

**MINUTES OF THE 183<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018, AT 12.00 NOON IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, CORE 6A, FIRST FLOOR, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI – 110 003.**

**Present :**

1. Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak : Chairman, in chair
2. Ar. Vijay Garg : Vice-Chairman
3. Ar. Raneer Vedamuthu : Member
4. Ar. Alok Ranjan : Member
5. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta : Member
6. Ar. Abhay Purohit : Member
7. Ar. Amitava Roy : Member

**In attendance:**

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

The Chairman welcomed the members attending the meeting and thanked them for sparing their valuable time.

**ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 182<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018, AT PUNE.**

The minutes of 182<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee as attached with agenda were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**ITEM NO.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

The Executive Committee perused the action taken report on the minutes of the last meeting and noted the same.

**ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION RECEIVED FROM STUDENTS OF SHREE BANKE BIHARI INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE, MEERUT (UP14).**

The Executive Committee perused the representation received from students of Shree Banke Bihari Institute of Architecture, Meerut (UP14) against the Institution.

The Executive Committee noted that the present intake of the institution is zero and the Institution has not followed the due procedure for closure of the Institution. The Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that an explanation be sought from the Institution about the complaints received and the matter also be brought to the notice of the State Government and the concerned affiliating university.

The Committee also decided that the Chairman and HOD/ Director of the institution be asked to appear before the Committee at its next meeting.

**ITEM NO.4 LATE AWARDING OF DEGREES BY VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES IN INDIA TO B.ARCH. PASS OUT CANDIDATES.**

The Chairman informed the members that some Universities are awarding B.Arch. Degrees very late to B.Arch. pass out candidates and the students face problems in getting employment, higher education and also registration/ renewal of registration with Council.

The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and decided that the Council may take up the matter with the concerned University.

**ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION RECEIVED FROM A STUDENT OF ISHAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING, GREATER NOIDA, (UP37).**

The Executive Committee perused the representation received from students of Ishan Institute of Architecture & Planning, Greater Noida, (UP37) against the institution.

The Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that an explanation be sought from the Institution about the complaints received and the matter also be brought to the notice of the State Government and the concerned affiliating university.

The Committee also decided that the Chairman and HOD/ Director of the institution be asked to appear before the Committee at its next meeting.

**ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER CONSTITUTION OF ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTING OF SENIOR RETIRED GOVT. OFFICERS FOR ADVISING THE COUNCIL ON DIFFERENT ISSUES.**

The Chairman informed the members that he proposes to have an Advisory Board consisting of Senior Retired Govt. Officers particularly from Indian Administrative Services from different states/ organizations so that the Council could avail their services & benefit from their experience, wisdom and knowledge in dealing with different issues from time to time.

The Board would have about 5 members 3 Senior Retired IAS officers and 2 Senior Architects initially for a period of one year. They would be paid honorarium of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) for attending the meeting. In addition, they will be reimbursed with travel and accommodation expenses at par with members of the Council.

The Committee after deliberations in the matter could not arrive at a unanimous decision. In view of this, the Chairman agreed to refer the matter to Full Council for a final decision.

**ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE FURTHER COURSE OF ACTION W.R.T. RESPONSE RECEIVED ON THE TENDER ISSUED BY COUNCIL FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRINTER / PUBLISHER OF COUNCIL'S MAGAZINE ARCHITECTURE TIME SPACE AND PEOPLE.**

The Executive Committee noted that the Tender was issued for selection of Printer/ Publisher of the Council's monthly magazine "Architecture, Time Space and People" but proposal is received only from a single party and that party had in past could not fulfill its commitments with Council and the matter also went in litigation.

The Committee deliberated in detail and decided that Director, TRC Pune be asked to identify good firms and proposals be sought from them for collecting revenue and printing/ publishing the magazine within one month. However, if nothing materializes then a fresh advertisement be issued in newspapers all over India.

**ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE FURTHER COURSE OF ACTION ON THE RESPONSE RECEIVED AGAINST THE TENDER ISSUED BY COUNCIL FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR BRINGING ADVERTISEMENT FOR PRINTING OF DIRECTORY OF ARCHITECTS AND HANDBOOK OF PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS.**

The Executive Committee noted that tender was issued for selection of a consultant for bringing about advertisements for Directory of Architects and Handbook of Professional documents and no proposals have been received in response to the same.

The Committee decided that the Director of COATRC at Pune be asked to identify firm/ companies to give advertisements for the twin publications of the Council and in case nothing materializes then the office of the Council shall defer publication of these documents to next year.

**ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FOR MAKING PAYMENT TO BENGALURU DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TOWARDS LEASE RENT OF LAND ALLOTTED TO COUNCIL.**

The Chairman informed the members that the Council has applied for land for its Bengaluru Training and Research Centre from Bengaluru Development Authority. The Authority has allotted the Council about 3.5 Acres plot for the same and now the Council is required to make a total payment of Rs.15,99,40,917/- towards lease rent of the same.

The Executive Committee perused financial proposal for payment of the lease rent for 3.5 Acres of Land allotted by Bengaluru Development Authority and after detailed deliberations resolved as under :

**Resolution No.251**

**Resolved that :**

- i) An interim payment of Rs.4/- Crores be made to Bengaluru Development Authority requesting them to consider allotment of land to Council on government privileged rate;
- ii) If request of Council is accepted then Balance payment be made in lumpsum from out of the funds of the Council;

- iii) In case request of Council is not accepted by the BDA, then an Over Draft not exceeding Rs.9 Crores against lien of FDRs standing in the name of COA with 0.50% extra interest over and above the FD interest rate available for COA, be availed from ICICI Bank, Defence Colony, Branch, New Delhi and rest amount be paid from the savings accounts of the Council. This decision was taken by the EC considering the fund position of the Council.

**ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER THE NORMS OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE TO BE CIRCULATED ALONG WITH LETTERS OF APPROVAL/INTENT TO THE ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAVE APPLIED FOR APPROVAL FOR IMPARTING B.ARCH. COURSE FOR 2018-2019.**

The Chairman informed the members that the Council has submitted the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations 2017 for approval of the Central Government.

The Committee deliberated in detail and decided that inspections of all institutions would be conducted provisionally as per norms contained in proposed 2017 Regulations as submitted to the Ministry and accordingly, the institutions be informed of the norms of the Council under the following headings to institutions along with other conditions in letter of approval :

1. Ratio of Core Faculty
2. Infrastructure
3. Other requirements

This will be an interim arrangement till the approval of the Central Government is received on proposed 2017 Regulations.

**ITEM NO.11 TO NOTE REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM COLLEGES FOR CLOSURE OF INSTITUTION FROM SESSION 2017-2018.**

The Executive Committee perused request of closure by the following institutions and accepted the same :

Sl.No.	Name & Inst.code of the Institutions
1.	MH87 Centre for Architecture, Design & Research in Environment (C.A.D.R.E.), Plot no.P-14/1, Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park Hinjawadi, Phase-I, Behind MIDC Fire Office, Pune-411057, Maharashtra
2.	UP41 Vivekanand College of Architecture Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

**ITEM NO.12 INSTALLATION OF BIOMETRIC ATTENDANCE MACHINES AND CAMERAS IN ALL ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.**

The Council is, time and again, receiving complaints about non-availability of faculty in the institutions. It has also been reported that many institutions are not maintaining proper attendance of faculty members which is badly affecting studies of students.

With a view to bring improvement in the system so as to ensure better quality of architectural education, the President proposed in 183<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee Meeting that all the Institutions should install Biometric attendance system in their institutions for all the faculty, staff members and students and also cameras at prominent places in the institution which may be linked to the server of the Council for monitoring purpose.

This will help in monitoring the activities of the students by the Institutions and specially to keep a tab on the ragging which has been prohibited by law.

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail and some members expressed their apprehension about invasion of privacy of the institutions. Thus, the Committee could not reach a unanimous decision in the matter and the Chairman agreed to place the matter before the Full Council for taking appropriate decision.

**ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 05.02.2018 RECEIVED FROM ASSOCIATION OF MANAGEMENT OF COIMBATORE ANNA UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED COLLEGES.**

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 05.02.2018, from the Association of Management of Coimbatore Anna University Affiliated Colleges, Tamilnadu, making certain suggestions about NATA 2018 and the COA Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 2017 and noted the same.

**ITEM NO.14 TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AN ARCHITECT/ FIRM OF ARCHITECTS FROM OUT OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR CARRYING OUT INTERIOR DESIGN, PLANNING AND SUPERVISION OF OFFICE SPACE OF COUNCIL AT OKHLA.**

The Executive Committee noted that Expression of Interests (EOI) have been invited from Architects/ Firm of Architect for carrying out interior design, planning and supervision of office space of Council at Okhla, New Delhi. The last date of submission of EOI was 15.02.2018 and EOI from 9 Architects/ firms have been received.

The Executive Committee authorized the Chairman to initiate further action in the matter within the provisions of rules.

**ITEM NO.15 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

- I) To consider and approve the Calendar of Training Programme at TRC Bhubaneswar.**

The Executive Committee perused the proposed Calendar of Training Programme as submitted by the COATRC Bhubaneswar and approved the same.

**II) To consider the complaint received against NITTE Institute of Architecture, Mangalore regarding conduct of coaching for NATA.**

The Executive Committee perused the advertisement issued by the NITTE Institute of Architecture, Mangalore and decided that clarifications be sought from the institution whether they conducting coaching or it is purely an orientation programme about NATA.

**III) Proposals for introduction of B.Arch. Course :**

The Chairman informed the members that the Council has received 24 proposals/applications for introduction of B.Arch. Course from all over India. The Executive Committee decided that all the applications be Scrutinised properly before issuance of LOI in the matter.

The meeting ended at 6.00 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**R. K. Oberoi**  
**Registrar – Secretary**  
**Executive Committee**

**Biswaranjan Nayak**  
**Chairman**  
**Executive Committee**