

F.No. 4-52/2013-TS.VI
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
Technical Section – VI

New Delhi, dated 6th March, 2014

ORDER

Sub: Constitution of a Committee to examine the comprehensive amendments in the Architects Act, 1972 as suggested by the Council of Architecture and other related issues-reg.

The Architects Act was enacted in 1972 to provide for registration of Architects and the matters connected therewith. For over four decades, the Act has been serving the purpose quite well. However, in the last decade, during its operation, numerous representations were received from various quarters indicating certain shortcomings and highlighting the need for amendments in certain provisions of the Act to bring it in tune with the present requirements nationally and globally. Also due to certain overlapping provisions in the Architects Act, 1972 vis-à-vis other Acts like AICTE Act, Limited Liability Partnership Act, Companies Act etc., leading to various court cases. In view of all these developments and also with a view to maintain healthy atmosphere of coordination between the architectural education and profession, the Central Govt. has desired to revisit certain provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 to incorporate some enabling provisions to make this Act more objective and strengthen it further to deal with all the matters relating to Architectural Profession and Architectural Education.

2. In the meanwhile, a proposal for the comprehensive amendments of the Architects Act, 1972 from COA has been received in the Ministry. With a view to examine the proposed amendments to the Architects Act, 1972, the Government of India, with the approval of Competent Authority, has decided to constitute a Committee comprising of the following :

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| (i) | Sh. J. R. Bhalla, Eminent Architect & Author of the Act – | Chairman |
| (ii) | Sh. Hafeez Contractor, Eminent Architect - | Member |
| (iii) | A nominee from the COA - | Member |
| (iv) | The Secretary, UGC - | Member |
| (v) | The Director, SPA, Vijayawada - | Member |
| (vi) | Sh. Rajesh Singh, Director(T), MHRD - | Convener |

3. Apart from above, whenever felt necessary, a Nominee each from the Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Ministry of Finance could be co-opted onto the Committee to address over-lapping provisions of Architects Act with provisions under Statutes or Orders of respective Ministries.


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Registrar
President 11/03/14

4. The Terms of Reference(TOR) of the Committee are as under:-

- (i) To examine the proposal submitted by the COA for the comprehensive review of the various clauses/sections of the existing Architects Act, 1972 vis-à-vis the proposed amendments suggested by the COA;
- (ii) To suggest enabling provisions in the existing Architects Act to make it more comprehensive so that Architectural Education and Architectural profession are defined in a more clearer way to bring transparency in the working of COA;
- (iii) To review jurisdictional area of functioning of the COA in so far Architectural Education and Profession are concerned;
- (iv) To examine the areas of conflict of the Architects Act, 1972 vis-à-vis other Statutes or Orders;
- (v) To identify the present challenges for updating the Architectural Education and Profession both.
- (vi) The Committee shall submit its report within a period of three months.
- (vii) The Committee may co-opt more members & adopt measures as deem fit to take the views of all the stakeholders.

5. The expenditure towards TA/DA and Honoraria etc., if any, to the members of the Committee shall be borne by SPA, New Delhi. The Secretarial and logistics support, services and other necessary arrangements for the working of the Committee will be provided by the SPA, New Delhi.


(Rajesh Singh Solanki)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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To,

1. Sh. J. R. Bhalla, D-29, Defence Colony, New Delhi.
2. Sh. Hafeez Contractor, 29, Bank Street, Mumbai – 400023.
3. The President, COA, India Habitat centre, Core 6A, 1st Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003.
4. The Secretary, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi – 110002.
5. The Director, SPA, Vijayawada, S.No. 71/1, NH-5, Nidamanuru, Vijayawada-521104.
6. The Director, SPA, Delhi with a request to depute one suitable person for secretarial assistance and arrange for the logistics etc.

SPEED POST

PROF. UDAY GADKARI
President

Ref. No. CA/28/2014/Act Amendment(MHRD)
March 11, 2014

Shri Ashok Thakur, IAS
Secretary
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110 115

Subject : Constitution of a Committee to examine the Comprehensive Amendments in the Architects Act, 1972 – reg.

Dear Sir,

The Council of Architecture is in receipt of an Order No.4-52/2013-TS.VI dated 6th March, 2014, of the Ministry on the above subject and welcomes the initiative taken by the Ministry for finalizing the Proposed Comprehensive Amendments to the Architects Act, 1972.

Pertinent to the matter and in the fitness of the issue, I humbly suggest that the representatives of Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) and a nominee from the academia be also made members of the Committee.

In this regard, I have also spoken to Shri J. R. Bhalla, Chairman of the Committee who has overwhelmingly agreed to the suggestion.

Accordingly, the Ministry may widen the membership of the Committee by inviting a nominee from the Indian Institute of Architects and also from the Architectural Institutions.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Uday Gadkari
President



SPEED POST

Ref. No.CA/28/2014/Act Amendment(MHRD)

March 18, 2014

Shri Ashok Thakur, IAS
Secretary

Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110 115

**Subject: Constitution of a Committee by the Ministry to examine the
Comprehensive Amendments in the Architects Act, 1972 – reg.**

Sir,

This is in continuation of my letter dated 11.03.2014 requesting inclusion of nominee of IIA and academia on the Committee constituted by the Ministry vide Order No.4-52/2013-TS.VI dated 6th March, 2014, on the above subject.

I once again welcome the initiative of the Ministry and further request you to include representatives from the Architect Nominees of State Governments on the Committee as it will be just and befitting to the cause and also give justice to the views and opinions of the concerned stakeholders.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



Uday Gadkari
President



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SPEED POST

PROF. UDAY GADKARI
President

Ref. No.CA/28/2014/Act Amendment(MHRD)

March 25, 2014

Shri Ashok Thakur, IAS
Secretary
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110 115

Subject : Constitution of a Committee to examine the Comprehensive Amendments in the Architects Act, 1972 – reg.

Dear Sir,

I would like to invite your kind attention towards my letters dated 11.03.2014 and 18.03.2014, on the above subject requesting your goodself to include representatives of Indian Institute of Architects, Academia and Government Architects on the Committee constituted by the Ministry to examine the proposal of Council for Comprehensive Amendments in the Architects Act, 1972, in order to provide them opportunity to make their views/ suggestions in the matter.

As the Council has not received any communication from the Ministry, I once again request you to expedite your decision in the matter so that the Committee can start functioning.

The name of the COA nominee on the said Committee, however, will be communicated to your esteemed office shortly.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


Uday Gadkari
President



PROF. UDAY GADKARI
President

Ref. No. CA/28/2014/Act Amendment(MHRD)
March 28, 2014

Shri Ashok Thakur, IAS
Secretary
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110 115

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28/3/14

**Subject: Constitution of a Committee to examine the Comprehensive Amendments
in the Architects Act, 1972 – reg.**

Dear Sir,

This refers to Ministry's letter no.4-52/2013-TS.VI dated 13th March, 2014, on the above subject and seeking nominee of the Council on the Committee constituted by the Ministry for considering the proposal of the Council for Comprehensive Amendments to the Architects Act, 1972.

In this regard, I am pleased to nominate Prof. I.J.S. Bakshi, as Nominee of the Council on the Committee constituted by the Ministry, and Shri Deepak Kumar, working as Administrative Officer in the office of the Council of Architecture shall provide assistance to Prof. IJS Bakshi in the Committee.

I am hopeful that proceedings of this Committee would yield fruitful results for the betterment of Architectural fraternity and the society at large.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten signature of Uday Gadkari]

Uday Gadkari
President

Copy for information to :

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Chairman of the Committee
on Amendments to The Architects Act, 1972
(Former President, COA)
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28/3/14

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