



Public Works Department  
Secretariat,  
Chennai-9

**Letter No.28082/G2/2018-2, dated. 14.05.2019**

From  
Thiru.S.K.Prabakar, I.A.S.,  
Principal Secretary to Government.

To  
The Principal Secretary to Government,  
Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai-9 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Implementation of the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972  
(A Central Law) - Reg.

Ref: (1) From the Registrar, Council of Architecture, New Delhi, letter  
Ref.No.CA/15/2018/AE, dated 30.10.2018 addressed to the  
Chief Secretary to Government, Secretariat, Chennai-9.  
(2) From the Chief Architect (A/c), Public Works Department,  
Chennai letterNo.A1/0091/2019, dated 07-02-2019.

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I am directed to invite your attention to the references cited (copy enclosed) and to state that the Registrar, Council of Architecture, New Delhi in his letter first cited has requested the personal intervention of the Chief Secretary to Government, Secretariat, Chennai-9 regarding the building bye-laws prevalent in the State of Tamil Nadu, insisting Architects to seek registration as an Architect and pay registration fees for practicing their profession in the State of Tamil Nadu.

2. The Registrar, Council of Architecture, has stated that the Parliament of India enacted the Architects Act, 1972 for registration of Architects and for matters connected therewith. The Act is enforced throughout the territory of India with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> September, 1972. The main purpose of this Act is to regulate the profession of Architecture and to protect the general public from unqualified person working as Architects and to ensure the compliance of the professional conduct etiquette prescribed for Architects. He has further stated that in terms of the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 only persons registered with Council of Architect under the Architects Act, 1972 can use the title and style of Architect for carrying the profession of Architecture throughout the territory of India. No other body/Authority in India is competent to either issue license or register Architects to control their profession and professional conduct in any manner.

As.

Registrar  
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Date 28-5-19

3. The Chief Architect, Public Works Department in his letter second cited has accepted the views of the Registrar, Council of Architecture and requested that necessary further action may be initiated at Government level to withdraw the registration process in respect of Architects wherever prevalent in the State.

4. In this connection, I am directed, to invite your attention to the G.O.(Ms) No.18, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, dated.04.02.2019 wherein orders have issued for publication of the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019 under various Acts for Corporations, Municipalities, Town Panchayats and Village Panchayats and Development Rules/ Regulations issued under the Tamil Nadu Town & Country Planning Act, 1971 aimed at simplifying the rules and procedure for approval, for development of layouts and buildings with focus on safety, security and sustainability as also to enhance consistency and transparency. In the above said G.O it has been ordered that the appended Notification will be published in an Extra-Ordinary issue of the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated 04.02.2019.

5. In the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019 under Part-V Registration of Professionals in Rule, 23(i) the rules have been laid down for registration of Architects (RA), Engineers (RE), Structural Engineers (RSE), Construction Engineers (RCE), Quality Auditors (RQA), Town Planners (RTP) and Developers (RD) by the competent authority or Block Development officer in case of village Panchayat and for payment of registration fees.

6. I am therefore, directed to request you to take appropriate action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Principal Secretary to Government

**Copy to:-**

✓ The Registrar,  
Council of Architecture,  
India Habitat Centre, Core-6A,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi-110003  
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