

MINUTES OF THE 254TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 2023, FROM 4:30 P.M. ONWARDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI AND ONLINE ON ZOOM APPLICATION.

PRESENT :

1. Prof. Abhay V. Purohit, Chairman – in Chair
2. Ar. R. Ramesh Kumar, Member (attended online)
3. Ar. Nand Lal Chandel, Member
4. Ar. P. Vaitianadin, Member
5. Ar. Lalichan Zacharias, Member (attended online)

Ar. Gajanand Ram, Vice-Chairman and Ar. Punit Sethi, could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shri R. K. Oberoi, Registrar-Secretary
Shri Deepak Kumar, Administrative Officer
Shri Deepak Kumar Singh, Asst. Administrative Officer

The Chairman welcomed the members and officials of the Council and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for the meeting. Thereafter regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.01	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 252ND MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 18.08.2023.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Minutes of the 252nd Meeting of the Executive Committee were circulated to the Hon'ble members on 22.09.2023. The comments were received from Ar. Punit Sethi, Member.</p> <p>The Committee deliberated on the minutes and comments received from Ar. Punit Sethi and noted that no decision was taken in the particular meeting on the issues highlighted by him and accordingly decided that the minutes do not require any change. The Committee after deliberations approved the minutes.</p>
ITEM NO.02	TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE 252ND MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
	<p>The Executive Committee perused the action taken report as annexed in the Agenda and noted the same.</p>
ITEM NO.03	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 253RD MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 01ST SEPTEMBER, 2023.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Minutes of the 253rd Meeting of the Executive Committee were circulated to the Hon'ble members on 22.09.2023. No comments were received from any member.</p>

	The Committee deliberated on the minutes and after deliberations approved the same.						
ITEM NO.04	TO TAKE NOTE OF ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 253rd MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 01ST SEPTEMBER, 2023.						
	The Executive Committee perused the action taken report as annexed in the Agenda and noted the same.						
ITEM No.05	TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PROGRESS MADE FOR CONDUCT OF NATA 2024.						
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Chairman, EC, has constituted NATA Coordination Committee consisting of Ar. P. Vaitianadin, as Convenor and Ar. Milind Kollegal, Ar. Radhika Nagpal, Ar. Ajay Kulkarni and Ar. Milind Gujarkar as members of the Committee.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the members that the Council sought views/suggestions of all stakeholders on NATA. The pattern of NATA exam was changed after receipt of several views/suggestions from different stakeholders. He also informed the members that the Council is taking several initiatives to popularize NATA and also highlight importance of architectural profession among masses.</p> <p>He further informed that NATA Coordination Committee has recommended that the Examination be conducted on all weekends starting from April to July, 2024 in two sessions, subject to number of candidates registered for the session.</p> <p>The NATA examination schedule and pattern of examination is as under :</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="392 1296 1433 1572"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Date & Time of Examination</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NATA Examination commencement from:</td> <td>06-04-2024 onwards</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Session 1 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 pm (180 mins/3.00 hours)</td> <td>Session 2 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm (180 mins/ 3.00 hours)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Questions & Marks of Examination</u></p> <p>Part A - Drawing and Composition Test - Offline Test - 90 Minutes A1 – 1 Question – Composition and Color -25 Marks A2 - 1 Question – Sketching & Composition (Black and White)- 25 Marks A3 – 1 Question - 3D Composition - 30 Marks Total 3 Questions - 80 Marks</p> <p>Part B - MCQ - Computer based Test - 90 Minutes B1 - 30 questions x 2 Marks - 60 Marks B2 - 15 questions x 4 Marks - 60 Marks Total 45 Questions – 120 Marks</p>	Date & Time of Examination		NATA Examination commencement from:	06-04-2024 onwards	Session 1 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 pm (180 mins/3.00 hours)	Session 2 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm (180 mins/ 3.00 hours)
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	The Committee appreciated the progress made by NATA Coordination Committee under the Convenorship of Ar. P. Vaitianadin, Member, EC.
ITEM NO.06	TO RATIFY THE DECISION TAKEN BY CHAIRMAN, EC, IN DECIDING THE INTAKE OF INSTITUTIONS FOR B.ARCH./ M.ARCH./ DIPLOMA COURSES.
	The Executive Committee perused the list of institutions approved by the Chairman, EC as annexed at Appendix-F of the agenda and ratified the decisions taken by the Chairman, EC.
ITEM NO.07	TO CONSIDER THE EMAIL/REPLY DATED 15.11.2023 RECEIVED FROM AR. BIPIN BONDE REGARDING COMPLAINT BY MR. ASHOK SABBAN, SECRETARY, RASHTRIYA LOK ANDOLAN, AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council of Architecture (COA) is in receipt of a complaint from Secretary, Rashtriya Lok Andolan, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, allegedly Mr. Bipin Bonde is pursuing a Postgraduate Degree in Architecture (M.Arch.) from RKDF University, Bhopal also worked as a full-time faculty at MH99-Ramesh Phirodia College of Architecture, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.</p> <p>The Council, vide its letter dated 20.09.2023 and 26.09.2023 sought clarification/reply from MH99-Ramesh Phirodia College of Architecture, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra and RKDF University, Bhopal, with documentary proof to Council.</p> <p>MH99-Ramesh Phirodia College of Architecture, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra and RKDF University, Bhopal submitted their replies dated 27.09.2023 & 23.10.2023 to the Council. It is noted that Mr. Bipin Bonde was admitted in regular M.Arch. course in July, 2021. Owing to Covid-19, the classes for Semester 1 and 2 were conducted online by the University.</p> <p>The University also submitted his attendance records taken on a physical register for online classes of 1st and 2nd semester of PG course (conducted from September 2021 to June 2022). The University conducted 3rd semester of PG course in offline mode (From July 2022 to December 2022) also furnished his attendance records during 3rd semester.</p> <p>As per the applications submitted by the MH99-Ramesh Phirodia College of Architecture, Ahmednagar, he was appointed as Professor (Design Chair) vide appointment letter dated 23.11.2020 issued by the institution on tenure basis. His appointment as Professor (Design Chair) further continued from July 1, 2022 on tenure basis vide letter dated 01.12.2021 issued by the institution and was shown as Professor (Design Chair) by the institution in its application form submitted to the Council portal for session 2022-2023.</p>

	<p>Subsequently, he was appointed as Visiting faculty vide appointment letter dated 01.04.2022 issued by the institution and is shown as visiting faculty by the institution in its application form submitted for 2023-2024.</p> <p>The Council after receiving the replies, issued show cause notice vide letter dated 07.11.2023 as to why action should not be initiated against him as he had worked as a full-time faculty at MH99-Ramesh Phirodia College of Architecture, Ahmednagar during the pursuing a Postgraduate Degree in Architecture (M.Arch.) from RKDF University, Bhopal. Mr. Bipin Bonde submitted his reply dated 15.11.2023 in response to Council's vide letter 07.11.2023.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after deliberations decided to invite the Complainant in its next meeting to present the case in person before any decision is taken by the Executive Committee on the same.</p>
ITEM No.08	TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS IN THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION REGULATIONS, 2000.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council has submitted proposal for amendment in the Council of Architecture Recruitment and Promotion Regulations, 1999. As advised by the Ministry, the Council has submitted data related to all the posts in 13-point format for their approval. The Ministry has recommended changes in the Recruitment Rules in view of DOT Rules.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the Revised proposal and desired that the same be circulated to the all the officers and employees for their views/comments so as to ensure that the revised Regulations do not affect them in any way.</p> <p>The Committee authorized the President, CoA to consider and incorporate the comments received from the officers and employees, if any, as deemed fit. Thereafter, the same may be submitted to the Central Government for further necessary action in the matter.</p>
ITEM NO.09	CONDUCT OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS' BIENNALE DURING ART, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE BIENNALE FROM 8TH DECEMBER, 2023 TO 15TH DECEMBER, 2023.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Council is conducting Architecture Students' Biennale as part of Art, Design and Architecture Biennale being organized by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, from 08th December to 15th December 2023. The Council has requested all architectural institutions to participate in this international event. The members appreciated this very important initiative of the Council.</p>

ITEM NO.10	TO TAKE NOTE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF TOILET DESIGN COMPETITION/ DESIGN ENTRIES' BOOK LAUNCH BY HON'BLE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS, GOVT. OF INDIA.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has conducted a Design Competition for Public and Community Toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban. For this purpose, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs collaborated with the Council of Architecture to conduct the competition. It was open to architects registered with the Council of Architecture and students of Architectural Institutions through their head of Institution.</p> <p>The Council has received 478 registrations for the design competition out of which 73 candidates have submitted their designs.</p> <p>A jury consisting of eminent architects and academicians screened and selected the entries in different categories, namely, 1) Pilgrim and Tourist Locations 2) Especially Challenging Areas 3) Old/Big Cities with land constraints 4) Disaster Prone Areas.</p> <p>Shri Hardeep Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt. of India, announced the results of the Competition during the World Toilet Day programme held on 17th November, 2023, in Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. The President & Registrar COA, attended this event.</p> <p>The Ministry has transferred the Prize Money for the winners of the competition to Council for payment to the concerned winners. The Executive Committee noted the above information.</p>
ITEM NO.11	ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.
1	TO CONSIDER DELHI HIGH COURT DIVISION BENCH JUDGEMENT DATED 01.09.2023 in LPA No. 386 of 2018 REGARDING PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE BY COMPANIES.
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the members that the Council filed an Appeal against the Judgement of Single Judge of Hon'ble Delhi High Court dated 25.04.2018 which held that Architecture practice can be carried out by non-Architect natural person as well as Juridical entities like companies and LLPs without using the Title and Style of Architect.</p> <p>The Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court in its order dated 01.09.2023 held as under:</p> <p><i>“ As we have gone through issues which are raised in these instant appeals, it is evident that the issues which are canvassed in these appeals would have to be negated in light of the judgment rendered by the Supreme Court in Council of Architecture vs. Mukesh Goyal & Ors. (2020) 16 SCC 446]. Dealing with an identical question the Supreme Court in Council of Architecture has observed thus:</i></p>

25. *The present case raises two questions that this Court must answer: (i) Question 1: Does Section 37 of the Architects Act prohibit individuals not registered as architects under the Architects Act from practicing the activities undertaken by architects, including the design, supervision and construction of buildings; and (ii) Question 2: Whether a post titled “Architect”, “Associate architect” or any other similar title using the term or style of “Architect” can be held by a person not registered as an architect under the Architects Act.*

30. *It is evident that the legislature did not intend to create a prohibition on the practice of architecture and associated activities by unregistered individuals. As opposed to the case of physicians or surgeons under the Indian Medical Council Act or advocates under the Advocates Act, the legislature consciously chose to employ a less stringent measure in the case of architects, merely prohibiting unregistered individuals from using the “title and style” of architect. It is not for this Court to delve into why the legislature made this choice. However, during the course of these proceedings a cogent and pragmatic reason for this choice has been placed before this Court, by the learned Attorney General of India and by way of the erudite opinion of Chief Justice Raveendran in the decision in Mukhesh Kumar Manhar to which we may briefly advert.*

35. *While we have held that Section 37 does not prohibit the practice of architecture by unregistered individuals, it certainly does prohibit unregistered individuals from using the “title and style” of architect. Under the scheme of the Architects Act, only individuals possessing the statutorily recognised minimum educational qualifications can apply for registration as an “Architect” under the Act. Registration as an architect under the statute is thus a guarantee of possessing certain minimum educational qualifications. Section 37 prohibits unregistered individuals from designating themselves or referring to themselves as “architects”. The consequence of this regulatory regime is that when an individual is called an “Architect” a reasonable person would assume that they are a registered architect under the Architects Act and as a consequence possess the requisite educational qualifications and specialised knowledge associated with architects.*

37. *In the present case, we recognise the power of NOIDA to provide and modify the minimum eligibility criteria for promotion of candidates to the posts of Associate Town Planner and Associate Architect. We further recognise that the authority has significant discretion in how it chooses to title the various posts under its supervision. However, to permit NOIDA to continue to title a post that includes individuals who are not registered architects under the Architects Act as “Associate Architect” would result in a violation of Section 37 of the Architects Act. In the case of Tulya Gogoi the High Court of Gauhati expressly held that the prohibition on the use of title and style of architect contained in Section 37 of the Architects Act applies to both private individuals and government employees. The reasoning of the High Court on this issue commends itself for our acceptance.*

39. *For the reasons stated above, in response to the first question we affirm the decision of the High Court of Allahabad and hold that Section 37 of the Architects Act does not prohibit individuals not registered under the Architects*

	<p><i>Act from undertaking the practice of architecture and its cognate activities. In response to the second question, we disapprove of the view of the High Court of Allahabad and hold that NOIDA cannot promote or recruit individuals who do not hold a degree in architecture recognised by the Architects Act to a post that uses the title or style of “architect”. However, the authority is free to change the nomenclature of the post to any alternative as long as it does not violate the provisions of the Architects Act by using the style and title of “architect” in its name.</i></p> <p><i>2. We further find that while rendering judgment in the aforesaid matter, the Supreme Court has also specifically approved the judgment rendered by the learned Judge of this Court in Sudhir Vohra vs. Registrar of Companies & Others [2018 SCC Online Del 8576] and which forms subject matter of connected LPA 386/2018.</i></p> <p><i>3. In view of the aforesaid, we find no justification to interfere with the judgment impugned.</i></p> <p><i>4. The appeals fail and shall stand dismissed.</i></p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and noted that amendments in Architects Act, 1972 are essential to restrict practice of architecture only to architects/ firm of architects.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>TO TAKE NOTE OF THE AMENDMENTS IN THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE RULES, 1973 IN TERMS OF DIRECTIONS OF HON’BLE KARNATAKA HIGH COURT, BY MINISTRY OF EDUCATION GOVT OF INDIA AND COMMUNICATION SENT BY COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.</p>
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that Hon’ble Karnataka High Court in writ petition filed by Ar. Sharan Desai vide order dated 08.02.2023, in Writ Petition No.16114 of 2021 (GM-RES) directed the Union of India represented by Secretary, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India as under:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">X X X X X X X X X X X X</p> <p>(iii) The Union of India shall take steps to notify certain criteria for nomination of members of the Council qua the qualification and experience under the Rules, which would become binding on every State Government, as expeditiously as possible.</p> <p>In the in terms of the above order, the Ministry wrote a letter no.4-7/2020-TS.VI dated 17th April, 2023 to Council to examine the matter regarding adopting criteria for nomination of Members of the Council under Section 3(3)(f) of the Architects Act, 1972 and requesting the Council to submit a proposal to the Ministry. The Council vide its letter dated 12.05.2023, submitted the criteria for nomination of members of the Council.</p> <p>Thereafter, the Ministry issued GSR No.623(E) dated 24.08.2023 for amending the Council of Architecture Rules, 1973. On receipt of the notification, we vide letter dated 15.09.2023 pointed out that the notification requires further amendment since it uses certain words like “nomination to contest election” in</p>

	<p>Rule 22A and invitation of nomination by Department handling Technical Education or Higher Education of the concerned State/ UT in Rule 22A, which are not as per the letter and spirit of the Section 3(3) (f) of the Architects Act, 1972.</p> <p>The Council is now in receipt of a letter dated 01.11.2023, wherein the Ministry has informed that no further amendment is required in the notification dated 24.08.2023. The Council again vide its letter dated 08.11.2023 requested the Ministry to amend the notification on account of following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) there is no provision for contest of elections in Section 3(3) (f) of the Act. No election process, voters etc. have provided either in the Act or in the Rules. Thus, making such a provision in Rule 22A of the notification is not in line with the Act and would result in further multiple litigations. 2) Assigning the task of inviting nominations etc. and making nominations to the Council to only Technical Education Department or Higher Education Department is also not appropriate and will not only affect the existing members of the Council but will result in ignoring the Senior Architects working in Public Works, Road and Buildings Departments and Planning Departments of Various State Governments/ UTS. 3) In the past the Ministry as well as Council had always requested the office of Chief Secretary of the concerned State/ UT about nomination of nominee of the State, who in turn authorises the concerned department to communicate nomination. 4) It would be a serious administrative lapse in the Administrative State hierarchy, if the COA Rules directly authorise a Department to decide nominee of a state on a statutory body and bind the state with decisions taken in the Council by their nominee(s), without such action/ decision being approved/ authorised by the Chief Secretary of the State/ Head of State/UT Administration. <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and requested the Ministry to suitably further amend the Rules so as to avoid ambiguity in interpretation and inconsistency with the provisions of the Act.</p>
3	<p>TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANTS & INSTITUTIONS IN RESPECT OF STUDENTS WHO DO NOT FULFILL ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO B.ARCH. COURSE PENDING FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ARCHITECT DUE TO NON FULFILMENT OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.</p>
	<p>The Registrar- Secretary informed the members that the Council is in receipt of request from applicants for registration as an Architect from applicants whose applicants are pending due to non-fulfillment of eligibility criteria such as applicant admitted without passing aptitude test or got only 48% in 10+2 examination or admitted on the basis Accountancy subject or admitted in the B. Arch course without passing Mathematics in 10+2.</p> <p>Further, the Council has also received requests from 10 Institutions for COA enrollment no. in respect of students who do not fulfill the Eligibility criteria in terms, requirement of passing in subjects of Maths or qualifying in Aptitude Test or having requisite percentage of marks in 10+2 level etc.</p>

	<p>The Executive Committee deliberated at length in the matter and noted that all these students have been admitted in B.Arch. course by Institutions without following the Regulations of the Council. The Executive Committee noted that the lapse/ irregularity in these matters lies on the institutions and students should not be punished for the same.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, therefore, as a one-time measure looking at the future and career of the students decided to consider requests of all candidates and decided to grant registration as an Architect to all such candidates who have completed their 5-year B.Arch. Course.</p> <p>Further, the Executive Committee considered requests all candidates whose enrolment are pending and decided that as a time measure, all candidates may be considered for grant of enrolment by the Council after seeking necessary clarifications/ information from concerned institutions/students.</p>												
4	COVERAGE FOR ACCIDENTAL INSURANCE OF ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS.												
	<p>The Registrar-Secretary informed the Committee that the Council has taken accidental insurance in respect of all Council members with a risk of amount of Rs.25,00,000/-.</p> <p>The Committee desired that the information about policy and policy bond be given to all Council members for their information and record.</p>												
5	GRANT OF AWARDS TO ARCHITECTS FOR THEIR PROJECTS IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES.												
	<p>The Chairman proposed that in order to encourage and recognized the contribution of architects in society through their projects, the Council should grant them awards in different categories.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and agreed with the proposal in principle. The Committee constituted a One-man Committee of Ar. Lalichan Zacharias to prepare the further modalities. The report and recommendations of the Committee be placed before the Executive Committee for its approval.</p>												
6	TO CONSIDER FOR REVISION OF PRIZE MONEY FOR AWARD PROGRAMMES BEING CONDCUTED BY THE COUNCIL.												
	<p>The Executive Committee noted that the Council is conducting Thesis Award programme for UG and PG Students and JK AYA Best Architecture student of the year Award. The Executive Committee perused the draft proposal for enhancement of prize money paid to the participants/ winners at the zonal and national level as below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Categories</th> <th>Existing Prize Money</th> <th>Revised Prize Money</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Zonal Level:</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winners</td> <td>10000x10</td> <td>15000x10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Presenters</td> <td>05000x40</td> <td>10000x40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Categories	Existing Prize Money	Revised Prize Money	Zonal Level:			Winners	10000x10	15000x10	Presenters	05000x40	10000x40
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	Presenters	20000x06	25000x6
	<p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter approved for enhancement in the prize money as stated above.</p> <p>The Executive Committee also approved the proposal for reimbursement of flight fare/ two tier AC train fare towards travel expenses to the participants for the national jury and their stay in shared accommodation for the National Jury.</p>		
7	<p>TO CONSIDER COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM MR.VISHWAJEET K.PATIL, 3RD YEAR B.ARCH. STUDENT AT MH75-D.Y.PATIL SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, PUNE, ALLEGING PROBLEMS & HARRASMENT FACED FROM THE INSTITUTION.</p>		
	<p>The Council had received a complaint letter/email dated 13th April 2022 and 16th March 2022 from Mr.Vishwajeet K. Patil student of 3rd year of MH75-D.Y. Patil School of Architecture, Pune regarding misleading, not conducting the exam, delaying response, irresponsible conduct, academic loss, financial instability, and mental harassment by the institution.</p> <p>The Council's vide letter dated 20th May 2022 to the Principal, D.Y. Patil School of Architecture, Pune, requested to look into the grievance of the complainant and take appropriate action to resolve the same. The institution vide letter/email dated 15.06.2022 submitted the details in response to Council's letter dated 20th May 2022.</p> <p>The Council, upon going through the reply noted that Mr.Vishwajeet K.Patil was admitted into 5-year B.Arch. course in the year 2014 and he was absent for 3 examination session. It was further noted that the student completed first stage of the course i.e. first 3 years of the course in more than 5 years of admission to the course. The Council vide letter dated 20th June 2022, sought clarification from the institution.</p> <p>The COA received new complaint vide letter/email dated 13th October 2022, from Mr.Vishwajeet K.Patil, 3rd year B.Arch. student MH75-D.Y.Patil School of Architecture, Pune, alleging problems faced from the institution from the academic sessions 2016-2017 to 2020-2021 and that he was misguided and misled by the institution due to which he was unable to complete the first stage of the course within 5 years of admission. The Council's vide letter dated 2nd November 2022 again sought clarification from the institution in the matter.</p> <p>The Council received the letter/email dated 17.11.2022 from the institution in response to Council's vide letter dated 2nd November 2022, stating that the institution has taken all necessary steps to safeguard the career of Mr.Vishwajeet K.Patil, to resolve the prevailing issue and in order to take impartial decision, it had constituted a committee under the chair of Dr. Abhay Pawar (Principal, D. Y. Patil College of Engineering) and a report was submitted to the senior management.</p>		

<p>The Executive Committee perused the Report of Enquiry Committee supplied by the institution and copies of all relevant letters issued by Mr.Vishwajeet K.Patil and the letters issued by the institution and the Council.</p> <p>The Executive Committee noted that due to delay caused by several factors on the part of the candidate as well as the institution, Mr.Vishwajeet K.Patil was admitted into 5-year B.Arch. course in the year 2014 could not complete the 1st stage of the course within 5 years of admission.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, as a special case and on humanitarian grounds, decided to condone the delay Mr.Vishwajeet K.Patil in completing the 1st stage of the course within 5 years of admission and decided that he may be allowed to continue and complete the course at the institution or any other institution where he wishes to take transfer. The institution be also asked to release his certificates, NOC or any other relevant document needed for seeking transfer, as may be relevant/required.</p> <p>As regards the request of Mr.Vishwajeet K.Patil seeking compensation from the institution, the Executive Committee noted that the same is beyond the scope of the Council and the student be advised to approach the appropriate authorities of the University or Higher Education Department of the State Government for his grievances which do not come under the purview of the Council.</p> <p>The decision of the Executive Committee may be communicated to the student and the institution.</p>

The meeting ended at 6:50 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
