

MINUTES OF 179TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER, 2017 AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE HALL, HOTEL PEERLESS SAROVAR PORTICO, PORTBLAIR, ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS.

Present :

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| 1. Ar. Biswaranjan Nayak | : Chairman, in chair |
| 2. Ar. Vijay Garg | : Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Ar. Raneer Vedamuthu | : Member |
| 4. Ar. Alok Ranjan | : Member |
| 5. Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta | : Member |
| 6. Ar. Amitava Roy | : Member |
| 7. Ar. Abhay Purohit | : Member |

In attendance:

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| Shri R. K. Oberoi | : Registrar – Secretary |
| Shri C.B. Mishra | : Sr. Consultant |
| Shri Deepak Kumar | : Administrative Officer |
| Shri Lalit P. Kala | : Superintendent |

ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 171ST MEETING TO 178TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.

The Minutes of the 171st Meeting to 178th Meeting of the Executive Committee as placed with agenda were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

ITEM NO.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Chairman informed that all the actions as per the decisions taken by the Executive Committee have been initiated.

The Executive Committee desired that the information regarding inspections of the institution be provided to all EC Members in tabulated format with following details:

- 1) Name of college inspected;
- 2) Intake at the time of inspection
- 3) Name of inspectors;
- 4) Date of inspection;
- 5) Observations of inspectors;
- 6) Observations of Scrutiny Committee;
- 7) Decision taken by the EC;
- 8) Intake after EC decision

ITEM NO.3 TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE THE NORMS AND STANDARDS TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE COUNCIL FOR INSPECTION OF ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2018-2019.

The Chairman informed the members that in terms of the provisions of the Architects Act, 1972, the Council is required to inspect institutions for granting approval for introduction of B.Arch. course, extension of approval and for considering additional intake in B.Arch. Course. The Council is also granting approvals to institution for imparting M.Arch. Course(s). For the academic session 2017-2018, the Council followed the 1983 Regulations duly approved by the Central Government. The Draft 2017 Regulations were submitted to Central Government on 03.07.2017. The approval from the Central Government is awaited.

The Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and noted that 1983 Regulations cannot be followed by any of the architectural institutions in the country. 1983 Regulations are not practical and implementable in the present scenario.

The Executive Committee, therefore, unanimously resolved as under :

Resolution No.247

Resolved that :

- i) Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Regulations, 2017 as submitted to Central Government be implemented as Guidelines till the same are approved by the Central Government ;
- ii) The matter be placed before the full Council at its next meeting schedule for 13.10.2017 for approval ; and
- iii) The Central Government be requested to expedite its approval on the proposal of the Council.

ITEM NO4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2018-2019.

The Executive Committee perused the Academic Calendar as annexed with the Agenda. The Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter unanimously decided that the dates mentioned in the draft Academic Calendar be advanced by 15 days. Thus, all the inspections be completed by 30th April, 2018.

A copy of the revised Academic Calendar is enclosed herewith as **Appendix-A**, for information of the members.

ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE FEES/ CHARGES TO BE CHARGED FROM ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Chairman informed the members that the Council is charging certain charges/ fees from architectural institutions for considering their request for introduction of new courses, extension of approval, additional intake, etc.

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and resolved as under :

Resolution No.248

Resolved that :

1. The Architectural Institutions be charged following fees/ charges for the academic session 2018-2019:
 - a. New Institution with intake of 40 in B.Arch. course : Rs. 5.00 Lakhs
 - b. Extension of Approval : Rs. 1.00 Lakh
 - c. Additional intake per 40 seats : Rs. 2.50 Lakhs
 - d. Change in name / site of Institution : Rs. 2.00 Lakhs
 - e. Closure of Institution : Rs. 5.00 Lakhs
 - f. Review Charges : Rs. 0.50 Lakhs
 - g. Introduction of M.Arch. Course with 20 intake : Rs. 2.00 Lakhs
2. Applications from new Institutions be accepted for B.Arch. Course only for intake of 40 students.

It was also decided by the Executive Committee that the applications for additional intake will be accepted only after imparting B.Arch course for a period of 3 years.

ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-2017.

The Executive Committee perused the Annual Report together with Audited Statement of Accounts of the Council for the financial year ending on 31st March, 2017 as placed in the Agenda.

The Executive Committee unanimously recommended that Annual Report together with Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2016-17 be placed before full Council for its consideration.

ITEM NO.7 TO APPROVE THE SYLLABUS OF NATA 2018 EXAMINATION.

The Chairman informed the members that in order to conduct the NATA 2018 examination the Council is required to prescribe the syllabus of the same so that the same can be announced to students well in advance.

The Executive Committee perused the draft syllabus as annexed with Agenda and decided as under:

The question pattern in the test will be as under :

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| a. Maths | = | 20 x 2 = 40 Marks |
| b. General Aptitude | = | 40 x 2 = 80 Marks |
| c. Drawing | = | 40 x 2 = 80 Marks |

The Chairman requested all the members to send their views/ comments in the matter within 15 days so that the same can be finalised.

ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER CONDUCT OF NATA 2018 FOR ADMISSION TO B.ARCH. COURSE.

The Chairman informed the members NATA 2017 Examination was conducted as a pen and paper based test on a single day on 16.04.2017 all over India at different examination centres. He further informed that NATA Test for the academic session 2017-2018 will be conducted in the similar manner (through offline/online basis).

The Committee deliberated in the matter in detail and decided that NATA 2018 Test be conducted as a pen and paper based examination/on line basis. The exam be conducted on a day which is convenient to all students and efforts be made to ensure that date of NATA 2018 Examination do not clash with date of any other entrance examination. The matter may be placed before full Council for appropriate action in the matter.

ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER COLLABORATING WITH SHRI SUBROTO BAGCHI, FOUNDER DIRECTOR, MINDTREE AND CHAIRMAN ODISHA SKILL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR UNDERTAKING TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ARCHITECTS.

The Chairman informed the members that he along with Prof. Jayashree Deshpande and Dr. S. S. Ray had a meeting on 9th October, 2017 with Shri Subroto Bagchi, Founder Director, MINDTREE and Chairman, Odisha Skill Development Authority. Shri Bagchi offered that they have built up space of about 20,000 sq.ft. which can be used by Council for conducting skill development training programme.

The Executive Committee approved the proposal in principle and decided that further details/ modalities/ entering into an MOU be worked out in the matter and the matter be placed before the Executive Committee for its consideration and approval.

Further, the Executive Committee also noted that MNIT Bhopal and Visveshwaraya Technological University, Bangalore have also offered their premises for running the Training Centre of COA at Bhopal and Bangalore. The Executive Committee recorded its appreciation for the efforts made by Shri Amogh Gupta and Shri Vijay Garg and expected that they would continue the follow up action with both the Institutions.

ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 26.09.2017 RECEIVED FROM DIRECTOR, JMS GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS REGARDING EXCESS ADMISSIONS MADE BY THEM IN B.ARCH. COURSE DURING ACADEMIC SESSION 2012-2013.

The Executive Committee considered the letter dated 26.09.2017 received from Director, JMS Group of Institutions (UP16), Hapur, U.P. regarding excess admissions made by them in B.Arch. Course i.e. 43 in place of 40 sanctioned intake by the Council during academic session 2012-2013 and requesting the Council for resolving the issue.

The Executive Committee decided that the as per previous decisions of the Executive Committee the institution be imposed a fine of Rs.20000 per annum per student and intake of the institution be reduced by 3 students for the academic session 2018-2019.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION RECEIVED FROM MR. AZAM SHER KHAN, GWALIOR, FOR ISSUANCE OF ENROLMENT BY THE COA.

The Executive Committee perused the representation received from one Shri Azam Sher Khan, Gwalior, who belongs to OBC category and was admitted in B.Arch. Course after securing 43.8% marks in 10+2 level.

The Executive Committee deliberated in detail in the matter and noted that eligibility prescribed by the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh is contrary to the Regulations framed by the Council. At the most the relaxation of 5% marks could have been allowed to a candidate belonging to Backward Class.

The Executive Committee, therefore, decided that the admission of Shri Azam Sher Khan, in the B.Arch. Course does not fulfill the eligibility norms as prescribed by the Council of Architecture and hence, he cannot be considered for issuance of enrolment by the Council.

ITEM NO.12 TO TAKE NOTE OF DISMISSAL OF WRIT PETITION FILED BY ARCHITECTURE COLLEGES MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (ACMA) & 2 OTHERS BEFORE KERALA HIGH COURT.

The Registrar–Secretary informed the members that the Architecture Colleges Management Association (ACMA) & 2 others filed a Writ Petition No.

29448/2017before Kerala High Court seeking direction to Council of Architecture to extend last date for admissions upto 15.10.2017 and permit Calicut University or any other agency to conduct Aptitude Test for admission to B.Arch. Course on the grounds (i) lack of qualified candidates in aptitude test (ii) no University or other body in Kerala authorized to conduct aptitude test (iii) low number of applicant for B.Arch. course on account of one test conducted for NATA unlike previous year wherein upto 5 attempts in a year were allowed.

The matter was contested before Hon'ble High Court by the Council and the Hon'ble Court has dismissed the petition.

The EC recorded its appreciation for the efforts made by the Advocate and staff of the Council in the matter.

ITEM NO.13 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

No other item was discussed.

The meeting ended at 10.00 pm. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
