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The Chief Secretary,
Government of Tamil Nadu
Namakkal kavignar Maaligai,
Fort St. George, Secretariat
Chennai-600009



Subject: Conduct of Architectural Design Competition by CMDA contrary to provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 and regulation framed thereunder-reg.

Dear Sir,

This office is in receipt of letter No. NT1/1289/2022 dated 07.04.2023 in response to our letter dated 21.03.2023 addressed to your goodself in the subject matter.

In this regard, it is observed that the CMDA has still not made requisite changes in terms and conditions for conduct of Design Competition and notified the same in Public domain.

It is once again stated that registration fees for participation in competition should be withdrawn as same would discourage genuine young talented Architects from participating in competition.

Further, the eligibility criteria needs to be amended to ensure that only a registered Architect is eligible to participate in the design competition and only such foreign consultants who possess approval of Central Government are only allowed to collaborate with Indian firms to participate in the competition in terms of provision of section 35 and 37 of the Architects Act, 1972. Accordingly, a corrigendum needs to be issued.

Further, Council's norms for conduct of two stage open design competition be adopted in conduct of Design competition and names of Jury member be declared in advance.

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In view of the above, the CMDA is once again advised to conduct Architectural Design Competition as per COA norms and issue appropriate corrigendum accordingly.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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