

MINUTES OF THE 209TH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 11TH & 12TH JANUARY 2020 IN CONFERENCE HALL, HOTEL HABLIS, NO. 19, GST ROAD, GUINDY, CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU-600032.

(FIRST DAY MEETING – 11TH JANUARY, 2020, FROM 6.00 P.M. ONWARDS)

PRESENT :

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| 1. Ar. Habeeb Khan | : | Chairman, in Chair |
| 2. Ar. Sapna | : | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Ar. N. K. Negi | : | Member |
| 4. Ar. Kapil Setia | : | Member |
| 5. Ar. Ramesh Kumar | : | Member |
| 6. Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew | : | Member |

Ar. Sadiq Ali D.A., Member, could not attend the meeting due to delay in arrival of his flight and was granted leave of absence.

In attendance:

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| Shri R. K Oberoi | : | Registrar – Secretary |
| Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |

The Chairman welcomed the Vice-Chairperson and members to the 209th Meeting of the Executive Committee and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for participating in the meeting. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 208TH MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER 2019.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the minutes of the 208th meeting of the Executive Committee and suggested certain changes in the recording of Item No.9 and Item No.12 (iii) of the Minutes and desired that Minutes be re-circulated after carrying out the required corrections.

ITEM NO.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MEETING OF 208TH HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER 2019.

The Executive Committee perused the action take report on the minutes of 208th meeting and noted the same.

While discussing item No.5 the EC noted that HR11 Ganga Institute of Architecture & Town Planning, Jhajjar, has sought 15 days' time to supply the information sought and after deliberations in the matter the EC decided that the institution be granted more time for supply of requisite information.



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The Executive Committee while considering the Item No.12 (iii) noted that since the recruitment process for filling up the vacant posts in the Council could not be completed within 6 months, therefore the Executive Committee decided that as per DOPT Guidelines the posts needs to be re-advertised, and the fees deposited by the candidates be refunded to them.

ITEM NO.3 SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDER FOR CONDUCT OF NATA 2020 EXAMINATION ONLINE.

The Executive Committee perused the recommendations of the NATA Co-ordination Committee as contained in the Minutes of the meeting dated 11th January 2020 and noted that M/s.Ginger Webs Private Limited, Noida, has offered lowest bids i.e. at the rate of Rs.235/- per registered candidate excluding taxes, for conduct of NATA 2020 Examination.

As recommended by the NATA Co-ordination Committee the Executive Committee decided that the representative of M/s. Ginger Webs Private Limited be invited before the Executive Committee in its meeting schedule for Sunday, 12th January 2020 to further negotiate the price offered by the lowest bidder and also seek undertaking from them that they shall not conduct any examination for coaching of NATA/JEE Paper-2 and other Aptitude test in architecture.

Accordingly, the representatives of M/s.Gingers Webs Pvt. Limited were informed over phone to be present on Sunday, 12th January 2020 before the Executive Committee.

ITEM NO.4 TO CONSIDER LETTER NO.4-5-2017-TS.VI DATED 18TH DECEMBER, 2019 RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF MHRD, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON DRAFT COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE (RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.

The Executive Committee perused the letter no.4-5-2017-TS.VI dated 18th December 2019 of MHRD in response to the proposal of Council for amendment in Council of Architecture (Recruitment and Promotion) Regulations, 2017, for creation of additional posts in the Council.

The Executive Committee noted that the Ministry has asked the Council to make certain changes in the draft COA Recruitment and Promotion Amendment Regulations, 2017 for according its approval.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that a Committee of Ar.Kapil Setia and a retired person from DOPT or any other relevant organization is constituted to consider the matter for submitting its revised proposal to the MHRD for its approval.



ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE REVISION IN THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021.

The Executive Committee perused the Draft Revised Academic Calendar for Academic Session 2020-2021 as attached with agenda and after detailed deliberations in the matter approved the same.

The Executive Committee also decided that a detailed state-wise report on the requirement of architectural institutions be prepared and requested the committee on Perspective Plan for Architectural Education in the country to prepare a detailed report in the matter.

ITEM NO.6 72ND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.

The Chairman informed the members that the 72nd meeting of the Council of Architecture is scheduled for 24th and 25th January 2020 at Navi Mumbai. Chairman also informed the members that for UG and PG Thesis Award Distribution Ceremony will be held on 24th January 2020 at Navi Mumbai.

The Chairman also briefed the members in general about the agenda of the meeting.

The first day meeting was over at 9.15 p.m. with a vote thanks to the Chairman.



(SECOND DAY MEETING – 12TH JANUARY, 2020 FROM 9.30 A.M. ONWARDS)

PRESENT :

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| 1. Ar. Habeeb Khan | : | Chairman, in Chair |
| 2. Ar. Sapna | : | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Ar. N. K. Negi | : | Member |
| 4. Ar. Kapil Setia | : | Member |
| 5. Ar. Ramesh Kumar | : | Member |
| 6. Ar. Bansan Singh Thangkhiew | : | Member |
| 7. Ar. Sadiq Ali D.A. | : | Member |

The representative of Ginger Web Pvt. Ltd. (lowest bidder) Namely Mr. Rohit Sharma, Head Business Development appeared before the Executive Committee as per communication of the Executive Committee on 11.01.2020 in order to discuss about submitting undertaking from the Company that they shall not conduct examination for coaching of NATA/JEE Paper-2 and other Aptitude test in architecture and to further negotiate the price offered by them.

Mr. Rohit Sharma stated that they shall supply undertaking that they shall not conduct examination for coaching of NATA/JEE Paper-2 and other Aptitude test in architecture and after negotiation agreed to offer the revised price i.e.Rs.230/- (for Part A & B) per candidate registered.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER NO.4-42/2016-TS.VI DATED 30.12.2019, RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF H.R.D., GOVT OF INDIA, REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF DR. P.SATHEESH KUMAR.

The Executive Committee perused the letter No.4-42/2016-TS.VI dated 30.12.2019 received from MHRD stating that Dr. P.Satheesh Kumar, has deemed to have vacated the seat in terms of section 6 (3) (iii) of the Architects Act, 1972 the moment he ceased to hold his appointment in the institution during the tenure of which he was so elected.

The Chairman, Executive Committee informed the members that as communicated by Dr. P.Satheesh Kumar, that he has challenged the communication dated 30.12.2019 issued by the MHRD in the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and the Hon'ble Court has granted stay on the communication issued by the MHRD.

ITEM NO.8 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

I. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON REFUND OF THE AMOUNT PAID BY COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.



The Executive Committee noted that the Bangalore Development Authority vide letter dated 02.01.2020 has refunded an amount of Rs.15,38,39,222/- to the council on cancelling the lease land allotted to the COA for its TRC office at Bangalore.

It was also informed that efforts are being made for refund of the GST deducted by BDA. The Executive Committee appreciated the efforts made by the all concerned in the matter.

II. TO CONSIDER THE LEGAL OPINION DATED 08.01.2020 REGARDING FIVE STUDENTS ADMITTED IN RAJA BALWANT SINGH ENGINEERING TECHNICAL CAMPUS, AGRA.

The Executive Committee in its last meeting 13.12.2019 on considering the request of the Raja Balwant Singh Engineering Technical Campus, Agra for regularizing admission of five students who were admitted in B.Arch. course without passing an aptitude test in architecture and decide to seek legal opinion in the matter.

Accordingly, legal opinion was obtained from Shri Naveen R. Nath, Advocate vide Council's letter 06.01.2020. Shri Naveen R. Nath, Advocate submitted his legal opinion vide letter dated 08.01.2020.

The Executive Committee considered the legal opinion and after detailed deliberations in the matter unanimously decided to reject the request of the institution for regularization of admission of five students admitted in B.Arch. course without satisfying the eligibility criteria prescribed by the COA for admission to B.Arch. course.

III. TO CONSIDER THE LEGAL OPINION DATED 08.01.2020 OF COUNCIL'S ADVOCATE REGARDING ADMISSION OF STUDENTS IN B.ARCH. COURSE AT THE OFF-CAMPUS AND OFF-SHORE CAMPUS BY THE BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (DEEMED UNIVERSITY).

The Executive Committee its 208th meeting vide considering request of The Birla Institute Of Technology (Deemed University) for regularization of students admitted by them without approval of Council of Architecture in B.Arch. course decide to seek legal opinion whether such students can be regularized by the Council, as the college was specifically directed not to make admission in the B.Arch. course. Accordingly, the legal opinion was sought from the Council's advocate Shri Naveen R Nath. Shri Nath vide his letter dated 08.01.2020 has submitted his legal opinion.

The Executive Committee perused the legal opinion and after detailed deliberations in the matter unanimously decided to reject the request of the institution for regularization of batch of students admitted by it in B.Arch. course without valid approval of the Council of Architecture.



IV. PAYMENT OF HONORARIUM TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL FOR NATA 2019 EXAMINATION.

The Executive Committee noted that Council is conducting NATA test every year as a single window mechanism in the interest of students all over India. The Committee noted that this being additional activity of the Council, the staff of the Council has earlier also been paid honorarium for conduct of NATA 2017 and NATA 2018 i.e. one month basic pay + DA as per the decision of the Executive Committee taken in its 194th and 203rd Meeting, respectively, to compensate them for their efforts and for attending office on Saturday, Sunday, holiday and sitting late for carrying out time bound work related to NATA.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that all the staff of the Council be paid one month's Basic pay + DA as on 01.07.2019 towards honorarium for conduct of NATA 2019 Examination to compensate them for their efforts and for attending office on Saturday, Sunday, holiday and sitting late for carrying out time bound work related to NATA.

V. TO CONSIDER THE REVISED LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE COA OFFICE NBCC PLACE, OKHLA, NEW DELHI.

The Executive Committee perused the layout plan prepared by M/s. Babbar and Babbar Associates and after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the same needs further modifications to meet the requirements of the Council specially the storage. The Executive Committee authorized the Chairman, Executive Committee to finalize the requirements and layout plan for the COA office at NBCC Place, Okhla, New Delhi.

VI. ISSUES RELATED TO TRC BHUBANESWAR :

The Executive Committee discussed status of TRC Bhubaneswar and decided to constitute a Sub-Committee comprising of Ar. Sanjiban Dutta, Member and Prof. Jayashree Deshpande, Director, COATRC, Pune, to visit Bhubaneswar and examine all the issues related to the matter. The Sub-Committee shall submit its report within one month.

The meeting ended at 12.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the chair.



R.K. Oberoi
Registrar Secretary



Ar. Habib Khan
Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE