized under Section 15 of the Act by the Central Government ; and
 - ii) All the candidates seeking registration with the Council on the basis of this qualification be asked to appear in Professional Practice Examination to be conducted by the Council and upon successful passing the exam the candidates be granted registration, as the Council has not inspected the institution to ascertain its Teaching Standards.

7. B.Arch. Degree awarded by New York Institute of Technology, New York, USA :

The Ministry be requested to supply following authentic information to examine the case further:

- i) Entry Qualification to the Course;
- ii) Duration of the Course;
- iii) Details of Transfer Credits including year of Passing from Center for Environmental Planning; and
- iv) Whether any practical training/ apprenticeship is included as per the course curriculum or not

Further, it is recommended that M S Degree in Architecture and Urban Design cannot be recognized for the purposes of the Architects Act, 1972.

8. B. Arch. Degree awarded by Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia:

The candidate, Mr. Sanjiv Malhan, be asked to appear before the Sub-Committee of the Council as and when the next meeting is held with original relevant documents.

9. B. Arch. Degree Awarded by Deakin University, Australia:

The University is requested to provide complete details of courses offered by it in Architecture, namely, Entry Qualification, duration of course, course structure and detailed syllabus for further consideration of the Council. Further, the University be requested to invite Sub-Committee to visit and inspect its courses.

ITEM NO.9 TO TAKE NOTE OF CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE BY MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, GOVT. OF INDIA, FOR EXAMINING THE PROPOSAL OF THE COUNCIL ON AMENDMENTS TO THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972.

The President informed the Council members that the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, vide order dated 06.03.2014, has constituted a committee to examine the Comprehensive Amendments in the Architects Act, 1972, as suggested by the Council.

The President also informed that he had requested the Ministry to include the nominees of IIA, academia and Govt. Architects in the Committee and also modify the terms of reference of the Committee. However, only nominee of IIA has been included in the Committee.

It was also informed that Prof. I.J.S. Bakshi is representing the Council in the Committee and so far three meetings were held. The President has also attended all the meetings as a Special Invitee.

ITEM NO.10 TO TAKE NOTE OF RE-CONSTITUTION OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

The Council noted reconstitution of the Disciplinary Committee by Central Government and also election of Mrs. Sipra Mitra as Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee with Shri R. Radhakrishnan and Prof. Rajiv Mishra as members of the Committee.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF CASES REFERRED TO IT FOR DETAILED INVESTIGATION AS PER RULES.

The President reported that Disciplinary Committee has submitted its reports on complaints referred to it. The Council upon detailed deliberations in the matter and upon application of its mind decided as under :

- i) With regard to Disciplinary Inquiry No. CA/DC/299, Shri Amit Saini, Chandigarh – Complainant v/s. Ar. Subhash C. Duggal, Chandigarh, Respondent, the Council decided to accept the report of the Disciplinary Committee and summon the Respondent Architect to appear before the Bar of the Council to hear him in person and provide opportunity of hearing on the finding of guilt and order to be pronounced consequently.
- ii) With regard to Disciplinary Inquiry No.CA/DC/308, Shri S.M. Vijayanand, Principal Secretary, Local Self Govt., Govt. of Kerala – Complainant v/s. Ar. Jibu John, Kerala - Respondent, the Council decided to accept the report of the Disciplinary Committee and summon the Respondent Architect to appear before the Bar of the Council to hear him in person and provide opportunity of hearing on the finding of guilt and order to be pronounced consequently.
- iii) With regard to Disciplinary Inquiries Nos. CA/DC/313, CA/DC/314, CA/DC/315, Late Ar. Mohandas Kalipurayath, Calicut - Complainant v/s, Ar. R. K. Ramesh, Ar. S. Gopakaumar and Ar. Koshy K. Alex, Thiruvananthapuram – Respondents, the Council decided to refer back the complaints to Disciplinary Committee for further inquiry and submission of its report.
- iv) With regard to Disciplinary Inquiry No.CA/DC/328, Shri Ravi Nagpal, Software Technology Parks of India, New Delhi – Complainant v/s. Ar. Dinesh Kumar Sharma – Respondent, the Council decided to accept the report of the Disciplinary Committee and summon the Respondent Architect to appear before the Bar of the Council to hear him in person and provide opportunity of hearing on the finding of guilt and order to be pronounced consequently.
- v) With regard to Disciplinary Inquiries Nos.CA/DC/333, CA/DC/334, CADC/335, CA/DC/336, Shri S. Raghunathan, Mumbai, Shri Harkishan M. Shah, Mumbai, Shri Anil Buta, Mumbai, Ms. Rashmi R. Thakkar – Complaints v/s. Ar. Sailee Sankpal - Respondent, the Council decided to accept the report of the Disciplinary Committee and summon the Respondent Architect to appear before the Bar of the Council to hear her in person and provide opportunity of hearing on the finding of guilt and order to be pronounced consequently.
- vi) With regard to Disciplinary Inquiry No. CA/DC/349, Smt. Haripriya Patel, Bhubaneswar – Complainant v/s. Ar. Anindit Das, Sambalpur –

Respondent, the Council decided to accept the report of the Disciplinary Committee and decided that there is no case of alleged professional misconduct against Respondent Architect and the Complaint is dismissed. Accordingly, both the Complainant and Respondent be informed of the decision of the Council.

- vii) With regard to Disciplinary Inquiry No.CA/DC/351, Mrs. Jessie George Pereira & Ors, Mumbai – Complainant v/s. Ar. Harish D. Gandhi – Respondent, the Council decided to accept the report of the Disciplinary Committee and summon the Respondent Architect to appear before the Bar of the Council to hear him in person and provide opportunity of hearing on the finding of guilt and order to be pronounced consequently.
- viii) With regard to Disciplinary Inquiry No.CA/DC/352, Ar. Dilip W. Deshmukh, Mumbai – Complainant v/s. Ar. Samar V. Raut – Respondent, the Council decided to accept the report of the Disciplinary Committee and decided that there is no case of alleged professional misconduct against Respondent Architect the complaint is dismissed. Accordingly, both the Complainant and Respondent be informed of the decision of the Council; and
- ix) With regard to Disciplinary Inquiry No CA/DC/354, R.A. Yadav, CBI, New Delhi – Complainant v/s. Ar. Navdeep Gupta, Lucknow, Respondent, the Council decided to accept the report of the Disciplinary Committee and summon the Respondent Architect to appear before the Bar of the Council to hear him in person and provide opportunity of hearing on the finding of guilt and order to be pronounced consequently.

ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER COMPLAINTS FOR ALLEGED PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT RECEIVED AGAINST ARCHITECTS FROM THE ARCHITECTS, GENERAL PUBLIC/GOVT. AGENCIES.

The Council perused the various complaints received against architects, as detailed in the Agenda, together with the statement of defence, whoever filed, and preliminary reports, wherever received, from the Council members to whom the respective matters were referred, as annexed to the Agenda, and upon application of their mind, passed the following resolution:

Resolution No.451

Resolved that :

- i) CA/DC/384, With regard to the complaint filed by Ar. Mangesh U. Bhandekar, Pune against Ar. Sharad Salunkhe, Architect, (CA/94/16724), Pune, the Council opined that as the Complainant Architect had already issued No Objection Certificate to the Respondent Architect hence no dispute survives and no cases is made out against the Respondent Architect, accordingly the complaint be dismissed. The Complainant and Respondent Architect be informed of the decision of the Council.

- ii) CA/DC/386, With regard to the complaint filed by Mr. Nilkanth R. Shanbhag, Mumbai against Ar. Jayant C. Sahasrabudhe, Mumbai, the Council opined that Architects has only acted as Technical Consultant to client and pointed out certain techno-legal aspects on behalf of his client which the complainant could not prove to be false or incorrect. Hence, no case is made out against the Respondent Architect. Accordingly, the complaint be dismissed and Complainant and Respondent be informed of the decision of the Council.

ITEM NO.13 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE REVIEW PETITION FILED BY THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AGAINST THE DIVISION BENCH ORDER DATED 04.04.2014, OF MADHYA PRADESH HIGH COURT AT JABALPUR, EQUATING COMPETENCE OF ENGINEERS WITH ARCHITECTS.

The President informed that it has come to the notice of Office of the Council that Hon'ble Madhya Pradesh High Court at Jabalpur Bench, has passed an order quashing the competence of Engineers prescribed in the Land Development Rules framed by the Government of Madhya Pradesh and holding that Engineers and Architects possess similar qualifications and competence on the basis of National Building Code.

The Council members noted that a Review Petition has been filed by the Council inter alia urging the Hon'ble Court that competence and functions of Architects and Engineers are not one and same. The Review Petition has been admitted by the Hon'ble Court and listed for further hearing on 5th September, 2014.

ITEM NO.14 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) FILED BY THE COUNCIL IN SUPREME COURT OF INDIA AGAINST THE ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT ORDER DATED 19.02.2014 HOLDING THAT ARCHITECTS ACT NOT APPLICABLE IN SERVICE JURISPRUDENCE.

The President informed the members that the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court vide order dated 19.02.2014, in Mukesh Goyal v/s. State of Uttar Pradesh in W.P. A. No.22155 of 2011, inter alia held that prohibition on use of title and style of architect under Section 37 of the Act has absolutely no application in the matter of promotion granted under Service Jurisprudence. The Court further observed that mere nomenclature of the particular post will not in any way be said to violate the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 when discharge of duties akin to that of an Architect are not prohibited. The Architects Act is not applicable in Service jurisprudence.

The Council members noted that Council has filed an SLP in the matter which has been admitted by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and notices have been issued to concerned Respondent(s).

ITEM NO.15 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED FOR EXISTING AND NEW ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR APPROVAL STATUS FOR IMPARTING B.ARCH. AND OTHER COURSES DURING ACADEMIC SESSION 2014-2015.

The President informed the members that during the academic session 2014-2015, the Council has so far conducted 223 inspections of new/existing architectural institutions all over the country and details of same are as below:

- i) Introduction of B.Arch. Course - 062
- ii) Extension of Approval of B.Arch./PG. Course - 122
- iii) Introduction of PG Courses - 010
- iv) Additional intake in existing institutions - 029

The Members also noted the approval status of all Architectural Institutions with their sanctioned intake for the academic session 2014-2015 as annexed with Agenda and also available at Council’s website.

The members also noted the details intake of Architectural Institutions for academic session 2014-2015 as under :

Intake for 2013-2014	Additional Intake (2014-2015)	Reduction of intake	New Institutions with intake	Total intake for 2014-2015
20589	980	710	2200	23059

The President also invited the attention of the Council members towards Ministry’s letter dated 01.09.2014 and an earlier communication asking the Council to provide copies of the report of all the inspections conducted by Inspectors of Council during last three academic sessions.

The Council members were of the view that the Ministry be requested to inform the specific cases where its wants inspection reports as providing inspection reports of last three years would be a mammoth task and involve large scale photocopying and wastage of papers. Alternatively, the Ministry may depute officials to inspect the concerned records/ files. Thus, a request seeking specific instances of Institutions where inspection reports are required and the same be made available to the Ministry.

ITEM NO.16 TO TAKE NOTE OF DELIBERATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON GOVT. ARCHITECTS.

The Members noted and perused the several deliberations of the Sub-Committee on Services Conditions of Government. The Council noted that Architects are not allowed to perform their duties and functions fully by the Engineering officials or drawings prepared by them are not properly executed rather plans are deviated in construction of buildings thus resulting in escalation of cost of public buildings and loss to exchequer.

The Council also noted that cadres of Architects in Central / State PWDs are not sufficient and recruitments are delayed or put on dying cadre. The Council also noted that certain government works are offered to private companies without even consulting and referring to Architectural Wing of the concerned State Government. The Council expressed its concern over several problems faced by Architects in Govt. Services.

After detailed deliberations, it was decided that the Sub-Committee should compile its recommendations and same would then be forwarded to Controller and Auditor General of India, PMO, Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Defence and Chief Secretaries of all the States with copies to Chapter Chairman of IIA. It was also decided to seek assistance of IIA in the matter for pursuing all these issues.

ITEM NO.17 TO CONSIDER THE REVISED MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION, 2014.

The President informed that Council has prepared the Revised Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2014, in terms of the provisions of Section 21 of the Architects Act, 1972, after holding detailed consultations and in order to update the syllabus and taking care of advancements in the field of architectural education and also for effective implementation of the minimum standards.

The document was placed at the last meeting of the Council. However, it was decided to have wider consultations on the major issues like Eligibility, lateral admission in B.Arch.Course, etc. for admission to Architecture Course and place the matter again before Council. The document was sent to all the Architectural Institutions imparting recognized qualifications for their views. The Council received 47 views/ comments in total out of which 3 institutions did not make any opinion and 18 institutions expressed that eligibility should be PCM whereas 26 institutions said it should be only mathematics subject in 10+2. However, these responses are not from the majority of the Institutions. Therefore, it was decided to hold a National Conference jointly by COA & IIA at New Delhi.

The National level Conference was also held on 1st September, 2014, inviting representatives of all the Architectural Institutions and representatives of IIA Chapters & Centres along with all the Council Members and other Senior academicians for their views. The Conference was well attended by over 200 participants. The majority speakers and participants in Conference were of the views that Council cannot restrict architecture to only one stream and therefore candidates from all streams should be allowed to take admission in Architecture Course.

The President further informed that issues related to Architectural Education including eligibility for admission to B.Arch. are sub-judice before Hon'ble Supreme Court and matter likely to be listed for final hearing in the last week of September. It was, therefore, decided to defer the matter.

ITEM NO.18 TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 20 TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

I) NDMVP College of Architecture, Nashik.

The Council Members noted that the qualification imparted in the NDMVP College of Architecture, Nashik, was earlier recommended for de-recognition by the Council in terms of provisions of Section 20 of the Act from the academic session 2008-2009 upon noticing non-maintenance of Minimum Standards prescribed by the Council.

However, the Ministry of Human Resource Development vide letter dated 09.07.2014 did not accept the recommendations of the Council for de-recognising the qualifications. The College had also filed a petition before Hon'ble High Court which did not grant any relief to the Institution. Later on the Institution withdrew its case.

The College submitted a fresh proposal to the Council for introduction of B.Arch.Course from the academic session 2014-2015.

Accordingly, the institution was inspected by the Expert Committee of the Council. The Report of the Expert Committee was considered by the Executive Committee and it was decided that the Institution be granted an intake of 40 for the academic session 2014-2015.

Further, as regards, the admissions made by the Institution without approval of the Council, the Executive Committee decided to levy onetime penalty to the Institution for making illegal admissions and also to conduct Competency Test of all such students before granting registration as an Architect upon completion of their B.Arch. Degree course. The Institution has paid the penalty and also submitted an affidavit subjecting the students of previous batches to Competency Test.

After detailed deliberations in the matter the Council decided to withdraw its recommendations for de-recognising the B.Arch.Degree awarded to the students admitted and trained at NDMVP College of Architecture, Nashik from the academic session 2014-2015. The students admitted without valid approval of the Council shall be considered for registration as an architect upon passing the Competency Test to be conducted by the Council to assess the education and training imparted to these students.

II) Apeejay Institute of Architecture and Planning, Greater Noida.

The Council Members noted that the qualification imparted in the Apeejay Institute of Architecture and Planning, Greater Noida, was earlier recommended for de-recognition by the Council in terms of provisions of Section 20 of the Act from the academic session 2008-2009, upon noticing non-maintenance of minimum standards of the Council.

The Institution has constantly been filing writ petitions seeking approval of the Council. Finally, the Hon'ble Delhi High of Court has directed the Institution to meet the minimum standards prescribed by the Council and get inspected from the Council for verification of the same.

The Institution submitted a proposal for inspection and grant of approval for B.Arch. Course from the academic session 2014-2015. Accordingly, the institution was inspected by the Expert Committee of the Council. The Report of the Expert Committee was considered by the Executive Committee and it was decided that the Institution be granted an intake of 80 for the academic session 2014-2015.

Further, as regards, the admissions made by the Institution without valid approval of the Council, the Executive Committee decided to levy onetime penalty to the Institution for making illegal admissions and also to conduct Competency Test of all such students before granting registration as an Architect upon completion of their B.Arch. Degree course. The Institution has paid the penalty and also submitted an affidavit subjecting the students of previous batches to Competency Test.

After detailed deliberations in the matter the Council decided to withdraw its recommendations for de-recognising the B.Arch.Degree awarded to the students admitted and trained at Apeejay Institute of Architecture and Planning, Greater Noida from the academic session 2014-2015. The students admitted without valid approval of the Council shall be considered for registration as an architect upon passing the Competency Test to be conducted by the Council to assess the education and training imparted to these students.

The President also shared with the Members the comments of the Ministry in the matter sent through a faxed letter dated 01.09.2014.

ITEM NO.19 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE STATUS OF FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

I) School of Planning & Architecture, Bhopal (MP10)

The President informed the members that the School of Planning & Architecture, Bhopal, was established in the year 2008 by the Ministry of HRD for imparting Architectural Course. However, the Institution did not seek approval of the Council.

The Institution applied for introduction of 5-year Full-time B.Arch. degree course in the year 2012 and was approved by the Council from the academic session 2012-2013.

A request was also received from the Institution vide its letter dated 23.10.2013 requesting the Council to approve its previous B.Arch. batches

admitted by it without the approval of the Council i.e. from academic session 2008-09 to 2011-12.

The Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture at its 126th Meeting held on 15.01.2014, decided that the students will have to undergo a Competency Test to be conducted by the Council upon passing their 5-year B.Arch. Course with a valid Degree before they could be granted registration as architects by the Council under the Architects Act, 1972.

The Council members also noted that, in the interest of students, the Institution was also granted approval to run as “Off-Campus Centre” of School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, subject to obtaining necessary approvals from the Ministry of HRD and /or its competent authorities such as UGC, for awarding recognized qualifications.

II) School of Planning & Architecture, Vijaywada (AP18)

The President informed the members that the School of Planning & Architecture, Vijaywada, was established in the year 2008 by the Ministry of HRD for imparting Architectural Course. However, the Institution did not seek approval of the Council.

The Institution applied for introduction of 5-year Full-time B.Arch. degree course in the year 2013. The Council of Architecture, after having inspected institutions, accorded approval to it for introduction of B.Arch. course from the academic sessions 2013-2014.

The Institution vide its letter dated 23.05.2013 requested the Council to approve its previous B.Arch. batches admitted by it without the approval of the Council during 2008-09 to 2012-13.

The Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture at its 126th Meeting held on 15.01.2014, decided that the students will have to undergo a Competency Test to be conducted by the Council upon passing their 5-year B.Arch. Course with a valid Degree before they could be granted registration as architects by the Council under the Architects Act, 1972.

The Council members also noted that, in the interest of students, the Institution was also granted approval to run as “Off-Campus Centre” of School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, subject to obtaining necessary approvals from the Ministry of HRD and /or its competent authorities such as UGC, for awarding recognized qualifications.

III) Budha College of Architecture, Karnal (HR05)

The President informed that the Institution was established in the year 2009 with the approval of the Council. The office of the Council received

a complaint against the Institution in September/ October 2012 that the institution is conducting classes on Saturdays and Sundays and no regular classes are conducted. Students of 4th year are working in different offices or practicing as Architect.

The President, COA, directed for the surprise inspection of the Institution. Upon considering the Inspection report the Institution was directed not to make any fresh admissions and students of 1st to 3rd batch be transferred to other institutions and that Batch of 4th year students is discarded as their classes were conducted on week-ends i.e. Saturday and Sundays and some of these students are already employed in govt. / private sector and opened offices as an Architect to practice architecture in violations of the Architects Act, 1972.

The Institution had challenged the authority of the Council to put it on “No Admission” before Hon’ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and alleged that it was denied opportunity of hearing. The Executive Committee in the interest of justice afforded the institution hearing and after grant of hearing and upon noticing several deficiencies the Institution was again put on “No Admission”. However, the Hon’ble High Court by interim order directed that the decision of the Council be kept in abeyance.

The Institution also filed an application before Hon’ble High Court seeking direction to be treated as an affiliated college and included in the list of approved colleges by Council of Architecture for the academic session 2014-2015. The Hon’ble Court vide interim order dated 19.05.2014, directed the Council to include the Institution in the list of colleges for admission for the session 2014-2015 and to make operational the NATA Test Centre.

It was further informed that the Council had filed an Appeal against the said order and Division Bench of the Hon’ble High Court has directed for disposal of the Writ Petition of the Institution by the Single Judge without getting influenced by the earlier orders made in the matter and directed for disposal of writ petition, if possible, on 26.08.2014 in view of last date of admission on 31.08.2014. The matter was heard on 29.08.2014 and order of the Hon’ble Court is awaited.

IV) Budha Institute of Architecture & Town Planning, Udaipur (RJ06)

The President informed that the Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture at its 130th Meeting held on May 27 & 28, 2014, considered the report of Expert Committee which conducted inspection at RJ06-Buddha Institute of Architecture & Town for extension of approval of B.Arch. course together with the complaint received against the institution.

The Executive Committee decided to issue show cause notice to the institution as to why the approval accorded to it for imparting B.Arch.

degree course should not be withdrawn by the Council for not adhering to the provisions of the Act and norms and standards prescribed thereunder and also conditions of approval. The Principal along with representative of the Management of the Institution was asked to appear before the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

The representatives of the management along with the Principal of the institution appeared before the Executive Committee at its 131st meeting held on June 11 & 12, 2014. They promised to improve the Institution and make up all the deficiencies within a time bound period and pleaded for a final opportunity to run the institution as per COA norms.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter noted that education and career of students in the institution is to be protected and given prime importance and therefore, decided to grant extension of approval with an intake of 40 for a period of 1 year subject to recruitment of full-time faculty/ fulfillment of conditions/ suggestions as contained in the report of the Expert Committee and/ or prescribed by the Council and submission of compliance report of the same within 3 months. The admission of students for the academic session 2014-2015 must be made only after recruitment of requisite faculty as per norms of COA.

It was further mentioned that one Shri Vishal Gupta, Jaipur had sent letters/complaints to Hon'ble Minister of HRD, Central Vigilance Commission and CBI against RJ06-Buddha Institute of Architecture & Town Planning, Udaipur, Rajasthan for not following COA Norms and also falsely defaming the role of Chairman, Council of Architecture for approving the college. A legal notice was issued to him on behalf of the President, CoA and Council of Architecture.

Shri Vishal Gupta vide emails dated 16.07.2014 & 23.07.2014 requested the Executive Committee to give him an opportunity to represent himself before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, at its 134th meeting held on July 26, 2014, considered the same and decided to give him an opportunity to appear before the committee at its next meeting.

Shri Vishal Gupta appeared before the Executive Committee on 31.08.2014 at its 135th Meeting and said whatever allegations he has made are all on hearsay basis and he has no documentary evidence against the any Office Bearer of the Council and also tendered his apology. The Executive Committee noted that real dispute in the matter is of ownership and Shri Gupta is trying to unnecessary involve the Council in the matter. The Council authorized the President to deal with the matter appropriately.

V) Marathwada Mitra Mandal's College of Architecture, Pune (MH10)

The President informed the members that the qualification imparted in the Marathwada Mitra Mandal's College of Architecture, Pune (MH10), was earlier recommended for de-recognition by the Council in terms of

provisions of Section 20 of the Act from the academic session 2008-2009 upon noticing non-maintenance of Minimum Standards prescribed by the Council. The Institution has challenged the same before Hon'ble Bombay High Court and no relief was granted to the Institution.

The Ministry of HRD vide letter dated 04.03.2014, informed the Council that it has accepted the recommendations of State Government not to de-recognise the qualifications imparted at the above institution.

The Institution filed Civil Application No.961 Of 2014 in Writ Petition No.5334 Of 2013 filed by it before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court and the hon'ble Court directed the Council to inspect the institution for deciding its intake.

The Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture at its 133rd meeting held on July 5, 2014 considered the assessment report dated 27.06.2014 submitted by Expert Committee which conducted the inspection at MH10-MMM's College of Architecture, Pune, in terms of directions of Hon'ble Bombay High Court in Civil Application No.961 of 2014 in writ Petition No.5334 of 2013, together with the report of Scrutiny Committee, constituted by the Executive Committee for scrutinizing all assessment reports received in respect of institutions.

The Executive Committee noted that the institution was established in the year 1985. The Intake of institution was reduced to 30 in the year 2006-2007 due to lack of academic and physical infrastructure facilities required for the intake of 40. Further, the institution did not facilitate inspection in the year 2007-2008 and it was put on "No Admission" by the Council. On directions of Hon'ble Bombay High Court in W.P. No.5406 of 2007, the Institution was inspected by the Expert Committee of Council. Based on the expert committee report dated 17.08.2007, the institution was further recommended for de-recognition of the qualification imparted by it under Section 20 of the Act.

Upon detailed deliberations in the matter, the Executive Committee endorsed the report of the Scrutiny Committee and observed that the documents related to land ownership of the institution was incorrect and institution fell short in faculty. Further, the Institution has not made up the deficiencies pointed out in the previous inspections reports regarding, Land and Building, creation of activity space, parking space, creation of additional premises for B.Arch. Course, shifting of Law and Management colleges of MMM Society to new campus at Karve Nagar.

The Executive Committee upon detailed consideration of the matter unanimously decided that the Institution is not fit to be granted approval for imparting B.Arch. Course for 2014-2015 as it has not made any efforts to meet the previous deficiencies pointed out by the Council regarding Land, Building and Faculty and does not meet the Minimum Standards prescribed by the Council. The Institution must first appoint requisite

qualified faculty and create land, building and infrastructure facilities as per norms of the Council. The institution may comply with the deficiencies as pointed out and may again apply to the Council for approval.

However, the Hon'ble High Court vide Order dated 16.07.2014, granted an intake of 30 in the B.Arch. Course to MH10-Marathwada Mitra Mandal's College of Architecture, Pune and observed that the admissions of the students would be provisional. The admission of students would be subject to further orders and/or outcome of the Writ Petition. The Petitioners and/or students shall not claim any equity on the basis of this order.

The above order has been got legally examined from the Council's advocate and it has been decided to file an SLP in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the above order

The Council noted the above information in the matter.

VI) Smt. Manoramabai Mundle College of Architecture, Nagpur (MH20)

The President informed the members that the Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture at its 130th Meeting held on 27th & 28th May, 2014, considered the assessment report of the Expert Committee that visited MH20-Women's Education Society's Smt.Manoramabai Mundle, College of Architecture, Nagpur on 25th & 26th April 2014 together with the institutional report and other information provided by the institution, and also report of the Scrutiny Committee, for extension of approval of 5 year full-time Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) degree course from the Academic Session 2014-2015 onwards.

The Executive Committee after detailed discussions decided to reduce the intake of the institution from 120 to 80 due to lack of faculty members, academic & physical infrastructure facilities in the institution and accordingly granted extension of approval for 5-year full-time B.Arch. degree course with an intake of 80 only from the academic session 2014-2015 for period of one year. The Institution was also given an opportunity of Appeal to present its case before the Executive Committee.

However, the institution preferred to file a writ petition against the decision of the Council in the Hon'ble Bombay High Court – Nagpur Bench. The Hon'ble High Court in W.P.No.2788/2014, vide ex-parte interim Order dated 15.07.2014, has granted an intake of 120 in B.Arch. Course to MH20-Women's Education Society's Smt.Manoramabai Mundle, College of Architecture, L.A.D.College, Nagpur, subject to final outcome of the case.

The Council noted the information as stated above and decided that further course of action be taken in as per legal advice from Council's advocate.

VII) Lumbini School of Architecture & Town Planning, Dist. Nalgonda (AP17)

The President informed that the Council had received complaint regarding serious irregularities related to conduct of 5-year B.Arch. degree course, lack of faculty members and infrastructure at AP17-Lumbini School of Architecture & Town Planning, Lumbini Group of Institutions, Post: Anantharam, (M) Bhongir, District Nalgonda-508116 (Andhra Pradesh).

Accordingly, an Expert Committee was constituted by the Council for conducting surprise inspection at the said college. The Committee has conducted the surprise inspection on June 21, 2014 and submitted its report.

The Executive Committee, upon going through the report, noted some serious deficiencies in the conduct of 5-year B.Arch. degree course at the institution which are as follows:

1. The institution does not have any qualified faculty.
2. Dearth of physical and infrastructure facilities at the institution
3. B.Arch. course not being imparted as per prescribed COA Norms.
4. Non-conducive environment for students pursuing B.Arch. course.
5. The students have been suffering mental agony because of inaction by the management leaving parents anxious and concerned for their wards.

In view of the above circumstances, the Executive Committee, upon taking a serious concern over the deficiencies as pointed out in the report, decided to withdraw the approval accorded by the Council of Architecture to AP17-Lumbini School of Architecture & Town Planning, District Nalgonda, Telangana for imparting B.Arch. Course from the academic session 2014-2015 and further directed that the students of the existing batches undergoing B.Arch. course at the institution be immediately transferred to other institutions approved by the Council of Architecture in the country in order to safeguard their careers and future.

The Executive Committee, as a special case, further decided to allow all approved institutions imparting B.Arch. degree in the country to admit the above said students immediately through migration into the corresponding year/semester of B.Arch. degree course (pending/condoning any requirement for transfer, if necessary) in excess of the intake sanctioned by the Council provided the respective admitting institutions maintain the appropriate academic infrastructure & other facilities, as may be required as per COA Norms.

The Council noted the above information and action taken in the matter.

VIII) MJRP College of Architecture & Planning, Jaipur (RJ11)

The President informed that the Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture (CoA) at its 132nd Meeting held on June 26 & 27, 2014, had considered the inspection report of Two-member Expert Committee which had conducted surprise inspection at the institution namely, RJ11-MJRP College of Architecture & Planning, Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phoole University, Jaipur, on June 16, 2014, to investigate several complaints of irregularities received against the institution.

The Executive Committee, upon going through the report, noted some serious deficiencies in the conduct of 5-year B.Arch. degree course at the institution which were as follows:

1. Virtually no qualified faculty in Architecture.
2. Dearth of physical and infrastructure facilities at the institution
3. B.Arch. course not being imparted as per prescribed COA Norms. No regular classes are conducted and no time table is being followed.
4. Non-conducive environment for students pursuing B.Arch. course.
5. The students have been suffering because of lack of quality of architectural education.

The Executive Committee, upon taking a serious concern over the deficiencies as pointed out in the report, decided to withdraw the approval accorded by the Council of Architecture to RJ11-MJRP College of Architecture & Planning, Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phoole University, Jaipur, for imparting B.Arch. Course from the academic session 2014-2015 and further directed that the students of the existing batches undergoing B.Arch. course at your institution be immediately transferred to other institutions approved by the Council of Architecture in the country in order to safeguard their careers and future. The institution was directed to initiate necessary action at their end to facilitate transfer of the students to other institutions.

The Executive Committee, as a special case, further decided to allow all admission authorities & approved institutions imparting B.Arch. degree in the country to admit the above said students immediately through migration into the corresponding year/semester of B.Arch. degree course (pending/condoning any requirement for transfer, if necessary) in excess of the intake sanctioned by the Council provided the respective admitting institutions maintain the appropriate academic infrastructure & other facilities, as may be required as per COA Norms. There shall be no requirement for any separate/individual communication by the Council authorizing the institution(s) to admit said students into the appropriate level of B.Arch. course.

The Executive Committee further, at its 134th meeting held on July 26, 2014, heard the appeal of the representatives of RJ11-MJRP College of

Architecture & Planning, Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phoole University, Jaipur in person, appealing against the decision of the Council to withdraw the approval granted to the institution for imparting B.Arch. degree course from 2014-2015. The Executive Committee also heard the students and parents who had also appeared in the said meeting and complained that the University was not facilitating transfer of the students to other institutions approved by the Council and delaying the process by postponing the practical examinations.

The Executive Committee, after hearing both the sides, decided to appoint a Coordinator of the Council to resolve all the problems being faced by the students regarding migration to other colleges within a period of 30 days.

Accordingly, Ar. Rajesh Arjunsingh Advani was been appointed as CoA coordinator by the Council. The co-ordinator was required to work under the supervision of Prof. Alok Ranjan, Member, Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture, and was asked to report the progress in the above matters to him under intimation to the Council from time to time.

The Council noted the above information and appreciated the efforts made by the Executive Committee for protecting the interest of the students in the matter.

ITEM NO.20 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PROPOSAL OF CREATION OF NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL MUSEUM.

The President informed that the Executive Committee of the Council at its 130th Meeting held on 27th & 28th May, 2014 considered the proposal of setting up of National Architectural Museum in order to preserve and conserve the Architectural heritage. The National Museum will have digital graphic and animated display systems. It will also work as virtual classroom and digital models of conferences, etc.

This being a research activity it will provide identity to Indian Architecture and Architectural Heritage. A fund of Rs. 5 Lakhs was earmarked for the purpose of preparation of project report and other related work for establishment of National Architectural Museum. The same shall be submitted to the concerned Ministry & Hon'ble Prime Minister's Office.

The Council noted and appreciated the efforts made in the matter.

ITEM NO.21 TO TAKE NOTE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AND INDIAN NATIONAL TRUST FOR ART AND CULTURAL HERITAGE (INTACH).

The President informed that the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) is dealing with conservation and preservation of India's Natural, cultural, living, tangible and intangible heritage. It has expressed its

desire to work with CoA in the areas of education, training, capacity building and research in Architecture and heritage.

Accordingly, in terms of the decision of the Executive Committee an MOU was signed with INTACH.

The Council noted information appreciated the efforts made in the matter.

ITEM NO.22 TO TAKE NOTE OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

i) Handbook and Directory of Architects

The Council noted the information as detailed in the Agenda.

ii) Books on Architecture

The Council noted the information as detailed in the Agenda.

iii) Publication of Referred Journal of COA through NIASA

The Council noted the information as detailed in the Agenda and appreciated the initiative of starting publication of referred Journal of COA.

ITEM NO.23 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

I) TO TAKE NOTE OF COUNCIL'S COLLABORATION WITH JK CEMENT REGARDING CONDUCT OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN THESIS COMPETITION.

The Council noted the information as detailed in the agenda.

II) TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH, 2014.

The Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2014 of the Council of Architecture, Council of Architecture (Contributory Provident Fund) Account and Council of Architecture Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme, for the same period, as annexed with the Agenda were perused and approved by the Council. Accordingly, the Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No.452

Resolved that :

- (a) The Annual Report together with the Audited Statement of accounts be approved for the period ended on 31st March 2014, as placed before the Council;
- (b) A copy of the same be sent to the Central Government in terms of the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972; and
- (c) The same be published in the Gazette of India, as required under the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972.

III) APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.

The President informed that members that the office of the Council is presently housed at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, in a space of about 140 sq.m. The duties, functions and workload of the Council have increased manifolds and present space is not sufficient in order to cope up with the work and it has become difficult to operate from the present premises.

The number of architectural institutions and number of registered architects have increased and the Council is required to maintain all the important records in physical form. The Officers and employees of the Council are not able to have proper space for sitting and keeping the records for day to day working. Further, due to shortage of space the CoA is not able to employ required staff strength resulting into over burdening of the existing staff.

It was further informed that the Executive Committee at its 121st Meeting held on 22nd January, 2013, decided to authorise the Registrar and President, COA, to make application for purchase of 5 acre institutional land in Delhi/ NCR Region from government/ local bodies. The Executive Committee on 24.09.2013, also created a fund of Rs.10 crores for the purpose.

The Council has made several applications for allotment of land to L&DO, Ministry of Urban Development, DDA, NOIDA Authority, Greater Noida Authority and Yamuna Expressway Authority. While L&DO has refused to allot land to Council, the DDA and other authorities have not at all responded to Council.

After exhausting all channels, it was decided to apply for institutional land whenever any such scheme or proposal comes.

The National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC) a Govt. of India enterprise, under Ministry of Urban Development, has issued various advertisements regarding sale/ availability of Built-up Space in NBCC-Centre, Okhla (Pahse-I), New Delhi. On inquiry the NBCC informed availability of space at 7th Floor in NBCC Centre Okhla, New Delhi with total saleable area 7,885 Sq.ft. with a fixed/ reserved price of Rs.22,260/- per sq ft. with 18 reserve car park facility. The total cost of area (all

inclusive) for 7th floor would be 21,81,59,989/- (Twenty one crores, eighty one lakhs, fifty nine thousand).

The NBCC is also offering 8% rebate on one-time payment. The possession of building will be offered by NBCC in next 9 months. The above mentioned cost includes maintenance charges for the next five years, car parking space charges, documentation charges, stamp duty and registration charges, service tax and VAT, etc.

The President also informed that he and officials Council personally visited the place found it suitable for Council's office space. The building is connected with Road Transport, buses, auto, taxi, etc. as well as through Metro Rail and is easily accessible being located at main Road.

Accordingly, application was made for office space at 7th Floor i.e. total saleable area 7,885 Sq.ft. and an amount of 15% of the cost of space area i.e. 2,80,00,000/- (Two crores and eighty lakhs) have been deposited with NBCC.

The Council Members deliberated in detail in the matter and resolved as under :

Resolution No.453

Resolved that :

- i)** The Office space identified at NBCC Centre, 7th floor i.e. premises no.702, at a cost of Rs. 21,81,59,989/- (Twenty one crores, eighty one lakhs, fifty nine thousand) be purchased as additional office space for the office of the Council ;
- ii)** The President is authorized to make payment of the same from out of the funds of the Council to the extent of Rs.15/- crores and take Rs.7/- crores as loan from any scheduled bank offering loan at reasonable rate of interest.
- iii)** The Hon'ble Minister of HRD, Govt. of India, be requested to grant the Council a sum of Rs.25 crores as one-time grant for purchase office space of Council of Architecture.

IV) CONDUCT OF COMPETENCY TEST FOR STUDENTS ADMITTED BY ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT APPROVAL OF COUNCIL

The President informed the members that the Executive Committee of the Council at its 130th meeting held on 27th & 28th May, 2014, noted that there are several institutions in the country which are running B.Arch. Course without approval or have admitted students without prior approval of the Council.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee decided to issue a public notice in all leading Newspapers seeking details of Institutions imparting Architectural education without approval of Council or have admitted the students without approval/ valid sanctioned intake from Council. A Public Notice dated 29.05.2014 was issued by the Council and all such institutions were given time upto 25th June 2014 to submit desired information to Council. The Members perused the public notice issued by the Council.

The President, COA, further informed that office of Council has received data from 18 Institutions which admitted students in the B.Arch. Course without valid approval of the Council from the Academic session 2005-06 to 2013-14 totaling to 1947 students. A list of such institutions was enclosed with the Agenda.

The list includes the data received from three colleges which were earlier recommended for de-recognition of B.Arch. degree course by the Council to the Central Government; Institutions having unapproved B.Arch. batches admitted prior to approval of the Council; and admissions made by the Institutions over and above the sanctioned Intake of the Council.

Since the maintenance of Minimum Norms and Standards as prescribed by the Council of these batches of students admitted by the institutions could not be monitored at this stage, it is proposed to hold a **Competency Test** to adjudge the required proficiency of the students to regularize their admissions while also ensuring that the public at large is served by competent professionals.

This will be one-time measure to save career and future prospects of concerned students and grant registration to all those candidates who shall pass Competency Test conducted by the Council.

The President also informed that vide letter dated 18th July, 2014, he has sought approval of the Central Government for conduct the competency test. The President, further informed the members that in response to Council's request to the Ministry a letter dated 27.08.2014 was received on 29.08.2014 from the Ministry concluding that till statutory provision is made empowering the Council to conduct Competency Test, persons holding recognized qualification have to be registered as Architects.

After detailed deliberations in the matter the President informed the members that Sections 17 and 21 of the Act empower the Council to adjudge whether a person applying to Council for registration as an Architect has undergone a particular qualification as per minimum norms prescribed by the Council or not. The President assured the members that he will seek legal opinion in the matter and will act accordingly.

V) **TO TAKE NOTE OF THE MINUTES OF THE 129TH TO 134TH MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AND RATIFY THE DECISIONS/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED AND ACTION THEREIN.**

The Council took note of the Minutes of the 129th to 134th Meetings of the Executive Committee, as placed at table at the time of meeting as Appendix-S of the Agenda, and ratified the decisions/ resolutions passed and action taken therein.

VI) **ENHANCEMENT OF SITTING FEE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

With the permission of the Chair, Mrs. Mala Mohan, Member, proposed that sitting of the Council Members, Executive Committee Members, and Members of the other statutory committees be enhanced from current Rs. 500/- to Rs. 2,000/-. Prof. Alok Ranjan, Member, seconded the proposal. Upon detailed deliberations members unanimously resolved as under :

Resolution No.454

Resolved that :

- i) Sitting Fee for attending the meetings of the Council and its Committees be enhanced from present figure of Rs. 500/- to Rs.2,000/-;
- ii) The Central Government be requested to accord its approval in terms of Section 11 of the Architects Act, 1972; and
- iii) A request be sent to the Central Government for approval of enhancement of sitting fee and the same be implemented upon approval of the Central Government.

The meeting ended at 5.00 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
