

MINUTES OF 205th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON MONDAY, 08TH JULY, 2019, FROM 10.30 A.M. ONWARDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, CORE 6A, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003.

Present:

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| 1. Ar. Vijay Garg | : | Chairman |
| 2. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta | : | Member |
| 3. Ar. Abhay Purohit | : | Member |
| 4. Ar. Amitava Roy | : | Member |

Leave of Absence:

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| 1. Ar. Alok Ranjan | : | Member |
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In attendance:

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| Shri R.K.Oberoi | : | Registrar-Secretary |
| Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |
| Shri Deepak Kumar Singh | : | Assistant Administrative Officer |

The Chairman welcomed the Members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 201ST, 202ND, 203RD & 204TH MEETING HELD ON 5TH APRIL, 2019, 27TH APRIL, 2019 & 28TH APRIL, 2019, 25TH MAY, 2019, & 26TH MAY, 2019 AND 16TH JUNE, 2019, RESPECTIVELY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE IN NEW DELHI.

The Minutes of 201st, 202nd, 203rd & 204th Meeting of the Executive Committee are being finalized and the same will be sent to the Members upon approval by the Chairman.

ITEM NO.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The Chairman informed the Members that appropriate action on the decisions taken by the Executive Committee in its last meeting has been initiated.

ITEM NO.3 TO GRANT PERSONAL HEARING TO INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ISSUED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BY THE COUNCIL FOR REDUCTION IN INTAKE IN B.ARCH./M.ARCH. COURSE AND HAVE FILED REVIEW WITH THE COUNCIL.

The Chairman informed the Members that Executive Committee in its last meeting(s) issued show cause notices to institutions for reduction of their intake due to non-maintenance of minimum standards of Architectural



Education as prescribed by the Council and the institutions were afforded an opportunity either to appear in person before the Executive Committee or to submit documents/documentary evidence in their support. The Institution which opted before the Executive Committee is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Institutions	Course with Intake	Last EC Decision
1	[AP08]ANU College of Architecture & Planning Acharya Nagarjuna University Nagarjuna Nagar GUNTUR-522510 (Andhra Pradesh)	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake : 40	Reduction from 40 To 30
<p>One representative of the Institution appeared before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee informed him that the institution was found deficient in faculty as it is having shortage of 4 Associate Professors and Principal was over age. The representative informed that HOD of the Institution has been appointed. He clarified that all faculty Members in the Institution are on contract basis and the Government has been requested to approve regular post in the institution.</p> <p>The Representative requested that the intake of the institution be not reduced and they be given one chance as being a Government Institution it takes time to take approvals and to recruit faculty on regular basis.</p> <p>The Representative also informed that the University will submit an undertaking to the Council to appoint all the regular faculty within 3 months.</p> <p>The Executive Committee upon deliberations in the matter decided to sanction an intake of 40 in the B.Arch course subject to the condition that the Institution shall appoint the required faculty Members on regular full time basis within a period of 3 months.</p>			
2	[KA01] Department Of Architecture U.V. C.E. Bangalore University Jnana Bharathi, Bangalore KARNATAKA, pin code - 560056	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake : 40	Reduction from 40 to 20
<p>The consideration of the appeal of the institution was deferred as no one appeared before the Executive Committee.</p>			

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3	[KL03] School Of Architecture MES College Of Engineering, Kuttipuram Malappuram District Kuttipuram, Thrikkanapuram P.O., Malappuram KERALA, pin code -679573	M.Arch. (Sustainable Architecture) Present intake :20 M.Arch. (Advanced Architecture) Present intake : 20	Reduction from 20 to 10 Reduction from 20 to 0
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Two representatives of the Institution appeared before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee informed them about the shortage of faculty for both Master of Architecture (Sustainable Architecture) & Master of Architecture (Advance Architecture).

The representatives informed that they are imparting these programme in part time mode as a three year course. They also informed that for the last 2 years there is no student in the M.Arch (Advance Architecture Programme).

The Executive Committee noted that Institution is short in one professor and One Associate Professor.

The Executive Committee after deliberations granted approval for M.Arch. (Sustainable Architecture) Course with an intake of 20 for the Academic Session 2019-20. Further, the Executive Committee decided to put the intake of M.Arch. (Advanced Architecture) to zero due to lack of qualified faculty as per COA Norms.

The Executive Committee also directed that the M.Arch. course shall be imparted as a two-year Full-time course and not as a part time/executive course from next academic session onwards.

4	[MH02] L.S. Raheja School Of Architecture Raheja Education Complex Opp. Colgate Palmolive Ground Kher Nagar, Bandra (E), Mumbai MAHARASHTRA	Master of Architecture (Landscape Architecture) Present Intake :20	Reduction from 20 to 0
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Three representatives of the Institutions appeared before the Executive Committee. They were informed by the Executive Committee that at the time of inspection there was no faculty Member in the Institution. The representatives clarified that at the time of inspection Principal was there and one professor was also there. They have now appointed one Associate Professor.

The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter decided that the Institution be granted an intake of 20 in M.Arch. (Landscape Architecture) course for the Academic Session 2019-20.

The Executive Committee also decided that from the Academic Session 2020-21, the institution shall run the course as a two year full- time degree course and not as a three year executive/part time.



5	[MH45] Samyak Sankalpa College Of Architecture, Tah.Ambernath Sai Ganesh Chayya, Near Jarimari Temple Tisgaon, Kalyan (E), Thane MAHARASHTRA	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake :40	Reduction from 40 To 0
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Two representatives of the Institution appeared before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee informed them that the lease of land of the Institution in favour of trust/Intuition was over and the shortage of faculty in the institution was noticed.

The Executive Committee noted that the institution had changed its premises on lease earlier without intimation to the Council and also that its lease was expiring in 2019. The Representatives informed that the Institution has executed the lease deed for a further period of 10 years. They also stated that they have the required faculty and there is no shortage of faculty in the Institution.

The Executive Committee upon deliberations in the matter decided to sanction an intake of 40 in the B.Arch. course for 2019-2020 subject to submission of Form 16 and Salary Certificate of the Faculty Members along with records of Bio-Metric Attendance maintained by the Institution. The Executive Committee, subject to the institution applying for change of site with requisite charges, also decided to approve change of site of the institution to its existing premises, subject to construction of own building and campus having necessary infrastructure and facilities within 1 year.

6	[TN64] Capital College of Architecture 3rd Floor, Hindustan Matric Hr.Sec.School Nava India Coimbatore TAMIL NADU	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake : 20	Reduction from 20 To 0
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Two representatives of the institution appeared before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee informed them that the Inspection Committee has pointed out that there is no Principal in the Institution, one professor is less and the Institution is running classes in the premises which is 6-7 kms away from the Premises where the B.Arch. course was sanctioned.

The Representatives informed that the Management has identified and appointed a Principal. At the time of Inspection Principal and Associate Professor were there. The Representatives also informed that they have communicated to the Council about the change of Address/Premises of the Institution.

The Executive Committee asked the representative of the Institution to submit application for change of premises along with requisite fees and also copies of approved drawings, land use certificate, completion certificate and fire NOC to Council. The representatives of the Institution agreed to comply with the same. The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations decided to sanction an intake of 20 for 2019-2020 and to approve change of site of the institution to its existing premises, subject to the institution applying for change of site with

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requisite charges along with requisite fees and the approved drawings, land use certificate, Completion certificate, Fire NOC etc. The institution was further informed that, in case, any information related to physical infrastructure, building, facilities and/or faculty provided by the institution is found to be false at a later stage, the Council may withdraw its approval for imparting B.Arch. course and transfer the existing students to other approved institutions.

7	[UP25] Centre for Architecture Brahmanand Group of Institutions Village-Machkawali, Khurja GT Road Post-Agriculture, Bulandshahr (Uttar Pradesh)	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake : 20	Reduction from 20 To 0
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Two representatives of the Institution appeared before the Executive Committee. They informed that the Institution was required to appoint one Professor and One Associate Professor. They further informed that the Institution has only 18 students in all and they have total 8 faculty Members with average salary of Rs. 30,000/-.

The Representatives of the Institutions pleaded that they be given one opportunity to run the course this year and they will make good all the deficiencies in the Institution.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations and as a one last opportunity, decided to sanction an intake of 20 for 2019-2020 subject to the condition that in case the institution fails to comply with the norms of the Council, the institution will be closed from next session.

8	[WB06] Techno India University School Of Architecture Techno India University School of Architecture EM-4, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata WEST BENGAL	Intake Applied: 20	REJECTED
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Two representatives of the Institution appeared before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee informed them that the Institution is having shortage of books and faculty. The Executive Committee also noted that the syllabus submitted by the Institution for M.Arch. course is also not as per the norms of the Council. The institution presented curriculum of Planning course instead.

The Executive Committee decided to reject the application of the institution for introduction of M.Arch. course and asked the institution to apply for the same for next academic session after preparing the proper course curriculum & syllabus for the M.Arch. course and after removing deficiencies for making necessary arrangements & facilities for introduction of the said course.



ITEM NO.4 TO CONSIDER THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ISSUED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BY THE COUNCIL FOR REDUCTION IN INTAKE IN B.ARCH./M.ARCH. COURSE.

The Chairman informed the Members that the Executive Committee in its last meeting(s) issued show cause notices to the Institutions which were found to be non-compliance with the minimum standards of Architectural Education prescribed by the Council as to why their intake be not reduced for non-maintenance of minimum standards.

A list of institutions which opted to submit documents in support of their review/appeal is listed as Appendix-B in the Agenda. The Executive Committee considered the information/ documents provided by the Institution(s) and decided as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Institutions	Application Type	Course with Intake	Last EC Decision	Decision of the Executive Committee
1	[DL01] School of Planning & Architecture 4, Block-B, I.P.Estate NEW DELHI-110 002	Extension	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake: 122	Reduction from 122 To 80	The Executive Committee noted that the School has already advertised all vacant posts and also appointed contractual faculty. The Executive Committee, therefore, sanctioned an intake of 122 in the B.Arch. course for the Academic Session 2019-20.
2	[HP01] Department of Architecture National Institute of Technology (Deemed University) HAMIRPUR - 177 005 (HP)	Extension	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake: 40	Reduction from 40 To 30	The Executive Committee considered the Communication received from the Institution and noted that the Institution has not complied with the norms of the Council. The Executive Committee therefore, decided to sanction an intake of 30 for the Academic Session 2019-20 in the B.Arch. course, subject to appointment of requisite cadre-wise faculty as per COA Norms. Further, the Executive Committee decided that the Institution be cautioned that in case it admits more students than the intake sanctioned by the Council than those



					students will not be granted enrolment and also registration as an Architect by the Council and their admission may be treated as illegal.
3	[JK04] Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial Degree College Bemina Srinagar Srinagar- 190018, Jammu & Kashmir	Extension	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake : 40	Reduction from 40 To 30	The Executive Committee perused the communication received from the Institution and decided to sanction an intake of 40 in the B.Arch. course for the academic session 2019-20, subject to appointment of requisite faculty.
4	[KL04] Department of Architecture National Institute of Technology Calicut (Deemed University), NIT-Calicut Campus P.O. KOZHIKODE -673 601 (Kerala)	Extension	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake: 40	Reduction from 40 To 30	The Executive Committee perused the documents provided by the Institution and decided to sanction an intake of 40 for the academic session 2019-20, subject to the condition that the institution shall appoint the requisite faculty within 3 months.
5	[RJ05] Amity- School-of Architecture & Planning Amity Jaipur Campus, S.P.-1 Kant Kalwar Industrial Area , Jaipur RAJASTHAN	Extension	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake: 40	Reduction from 40 To 20	The Executive Committee perused the information/documents submitted by the Institution and decided to sanction an intake of 40 subject to appointment of Director, One Professor and One Associate Professor in the Institution within 3 months.



6	[TN10] Department of Architecture, School of Building & Environment, Sathyabama University, Jeppiaar Nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Salai Chennai- 600119.	Extension	Master of Architecture (Building Manageme nt) Present Intake :20 M. Arch. (Sustainabl e Architecture) Present Intake :20	Reduction from 20 to 10 Reduction from 20 to 10	The Executive Committee perused the documents submitted by the Institution and decided to grant an intake of 20 in Master of Architecture (Building Management) and M. Arch. (Sustainable Architecture), subject to recruitment of faculty as per COA Norms and rectification of deficiencies as pointed out by the Council.
7	[TN43] N.R.School of Architecture Patta No.618, S.F.No.363/2 Kondampatty Village, Kinathukadav u Pollachi Taluk Coimbatore District- 641505 (Tamil Nadu)	Extension	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake : 20	Reduction from 20 to 0	The Executive Committee perused the documents submitted by the Institution and noted the deficiencies related to the faculty at the institution. The Executive Committee, after deliberations, sanctioned an intake of 20 for 2019-2020, subject to recruitment of faculty as per COA Norms and rectification of deficiencies as pointed out by the Council.
8	[UP36] Axis Institute of Architecture Hathipur/ Khujapur, Rooma Kanpur, Kanpur UTTAR PRADESH	Extension	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake : 20	Appeal for Restoratio n Intake 20 to 40	The Executive Committee perused the information/ document provided by the Institution and granted an intake of 20 for 2019- 2020, subject to recruitment of faculty as per COA Norms and rectification of deficiencies as pointed out by the Council. The institution was asked to invite the COA nominee for ratification of the faculty appointed by the Institution.

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ITEM NO.5 TO RATIFY THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION FORMS SUBMITTED BY INSTITUTIONS /ASSESSMENT REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE INSPECTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR GRANT OF APPROVAL TO INSTITUTIONS IMPARING B.ARCH./M.ARCH DEGREE COURSES.

The Chairman, Executive Committee informed the Members that he, as authorized by the Executive Committee, after consideration of the Application forms submitted by institutions/Reports of Expert Committee appointed by the Council of Architecture for extension of approval/additional intake, granted approval to the institutions for imparting B.Arch./M.Arch. courses.

The Executive Committee perused the list of institutions as annexed with the Agenda at Appendix-C together with forms/reports and ratified the decisions taken by the Chairman Executive Committee.

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER THE ASSESSMENT REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE INSPECTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR GRANT OF APPROVAL TO INSTITUTIONS IMPARTING B.ARCH/M.ARCH. DEGREE COURSES IN THE COUNTRY

The Executive Committee considered the Assessment Reports of Inspectors appointed by the Council for inspection of concerned institutions for extension of M.Arch course and decided as under.

Sl. No.	Name of Institutions	Year of Commencement	Course with Intake	Decision of Executive Committee
1	[UP09] Institute Of Architecture And Town Planning Bundelkhand University Kanpur Road, Jhansi UTTAR PRADESH	2003	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake :20	The Executive Committee decided to sanction an intake of 20 in the B.Arch. course for the Academic Session 2019-20 subject to compliance of minimum standards and norms of the Council.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE ASSESSMENT REPORT OF PROPOSED INSTITUTION OF SHREE DURGA MAA SHIKSHA SEWA SAMITI, KANPUR, WHICH WAS INSPECTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR INTRODUCTION OF B.ARCH. COURSE FOR 2019-2020 IN PURSUANCE OF ORDER BY HON'BLE DELHI HIGH COURT.

The Chairman informed the Members that the Institution applied last year for introduction of B.Arch course and certain deficiencies were informed to the Institutions. The Institution submitted its compliance vide its email dated 25th June, 2018 and by the time approval process was over as per the academic calendar of 2018-2019. The Institution did not apply for



introduction of B.Arch course within the prescribed dated for the academic calendar 2018-19 but requested the Council to consider the guaranteeing its approval based on its application filed last year. Simultaneously the Institution has approached the Delhi High Court and the Hon'ble Court vide order dated 30th May, 2019 directed that the inspection of the institutions be conducted within 4 weeks and accordingly the decision of the Council be informed to the Institution. The Institution was inspected by the Experts of the Council on 29th June, 2019. The Executive Committee considered the information submitted by the Institution along with the copy of the Assessment Report of the Institution and after deliberations decided to accord approval to the Institution for imparting B.Arch course with an intake of 40 for the Academic Session 2019-20.

Sl. No.	Name of Institutions	Applic-a-tion Type	Course with Intake	Remarks
1	APP/N/UP/2017/1027 NARAINA SCHOOL OF PLANNING & ARCHITECTURE	NEW	Bachelor of Architecture	<p>The Chairman informed the Members that Shri Durga Maa Shiksha Seva Samiti Kanpur which applied for introduction of B.Arch course during the Academic session 2018-19 had filed a writ petition before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court. Hon'ble High Court has directed the Council to inspect the Institution and accordingly inform its decision on the application of the institution.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the inspection report and noted that though the institution has not applied online, but the details submitted by the Institution are verified by the Inspection Committee appointed by the Council.</p> <p>The Executive Committee decided that the institution be granted approval to impart B.Arch. course with an intake of 40 students for 2019-2020 subject to compliance of the norms of the Council and appointment of requisite faculty as per COA Norms. Further, institution shall be required to deposit an amount of Rs.25,00,000/-, as interest free security deposit, as per the decision of the Council of Architecture at its 69th meeting on April 13 & 14, 2018.</p>

ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE MINIMUM STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS, 2019.

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The Chairman informed the Members that consequent upon submissions of minimum standards of Architectural Education Regulations 2017 for the approval of Central Government in terms of Section 45, the Council upon receipt of representation from various students got eligibility criteria amended. The revised eligibility criteria was notified in the Gazette of India on 13th February, 2019.

Further, the 2017 Regulations also required some other changes to meet the current needs of the Architectural Education and therefore it was decided to frame the Council of Architecture Regulations 2019 incorporating the eligibility criteria as well so as to consider the several representations received by the Council of Architecture for further amending the eligibility for removing the requirement of 50% in PCM subjects and also allowing candidate having qualifications which are equivalent to 10+2 such as international baccalaureate diploma etc. be also considered as several students who have these qualifications are not eligible for admission to B.Arch. course.

The Executive Committee considered the draft 2019 Regulations and the Members requested that they be given a week time to send their views/comment on the same so that the same can be placed before the Full Council for its approval. Accordingly, it was decided that the draft Council of Architecture Minimum Regulations, 2019 be circulated to all Members of the Executive Committee for their views and comments within a week.

ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM BR03-BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, (DEEMED UNIVERSITY), PATNA CAMPUS, PATNA (BIHAR), FOR REGULARISATION OF THE UNAPPROVED BATCH OF B.ARCH COURSE.

The Executive Committee considered letter dated 16.04.2019, submitted by the institution and noted that the UGC, vide letter dated F.1-1/2016 dated 11.12.2018 has accorded approval for treating the degrees of the students already passed and presently enrolled in, among others, Patna campus of BIT, Mesra as valid.

The Executive Committee noted that it had, at its 162nd meeting held on 06.08.2016, while considering the application for extension of approval to BR03-Birla Institute of Technology, (Deemed University), Patna Campus, Patna (Bihar) for academic session 2016-2017, noted that the institution was not approved by the Central Government and UGC for imparting degree courses and such degrees may not be valid as per UGC Norms.

Accordingly, the Council, vide its letter dated 10.08.2016, had asked the institution to furnish approval of Central Government/UGC for running off-campus and off-shore at Patna and Ras Al Khaimah (UAE) from the commencement of B.Arch. degree courses respectively and submit the same to the Council, failing which, the Council shall not be able to consider your

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application for extension of approval to B.Arch. degree course for the Academic session 2016-17.

Since no approval of UGC was communicated by the institution to the Council, the Council did not grant approval to the institution for imparting B.Arch. course for academic session 2016-2017. However, the institution without obtaining approval of the Council, admitted students in the B.Arch. course during 2016-2017.

The Executive Committee decided that as per the decision of the Executive Committee in its past meetings, a fine of Rs.20,000/- per annum per student (i.e. Rs.1,00,000/- per student) admitted without approval of the Council is to be deposited by an Institution in order to discourage such things in future so as to regularize the excess admissions made in the B.Arch. Course during said session.

Upon receipt of the penalty the students who have passed the B.Arch. degree course from the Birla Institute of Technology, Patna Campus, Patna be granted registration as an Architect, subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria for admission to B.Arch. course prescribed by the Council and completion of other formalities.

ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS REGARDING RESERVATION FOR ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTION (EWSS) IN ADMISSIONS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Executive Committee considered the communications received from various institutions enclosing therewith letter dated 17.01.2019 issued by Ministry of HRD, regarding reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) admissions in Central Educational Institutions for admission in B.Arch. course.

The Executive Committee noted that in pursuance of insertion of clauses 15(6) and 16(6) in the Constitution of India vide the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act, 2019 and in order to enable the Economic Weaker Sections (EWSs) who are not covered under the existing scheme of reservations for the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Schedule Tribes (ST) and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC), the Government of India has decided to provide reservation in admission to educational institutions (barring minority educational institutions referred to in clause (1) of the Article 30 of the Constitution of India) subject to a maximum of 10% of the total seats in each category.

The Executive Committee noted that some of these institutions have requested for increase of seats upto 10% over and above the sanctioned intake while others have requested for increase of upto 25% as well as for DASA students.



The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations decided that the Council may sought clarification from the Ministry in the matter and upon receipt of clarification, communication may be sent to the appropriate authorities and institutions regarding increase in seats in B.Arch. course over and above the sanctioned intake for providing reservation to students belonging to EWS, in terms of letter dated 17.01.2019 issued by Ministry of HRD.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS OF AUDITORS WHO CONDUCTED THE INTERNAL AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE FROM APRIL, 2018 TO MARCH 2019.

The Executive Committee perused the Reports of the Auditors who conducted the internal audit of the Council of Architecture for the financial year 2018-19 and noted the same. Further, as regards the remarks of the Internal Auditor for framing a policy for conveyance for local transfer. The Executive Committee decided that conveyance Bills of amount upto Rs. 1000/- be approved without production of supporting Bills for the Experts/Members etc.

ITEM NO.12 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 27TH JUNE, 2019 RECEIVED FROM UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION SEEKING LIST OF EXPERTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE DATA BASE OF UGC FOR THE SCHEME FOR TRANS DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH FOR INDIA'S DEVELOPING ECONOMY.

The Committee perused the letter dated 27th June, 2019 received from UGC requesting the Council to send a list of Experts from Council for an inclusion in the data base of UGC for the scheme of Trans Disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy.

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 27th June, 2019 of UGC and it was decided that this communication be sent to all the Members of the Council for suggesting the names of Experts which can be sent to the University Grants Commission. Some of the Members of the Executive Committee also agreed to suggest the names of Experts which can be sent to UGC. Further, it was decided that the Directors COATRC, Pune may also be asked to send a list of Experts in the matter.

ITEM NO.13 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 25TH JUNE, 2019 RECEIVED FROM CHIEF TOWN PLANNER, TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF GOA.

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 25th June, 2019 received from the Government of Goa, Town and Country Planning Department, stating that the Architects have been exempted from seeking Registration under Regulation 20 of Goa Land Development Building Construction Regulations, for practicing in Goa.

  

ITEM NO.14 W.P.NO.4280 OF 2019, DEVANSH S.MALVIYA & ORS. V/S. COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE & ORS, FILED BEFORE HON'LE BOMBAY HIGH COURT, NAGPUR BENCH.

The Chairman informed the Members that some students have approached Hon'ble Bombay High Court, Nagpur bench challenging the eligibility criteria as invited by the Council in the Gazette of 13th February, 2019 on the ground that the requirement of 50% marks in PCM was not approved by the Full Council and the same is contrary to the provisions of Section 21 of the Architects Act, 1972.

The Executive Committee noted that it has agreed to accept the eligibility as approved by the Central Government and accordingly the same was notified in the Gazette of India. Therefore, the contention to the petitioners that the eligibility is not approved by the Council is incorrect. Further, the Executive Committee agreed that the requests/representations received from several candidates/students regarding the requirement of 50% marks in PCM be reconsidered.

The Chairman, Executive Committee clarified that the Council has prepared draft Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations 2019 and the same would be taken care of while finalizing the Council's 2019 Regulations.

The Executive Committee also noted that the International baccalaureate Diploma holder are also not eligible currently for admission in the B.Arch. course therefore, the qualification be also considered while finalizing the eligibility for B.Arch. course.

ITEM NO.15 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PROGRESS MADE REGARDING PUBLICATION OF DIRECTORY OF ARCHITECTS AND HANDBOOK OF PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS.

The Chairman informed the Members that the Council has initiated the process for printing and publishing the Directory of Architects and Handbook of Professional Documents 2019.

The Chairman also informed that quotations were invited from printers/publishers for printing these documents. The Council has received 6 quotations. The quotations were placed before the Executive Committee and opened in the meeting and after scrutinizing the eligibility conditions/quotations of 5 firms were found eligible. The Committee directed that the lowest bidder be awarded work and the printing be completed at the earliest.

ITEM NO.16 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 16.01.2019, RECEIVED FROM REGISTRAR, NIT RAIPUR, REGARDING ADMISSION OF STUDENTS IN B.ARCH. COURSE BY LATERAL ADMISSION.

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The Chairman informed the Members that the Council is in receipt of a letter dated 16th January, 2019 from Registrar, NIT Raipur seeking approval of the Council for conducting First year course for some B.Arch. students who were admitted by lateral admission in the second year of the B.Arch. course based on Diploma examination upto the Academic Session 2004-05. These students were left out from the special classes and appear for special First Year Examination which was to be conducted by their erstwhile university, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur, in terms of the decision of Council of Architecture at its 44th meeting held on September 20, 2004, as one-time solution for such students.

The Chairman informed the Members that the Council vide its letter dated 12th February, 2019 had again given approval for conduct of special classes and special First year B.Arch. degree examination of those students by NIT, Raipur who had passed the B.Arch.degree course upto the Academic Session 2004-05 after taking lateral admission.

The Chairman also invited the attention of the Members towards email dated 02nd July, 2019 received from Ar.Amogh Kumar Gupta, Member, Executive Committee pointing out that the student's marksheet for the 4 years was issued by Pandit Ravi Shankar University and the examination for the First Year will also have to be conducted by the same University. However, a new technical university Shri Vivekanand Technical University has been established by the State of Chhattisgarh and conduct of special classes and special First Year B.Arch. Examination could not be arranged.

However, since the matter has been pending too long due to various factors, due to which the students have been facing hardships resulting in loss of employment opportunities, the Executive Committee, after deliberations, noted that the matter needs sympathetic consideration and decided that Comprehensive Academic Review with viva-voce of these students may be conducted by the Council in order to consider regularization of the students so that they could be considered for registration as architects.

The Executive Committee decided that the institution be requested to ask the students to be present before the Executive Committee at its meeting for their Comprehensive Academic Review with viva-voce. The students may be requested to make available the following information/documents (as may be available) :-

1. Academic record with marksheets of internal/external examinations of B.Arch. course undergone by students.
2. Projects, assignments, Design, Dissertation/thesis, visuals/models, documentation covering all major subjects of the curriculum by students during their period of study.
3. Details of Academic Programmes i.e. Design Programme, workshops, seminars, competitions, study tours etc. attended to by the students.



The Committee directed the Registrar-Secretary to inform the decision of the Executive Committee to the NIT Raipur for making appropriate arrangements in the matter.

ITEM NO.17 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

- i) **TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 21ST JUNE, 2019 RECEIVED ON 04TH JULY, 2019 FROM MR.S.SATHISH KUMAR, ADVOCATE, CHENNAI.**

The Council is in receipt of a letter dated 21st June, 2019 received in the office of Council of Architecture on 04th July, 2019 from Shri S. Sathish Kumar, Advocate on behalf of his client the Academic Society of Architects (T.A.S.A.) regarding the order dated 04th June, 2019 passed in Writ Petition No. 34676 of 2018, the Academic Society of Architects V/s. Council of Architecture & Ors. Wherein the Hon'ble High Court directed that the Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education 2017 cannot be enforced by the Council without approval of the Central Government.

The Sathish Kumar, Advocate, has informed that the Council has an obligation to comply with the directions issued by the Madras High Court and asked that the faculties which were disqualified due to 2017 Regulations be reinstated and the status be hosted on the Council's website.

The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and noted that the Council has approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the Order of the Hon'ble Madras High Court and therefore decided that this letter dated 21st June, 2019 be sent to the Council's Advocate for sending an appropriate reply communication to Mr.Sathish Kumar, Chennai, in the matter.

- ii) **TO TAKE NOTE OF THE WRIT PETITION (CIVIL NO.) 3648 OF 2019, FILED BY SHRESTH SINGH (MINOR) THROUGH MOTHER SMT. SURABHI SINGH AGAINST UNION OF INDIA & ORS.**

The Council is in receipt of a copy of Petition from Adv. Of Shrestha Singh (Minor) filed against the Union of India challenging the Central Counselling of JEE done by JOSAA. The Petitioner has pointed out about the eligibility criteria as stated in the NTA (Information Bulletin) and the corrigendum issued by National Testing Agency for the JEE Examination, 2019.

The Petitioner has pointed out that in the earlier eligibility mentioned in JEE was passed 10+2 examination with mathematics subject which was later on revised to pass 10+2 examination with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics.



The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter noted that the eligibility criteria was notified by the Council well in advance and therefore, no candidate can be admitted to B.Arch. course based on any eligibility criteria not in conformity with the Council of Architecture Regulations. Accordingly, the advocate of the Council be informed the stand of the Council.

iii) **TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF HONORARIUM BY THE INSTITUTION TO COA NOMINEE ON SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECRUITMENT/ PROMOTION OF FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE**

The Chairman, Executive Committee informed the members that the Council has been nominating its nominee on the Selection Committee/ Interview Board set up by the institution for recruitment/promotion in respect of Faculty of Architecture.

Since the Council nominee acts as a full-fledged Member of the Interview Board/Selection Committee and help in scrutinizing the qualification, experience and other relevant details of the applicants for selection of suitable candidates, he proposed that nominee should be adequately compensated for the time and efforts put in by him/her.

The Executive Committee, after deliberations on the same, decided that the institutions requesting for Council nominee on the Selection Committee for recruitment/promotion for Faculty of Architecture be asked to pay an honorarium to the nominee @Rs.5000/- (per meeting) in addition to TA/DA being paid by the institution.

The Executive Committee decided that the recruitments or promotions made to architecture faculty positions in the Institution without COA nominee shall not be deemed valid by the Council.

The meeting ended at 5.00 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Registrar – Secretary


Chairman
Executive Committee

