

COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 36 AND 37 OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT, 1972

Notice No. CA/327/15/2025/AE (Title-Online)

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Mr. Sumeet Kumar Saini M/s S.K.S Associate 272, Mauli Jagran, Vikas Nagar, Chandigarh-160103 Mobile: 8054488786 Email; sumeet.chd@rediffmail.com

Sir.

It has come to the notice of the Council of Architecture that you have established a firm with the name "M/s. S.K.S Associates" for carrying the profession of an Architect in India and using the title and style of "Architect" with your name and misrepresenting himself as an Architect on your Brochures/visiting cards and signatory stamp, despite not being registered as an Architect with the Council of Architecture.

Whereas the Council of Architecture is a statutory body constituted under Section 3 of the Architects Act, 1972, vested with the authority to prescribe, regulate, and monitor standards of architectural education and practice across India, and further for the registration of architects;

And whereas Sections 36 and 37 of the Architects Act, 1972, prohibit the unauthorized use of the title 'Architect' and misrepresentation as an Architect also prescribe penalties for falsely claiming to be a registered Architect;

Upon verification of the Register of Architects maintained under Section 23 of the Architects Act, 1972, it has been confirmed that you are not registered as an Architect and falsely posing as an Architect to mislead and cheat general public.

Accordingly, you are hereby directed to show cause within 7 days from the receipt of this notice as to why appropriate legal action should not be initiated against you for misrepresenting yourself as an Architect and using the title 'Architect' without valid registration. Your written reply, along with relevant supporting documents, must be submitted to the Registrar, Council of Architecture.

You are also directed to immediately cease and desist from representing yourself as an Architect. You must remove without delay, the term 'Architect' from any drawings, plans, documents, visiting cards, hoardings, letterheads, stamps, social media accounts, websites, or advertisements used to solicit architectural work. Furthermore, you are instructed to issue a press notification clarifying that you are not an Architect, for the information of the general public.

Failure to respond to this notice or provide a satisfactory explanation will be deemed an admission of guilt. In such an event, the Council will proceed to take appropriate legal action against you as per the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972, and other applicable laws.

Registrar

Council of Architecture