

Enforcement of Architects Act, 1972: Regarding Issue of Licenses by Local Authorities

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To,
Chief Secretaries of
State Government

Subject:- Enforcement of the Architects Act, 1972, issue of Licences by local authorities - regarding

Sir,

As you are aware, the Govt. of India, with the concurrence of the State Governments, enacted the Architects Act, 1972 for the registration of Architects and for matters connected therewith. This statutory legislation had come into force w.e.f. 1st September, 1972. The main purpose of this Act is to regulate the practice of architects and thus to protect the general public from unqualified persons working as architects and ensure satisfactory practice of the profession. The Central Government constituted the Council of Architecture under Section 3(1) of the Architects Act, 1972 which has been vested with the powers to register architects and also to prescribe standards of professional conduct and etiquette and the code of ethics for architects. All the State Govts./ Union Territories have their nominees on the Council. The Office of the Council is at present, located at New Delhi.

1. As per the provisions of the Act only those persons "registered" with the Council of Architecture under the Architects Act, 1972 can use the title and style of "Architect". The Government therefore cannot recognise any person other than a registered architect or a firm of registered architects practicing as an "architect" for any purpose whatsoever.
2. In spite of these provisions and also the fact that the matter has been taken up a number of times by the President of the Council of Architecture, it is found that complaints are still being received in the Council of Architecture from various quarters regarding the violation of the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972 by local authorities/agencies such as some State Govt. Deptts., Municipal Corporations etc.
3. We shall, therefore, be grateful if you could kindly arrange to issue necessary directions in terms of the provision of the Architects Act, 1972 which has become a statutory legislation to all the Municipal Corporations/Municipalities/Improvement Trusts etc. under your control who are concerned with the issue of licences to persons to function as "architects" under their jurisdiction to see that only persons registered with the Council of Architecture under the Architects Act, 1972 are issued licences to act as architects and bring to their notice also that any contravention of the rules framed under the Act will not be legally sustainable and will attract punishment as stipulated.

The Council of Architecture, 8-B, Shankar Market, Connaught Circus, New Delhi -110001 will be in a position to give any further information that is desired.

Yours faithfully,

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