

Enforcement of Architects Act, 1972:Charging of Fees by Local Bodies

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Government of India
Ministry of Education and Culture
(Department of Education)

New Delhi
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To
The Chief Secretaries of
State Governments

Subject :- Enforcement of the Architects Act, 1972 (Act. No.20 of 1972) .Charging of Fees by Local Bodies from registered Architects Regarding.

Sir

I am to invite your attention to this Ministry's letter number F. 17-9/81. T. 13 dated 19th Feb., 1982 (Copy enclosed) wherein, to safeguard the provisions of the Architects Act, all the State Governments were requested to issue instructions to all Municipal Corporations/Municipalities/Improvement Trusts etc. under their control to issue licences only to those Architects who were registered with the Council of Architecture.

1. It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that, some of the local bodies have been charging fees from the Architects already registered with the Council of Arch. for practising in their areas. This does not seem to be justified. In a recent case, where Municipal Corporation of Delhi had insisted on fresh registration with the local body from the Architects registered with the Council of Architecture. the High Court of Delhi had given a judgement against the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The latter went in for appeal to the Supreme Court, but the appeal has been dismissed by the Supreme Court on 22nd April, 1983.
2. In view of the above, you are requested to advise all the local bodies viz. Municipal Corporations/Municipalities/Improvement Trusts etc. under your control that no further registration or fees are asked from the Architects already registered with the Council of Architecture which is a statutory organisation set up under an Act of Parliament, for practising their profession in any part of the country.
3. A copy of Hindi version of this letter will follow.

Yours faithfully,

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