

Granting of Surveyors' licenses**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER BOMBAY**

No. MGC/B 8207 of 1.7.'85

CIRCULAR**Sub : Granting of Surveyors' Licences**

A circular under No. CE/B/5594/11 in respect of granting surveyors' licences by charging fees and the qualifications prescribed for grant of such licences, was issued in the past. Subsequently it was decided to issue Surveyors' licences and charge nominal fee of Rs. 10/- only to the persons who are registered with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi, vide M.C.'s orders under No. MDC/155 of 1.3.'85.

The Maharashtra Chapter of Indian Institute of Architects have, however, filed a writ petition in the High Court for declaration that the provisions of the B.M.C. Act are not applicable to the architects registered under the Architects' Act 1972 and for direction against the State of Maharashtra and the M.C.G.B. not to require any person registered as an architect under the Architects' Act, to be licensed as a Surveyor under the provisions of the B.M.C. Act and not require the payment of any licence fees to the Corporation. Till the above case is finalised in the Court and disposed off, it will not be open to the Corporation to insist on payment of licence fees from those architects, who are registered with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi. This, however, will not be applicable to the persons, who are not registered with the Council of Architecture and who are given Surveyor's licence under the provisions of the B.M.C. Act.

In view of the above legal position, at present, we need not insist upon the architects who have registered their names with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi, to pay the licence fee for renewal of the surveyor's licence. They will be allowed to practice as Licensed Surveyors of the Corporation in view of the provisions of the Architects' Act, 1972, provided they produce the evidence to the effect that they are the members of the Council of Architecture, and their registration with the Council is duly renewed. As we have already given numbers to all the architects viz. those, who are covered under the Architects' Act, '72, and those who are not covered under the said Act, we should maintain their numbers as per our register. However, the numbering system will be slightly modified by adding a suffix to the Sr. No as under:

Suffix "-C.A." - for those architects, who are registered with the Council of Architecture, New Delhi, under the Architects Act, 1972.

Suffix "-L.S." - for those architects/surveyors/engineers who are given surveyors licence by the Corporation under the provisions of the B.M.C. Act.

The architects covered under the Architects' Act 1972 should be asked to submit a copy of their registration with the Council of Architecture duly renewed, before 31st March, every year and the names of the architects, who will not submit such duly renewed certificate of registration with the Council of Architecture before 31st March every year, will be circulated to all the concerned and the proposals received from them; proposals while in progress shall not be entertained till such registrations are renewed and copy thereof is submitted to the Corporation. The architects covered under the Architects' Act 1972 shall be asked to submit a photo-copy of their registration certificate (for registration with the Council of Architecture) duly renewed, alongwith every proposal submitted by them for approval of plans/development permission. It should be clearly noted than no architect's proposal should be entertained unless a registration No. is given by the B.M.C.

The procedure for grant of and renewal of the surveyors' licences for other persons will however continue as per the present policy.

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