

MINUTES OF 199TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON MONDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 2019, FROM 10.30 A.M. ONWARDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, CORE 6A, FIRST FLOOR, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI -110003.

Present:

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| 1. Ar.Vijay Garg | : | Chairman |
| 2. Ar.Alok Ranjan | : | Member |
| 3. Ar.Amogh Kumar Gupta | : | Member |
| 4. Ar.Abhay Purohit | : | Member |
| 5. Ar. Amitava Roy | : | Member |

In attendance:

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| 1. Shri R.K.Oberoi | : | Registrar-Secretary |
| 2. Shri Deepak Kumar | : | Administrative Officer |

The Chairman welcomed the Members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for attending the meeting. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 198TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2018 AT JAIPUR.

The Minutes of 198th Meeting of the Executive Committee were circulated to the members on 31.12.2019 for their views/comments. No comments were received.

The Executive Committee unanimously confirmed the Minutes and the same were signed by the Chairman.

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

The Executive Committee perused the Action Taken Report as annexed with the Agenda and noted the same.

Further, the Chairman informed the members that in view of the decision of the Council taken in its 70th meeting, he along with the Registrar met Commissioner, Bengaluru Development Authority(BDA), regarding cancellation of allotment of land to Council without any charges and also to consider for paying interest to Council on the money deposited with them.

The Chairman informed that the BDA has agreed to refund the full amount to the Council without any deduction/penalty, however, no interest will be paid by them. The Executive Committee decided to proceed with the cancellation of Land allotted by the BDA at Bengaluru.

ITEM NO.3 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2019-2020.

The Executive Committee perused the Revised Academic Calendar as annexed with the Agenda and approved the same.

Further, the Executive Committee noted that the Council has received 19 new applications for introduction of B.Arch. Degree course for the academic session 2019-20 and out of these 18 institutions have been asked to supply further information related to the required records and one institution has been issued LOI.

ITEM NO.4 CONDUCT OF NATA 2019 EXAMINATION.

The Executive Committee noted that NATA 2019 Examination have been scheduled twice a year, first on 14th April 2019 and Second on 7th July 2019. Online registration of students has begun from 24th January 2019 both for first and second test. As of now about 9000 students have registered online and about 6500 students have completed their applications along with fees.

ITEM NO.5 PROMOTION OF SHRI SHANAKR SHARMA AS JUNIOR ACCOUNTS OFFICER IN THE COUNCIL.

The Executive Committee noted and ratified the promotion of Shri Shankar Lal Sharma, as Junior Accounts Officer in the Council as per recommendations of Departmental Promotion Committee.

ITEM NO.6 CONSIDERTION OF THE REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman requested Shri R K Oberoi, Registrar to withdraw from the meeting as the item concerns him.

The Chairman informed the Members that he is yet to receive the original Report of the Administrative Reforms Committee. He had requested the Members of the Committee to inform as to whether the original report is with them and the two Members of the Committee, namely, Ar. Ranee Vedamuthu and Ar.Amogh Kumar Gupta have informed that the original report is not with them, third member of the Committee Shri C.B.Mishra has not responded to the communications of the Council till date.

Further, Ar.Biswaranjan Nayak, former President of the Council of Architecture was also requested to inform whether he is in custody of the original report and if so he should provide the same for the records of the Council, however, no response has been received from him as well.

The Chairman informed the members that Shri C B Mishra was granted leave upto 30.11.2017 and has not reported back after expiry of leave and also perused the show cause notices issued to him by the Council i.e. on

06.12.2018 & 24.12.2018 and also that he is not responding to the letters of the Council.

Further, the Chairman informed the Members that it has come to the notice of the Council that Shri C B Mishra was a former employee of the Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar and was given compulsory retirement as major penalty, the communication is also available on the CVC website.

The Executive Committee expressed serious concerns over his appointment in the Council in violation of the rules and also the fact regarding his compulsory retirement by his previous organization was not shared either by the then President or Shri Mishra with the Council.

The Executive Committee also perused the communication made by the CoA office to the Institute of Physics to supply the copy of the charge sheet issued to Shri C.B.Mishra, the Committee directed the Registrar to follow up the matter with the Institute of Physics for supply of copy of Petition/charge sheet issued to Shri C B Mishra.

The Executive Committee noted that the former President, CoA and third members of the Administrative Reforms Committee are not even responding to the communication made by the CoA about the possession of the original report as a result of which the copy the report cannot be authenticated.

The Chairman informed the members that report of ARC constituted by Executive Committee was not even placed before EC for its consideration for almost a year, though the same was submitted to then Chairman, EC in the month of November, 2017 itself by the Convenor of the Committee. Further, Ar. B. R. Nayak, after cessation of his membership on 13.09.2018 abruptly forwarded the copy of the report on 19.09.2018 to the Central Govt. The Executive Committee strongly disapproved the action of the former President, Council and after deliberations in the matter decided that no further action needs to be taken in the matter.

The Executive Committee unanimously decided that the Central Government be requested to approve the amendments in the Recruitment and Promotion Regulations, 1999 of the Council so as to enable the Council to have proper organizational structure.

ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST RECEIVED FROM GRIHA COUNCIL FOR ENTERING INTO AN MOU WITH COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.

The Executive Committee perused the draft MOU attached with the Agenda and appreciated the efforts made by the Chairman for entering into MOU with GRIHA Council for working together on areas of mutual interest, promoting sustainable building environment, holding in the advancement of green buildings in India, and working jointly in development of industry standardization.

The Committee desired that the duration of the MOU be limited to two years, for the present, and the GRIHA Council be informed to indicate financial terms in MOU and also to add a clause of designing programme for professionals and students at concessional/cheaper costs.

The Chairman also informed the members that MoU is proposed to be signed on 11.02.2019 at New Delhi.

ITEM NO.8 TO TAKE NOTE OF THE MINUTES OF STAKE HOLDERS CONSULTATIONS HELD BY MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON INDIA-PERU SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS.

The Executive Committee perused the Minutes of the meeting of Stake Holders Consultations held by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India on India-Peru services negotiations and also the reply sent by the Council of Architecture vide its letter dated 21.01.2019.

ITEM NO.9 INTERIOR WORK OF THE OFFICE SPACE OF COUNCIL AT NBCC PLACE, OKHLA.

The Executive Committee perused the public notice and Expression of Interest invited for carrying on interior work of the office space of the Council of Architecture at NBCC place, Okhla, New Delhi. Applications/EOI received by the office of the Council shall be opened and scrutinized by Ar. Mala Mohan and Registrar, CoA along with other officers of the Council. Further, eligible applicants may be called for design presentation before EC at its next meeting.

ITEM NO.10 RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR FILLING UP VARIOUS VACANT POSTS IN THE COUNCIL.

The Chairman informed the Members that in view of directions of Ministry of Personnel and Training, Department of Personal and Training, Govt. of India, the pending recruitment process has been abandoned.

The fresh process for the filling up the various vacant posts in the Council is being initiated.

ITEM NO.11 TO CONSIDER THE ORDER DATED 09.01.2019 OF HON'BLE MADRAS HIGH COURT IN WRIT PETITION NO. 34676 OF 2018 FILED BY THE ACADEMIC SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS.

The Executive Committee perused the interim order dated 09.01.2019 granting interim stay in favour of the Members of The Academic Society of Architects on the applicability of 2017 norms on Architectural education prescribed by the Council.

The Chairman informed the Members that looking at the urgency and implications of the matter on the working of the Council he requested Shri

Murlikumaran, Advocate, to appear in the matter on behalf of the Council and accordingly Shri Muralikumaran has appeared in the matter. The Executive Committee directed the office to take further appropriate steps in the matter.

ITEM NO.12 TO TAKE NOTE OF TRAINING PROGRAMME CONDUCTED BY THE COUNCIL ON ECBC.

The Chairman informed the members that the Council has conducted ECBC programme sponsored by BEE at SPA, New Delhi at SAP Chennai, J.J.College of Architecture, Mumbai and Dayal Bagh University, Agra. Further, one training programme is also scheduled to be held at IEST Shibpur and UVC, Bengaluru.

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

(1) TO CONSIDER THE ASSESSMENT REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE INSPECTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL WHICH CONDUCTED SURPRISE INSPECTION OF INSTITUTIONS

The Executive Committee perused the assessment reports of the surprise inspection conducted by the Council at two institutions namely Dignity College of Architecture, Durg and Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Raipur.

The Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided that the inspection reports be sent to the Experts who will conduct regular inspection of these institutions in the coming academic session so that the Council can take necessary action in case the institutions are found to be deficient in complying with the norms and standards prescribed by the Council of Architecture.

(2) TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 02.01.2019 RECEIVED FROM KL10-HOLY CRESCENT COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, KERALA FOR SEEKING EXEMPTION FROM YEARLY INSPECTION.

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 02.01.2019 received from Holy Crescent College of Architecture, Kerala requesting exemption from the yearly inspection of the Council. The Executive Committee after deliberations in the matter decided that the institution cannot be exempted from the inspections in the interest of students.

(3) THE MATTER IS PLACED FOR APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION AND DECISION IN THE MATTER. TO CONSIDER THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM OR09- DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA, ODISHA FOR REGULARISATION OF THE UNAPPOVED BATCHES OF B.ARCH COURSE.

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 27.12.2018 received from Head, Department of Architecture, Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Odisha, submitting the time table of the B.Arch. course along with name of faculty Members during the academic session 2013-14, 2014-15, & 2015-16 and the letter from the concerned faculty who held classes during that period, letter from Ex-HOD, Architecture during academic session 2013-14 and letter from Registrar of the University written to Skill Department and Technical Education Department, Government of Odisha for recruitment of additional faculty in the University.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided to regularize the admission of students admitted during academic session 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, as a special case, purely on humanitarian ground so that student's future and career is not ruined.

The Executive Committee also decided to caution the University that they should not repeat such practice in future and admit students with the approval of Council only.

(4) TO TAKE NOTE OF ORDER DATED 24.08.2018 OF HON'BLE ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT WRIT PETITION FILED BY J.M.S. GORUP OF INSTITUTIONS.

The Chairman informed the Members that J.M.S group of institutions and J.M.S College of Architecture has filed Writ Petition before Hon'ble Allahabad High Court challenging the as zero intake by Council of Architecture in B.Arch. course as well as in M.Arch. course.

The said institution was sanctioned with 60 intake by AICTE in B.Arch. and 12 intake in M.Arch. Degree course. The Hon'ble High Court took note of the decisions taken by the two different bodies and directed the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India to get an enquiry conducted and in case shortcomings as pointed out by the Council of Architecture are present then necessary action be taken against the Inspection Team of AICTE. The inspection was carried out by the Committee constituted by the MHRD.

Further, the Council has been informed that the Petitioner Institution is now withdrawing its petition as they do not intent to run B.Arch. and M.Arch. course from Academic Session 2018-19. The Hon'ble Court has directed that responsible officer from the Management of the Petitioner Institution shall file an affidavit before the Hon'ble Court. The matter is still pending before the Hon'ble Court.

(5) TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 31.01.2019, RECEIVED FROM SHRI R. K. OBEROI, REGISTRAR, COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, REGARDING SANCTION OF HIS ANNUAL INCREMENT AND OTHER INCENTIVES.

The Chairman again requested Shri R K Oberoi, Registrar to withdrawn from the meeting as the item concerns him.

The Chairman, Executive Committee, informed the members that he is in receipt of a request from Shri R. K. Oberoi, Registrar, Council of Architecture that his annual increment for the year 2018 has not been approved till date and also incentives as sanctioned for the staff of the Council for NATA 2017 Examination work has also not been granted to him.

The Members deliberated in detail in the matter and decided that the Annual Increment as due on 01.07.2018 to Shri R. K. Oberoi, Registrar, COA, be sanctioned as per rules further his incentive as may be due for NATA 2017, as approved by the Executive Committee in its previous meetings, be released to him.

The meeting ended at 4:00 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

R. K. Oberoi
Registrar-Secretary

Vijay Garg
Chairman