



श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी पोर्ट, कोलकाता  
**SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE PORT, KOLKATA**  
Formerly Kolkata Port Trust

**General Administration Department**  
**Estate Division**  
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No. Lnd. 6166/23/3084

Dated : 07<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

To  
The Registrar,  
Council of Architecture  
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Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi-110003.

Sub: Conduct of Design Competition by Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata.

Ref: Letter No. CA/80(ii)/2023/AOA dated 25.10.2023

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that SMPK have undertaken a Design Competition for Static Illumination & Beautification of Howrah Bridge adjoining areas in Kolkata which is not an architectural competition.

1. It is essentially an illumination design competition and hence the Port has allowed Companies (lighting) to participate and in order to not limit the competition even Architects/Students and Architectural firms have been allowed participation.
2. The Port already has a HoD level committee who acts as a Jury.
3. As this is a competition for innovative concepts and ideas hence no consultancy fees to be paid to the participants but the winning designs will be given recognition and prize money as mentioned in the Competition document.

However, the initiatives of CoA in inducting Architectural Design Competitions as mentioned in your letter will be explored by the Port in future and the same will be done according to the norms of the Council.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

(S.Mitra)  
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**The Chief Secretary**

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**Subject: Conduct of Architectural Design competition by Syama Prasad Mookherjee Port,  
Kolkata-reg.**

Dear Sir,

The Parliament of India has enacted the Architects Act, 1972 and set up Council of Architecture to prescribe standards of Architectural Profession and Education in the country.

The Architects Act empowers the Council under Sections 22, 30 and 45 of the Act, to laydown standards of professional conduct and etiquette and code of ethics for Architects. **These Regulations shall have overriding effect over any other law for the time being in force in India.**

In pursuance of above provisions, the Council has prescribed the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989. The Regulation (2)(i)(xiv) of the said Regulations provides that an Architect shall not prepare designs in competition with other Architects for a client without payment or for a reduced fee. Further, Regulation 2(i)(xii) provides that an Architect shall observe and uphold the Council's conditions of engagement and scale of charges. The Council has prescribed scale of charges based on the type of project/services and scope of work.

The attention of the Council has been drawn towards the "**Design Competition for Static Illumination & Beautification of Howrah Bridge and adjoining areas, Kolkata**", being conducted by Syama Prasad Mookherjee Port.

In this regard, it is noticed that (1) the Port allowed companies to participate in this project; (2) The Jury for the Competition is not declared in advance; and (3) details of consultancy fees have not been provided in the competition conditions.

Pertinent to the matter, it is informed that Architects are professionals like Doctors, Advocates and Chartered Accountants whose conduct and ethics are regulated and governed under the Architects Act, 1972 and Regulations framed thereunder. The Architects are not insisted or quote lowest fees on the lines of contractors in order to be eligible to provide their professional services.



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Further, it is pointed out that in terms of Section 35, 36 & 37 of the Architects Act, 1972 only an Architect registered with Council of Architecture or a firm of Architects are allowed to use the title and style of Architect for carrying the profession of an Architect in India. LLP and Companies are prohibited from using the title and style of an Architect.

The Council has prescribed a Manual for Architectural Services which lays down various methods for appointment of Architects including conduct of Design Competition and scale of fees and deliverables. A complimentary copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

Further, we would take to inform you that the Council has developed an online portal for conduct of Architectural design competition. The Council has conducted competition for Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India for Aspirational Toilets and also for standardized Bus Shelters, Inter Modal Station, at Katra and Beautification of Boundary walls, organized by NHAI, Govt. of India.

In view of the above, Syama Prasad Mookherjee Port be advised to conduct Architectural Design Competition in accordance with norms of Council. The Council shall be happy to provide its assistance in the matter.

A line in the reply of action taken in the matter will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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Registrar

Encl: As above

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