



COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Attention : Students, Institutions/ Universities, Admission Authorities,
Architects, and all concerned**

The Council of Architecture (COA), set up under the Architects Act, 1972, is entrusted with the responsibility of regulating Architectural Education and Profession in the country.

It has come to the notice of the COA, consequent upon the orders dated 17.04.2014 and 15.12.2014 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 7277 of 2014, Orissa Technical Colleges Association v/s AICTE & Ors, that some of the institutions imparting Architectural qualifications are seeking approval from AICTE instead of COA.

It is hereby informed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its recent order dated 27.04.2015, in I.A. No. 11 of 2015, filed by the COA in the above matter, has clarified that Institutions offering Architectural courses would have to seek approval from the Council of Architecture for imparting B.Arch. Course so that students passing out of these institutions do not face difficulty in getting registration as an architect and practicing the profession. Copy of the above order is available on COA's website.

The said order is also applicable in respect of those institutions which have already obtained approval from AICTE and are not approved by the Council. All such Architectural Institutions may, therefore, ensure that they obtain approval of the Council of Architecture mandatorily. It may be noted that any institution which fails to seek approval from the Council will not be considered for retrospective approval at a later stage.

Further, all the Institutions are also advised to admit students strictly as per the eligibility criteria and other admission norms prescribed by the COA. The Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, recently vide letter No. F.No.1-5/2015-TS.VI dated 17th March, 2015, has also directed concerned authorities for compliance of the same. For details visit Council's website www.coa.gov.in.

Issued in public interest.

Offg. Registrar

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