

**MINUTES OF THE 206<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE HELD ON FRIDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019, FROM 11.00 A.M. ONWARDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, CORE 6A, FIRST FLOOR, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI.**

**PRESENT :**

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| 1. Ar.Vijay Garg        | : | Chairman          |
| 2. Ar.Amogh Kumar Gupta | : | Member            |
| 3. Ar.Amitava Roy       | : | Member            |
| 4. Ar. Mala Mohan       | : | Member (Co-opted) |

**In attendance:**

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

Ar.Alok Ranjan, Member and Ar. Abhay Purohit, Member, were granted leave of absence by the Committee.

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. The Chairman informed the members that Ar. Mala Mohan, Council Member, has been coopted due to non-availability of two members of the Executive Committee for the current meeting.

**ITEM NO.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 201, 202, 203, 204 AND 205<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.**

The Minutes of the 200<sup>th</sup>, 201<sup>st</sup>, 202<sup>nd</sup>, 203<sup>rd</sup> as approved by the Chairman, Executive Committee as enclosed with the Agenda were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Further, the Chairman informed the members that the Minutes of 204 and 205<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee are being finalised and the same will be circulated to the members in due course.

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

The Chairman informed the members that all actions have been taken in terms of the decisions taken by the Executive Committee in its last meeting.

**ITEM NO.3 TO GRANT PERSONAL HEARING TO INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ISSUED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BY THE COUNCIL FOR REDUCTION IN INTAKE IN B.ARCH./M.ARCH. COURSE AND HAVE FILED REVIEW WITH THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman informed the Members that the Executive Committee in its last meeting(s) issued show cause notices to the institutions for reduction of their intake due to non-maintenance of Minimum Standards of Architectural Education as prescribed by the Council and the Institutions were afforded an opportunity either to submit documentary evidence in their support or to seek opportunity of personal hearing by making payment of required fees.

Before taking up the following Item, Ar. Amogh Kumar Gupta, member, withdrew from the meeting as he is one of candidates who are contesting elections under Section 3(3)(c) of the Architects Act, 1972.

The Institutions which opted to appear before the Executive Committee are as under:

Sl.No.	Name of Institutions	Course with Intake	Last Decision of EC
1	(KA01) Dept. of Architecture U.V. C.E. Bangalore University, Bangalore	B.Arch. with 40 intake	Reduction of intake from 40 to 20
<p>Two representatives of the appeared before the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee informed that the institution is not having the required faculty. The representatives clarified that the institution could not make recruitment due to Supreme Court order regarding reservation in appointments. The institution will issue advertisement of vacant posts. The institution have appointed contract/ guest faculty.</p> <p>The Executive Committee noted that the faculty members are not paid as per the 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission. 3 Faculty members hold regular appointment and 7 are on tenure basis. The Dept is headed by Asst. Professor.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations decided to sanction an intake of 30 for the academic session 2019-2010 subject to the condition that the Institution shall appoint the required faculty before the commencement of the classes and submission of an undertaking to this effect by the Registrar of the University.</p>			
2	(ML01) Dept. of Architecture, School of Technology North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong	B.Arch. with 40 intake	Reduction of intake from 40 to 20
<p>One representative of the institution appeared before the Executive Committee. He stated that the institution has recently appointed faculty on contract for one year and requested that the institution being located in hilly state its intake be not reduced.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations decided to sanction an intake of 30 for the academic session 2019-2010 subject to the condition that the Institution shall appoint the required faculty before the commencement of the classes and submission of an undertaking to this effect by the University.</p>			

**ITEM NO.4 TO CONSIDER THE REPLY RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ISSUED SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BY THE COUNCIL FOR REDUCTION IN INTAKE IN B.ARCH./M.ARCH. COURSE**

The Chairman informed the Members that the Executive Committee in its last meeting(s) issued show cause notices to the institutions which were found to be

non-complying with the minimum standards of Architectural education prescribed by the Council as to why their intake be not reduced for non-maintenance of minimum standards.

A list of institutions which opted to submit documents in their support of their Review/ Appeal is listed as Appendix-B in the Agenda.

The Executive Committee considered the information/documents provided by the concerned institution(s) and decided as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Institutions	Course with Intake	Last EC Decision	Current Decision of EC
1.	(GJ22) Kalol Institute of Architecture & Design, Gandhinagar	B.Arch. with 40 intake	Reduction of intake from 40 to 20	The Executive Committee perused the information provided by the Institution and decided to sanction an intake of 30 in the B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2019-2020.
2.	(GJ31) Mudra Takshashila Institute of Design & Architecture, Sarsavani, Vadodara	B.Arch. with 40 intake	Reduction of intake from 40 to 30	The Executive Committee perused the information provided by the Institution and decided to sanction an intake of 30 in the B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2019-2020.

The Executive Committee also noted that the following institutions have not yet submitted any reply or required information sought in response to the show cause notices issued by the Council and therefore, decided as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Institutions	Course with Intake	Last EC Decision	Decision of EC
1.	PJ05 - College of Architecture I.E.T. Bhaddal, I.E.T.Campus, P.O.Mianpur, DIST. ROPAR - 140108 (Punjab)	B.Arch. with 30 intake	Reduction of intake from 30 to 20	The Executive Committee noted that the institution, vide letter dated 22.07.2019, had requested the Council not to reduce the intake and confirmed to send the compliance regarding deficiency in faculty. However, the requisite information has not been received by the Council till date. The Executive Committee decided to fix the intake of institution to 20 in the B.Arch. Course for the academic session 2019-2020.

2.	TN87 - School of Architecture, PRIST University NH-67, Trichy-Thanjavur Highway, Vallam, Thanjavur-613403, Tamil Nadu,	B.Arch. with 20 intake	Reduction of intake to 0	The Executive Committee noted that the institution has till date, not submitted any reply nor submitted any information/compliance sought by the Council and accordingly, decided to put the intake in the B.Arch. Course to zero (0) for the academic session 2019-2020.
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The Executive Committee further decided that the intake of those institutions which were issued show cause notice by the Council for reduction of intake in B.Arch./M.Arch. course and have not yet submitted any reply or required information sought, be granted approval with the reduced intake as communicated by the Council for 2019-2020.

**ITEM NO.5 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM TN69-MMES ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE DATED 18.07.2019 FOR RECONSIDERATION DECISION OF EXTENSION OF APPROVAL FROM 30 TO 40 FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020.**

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 18.07.2019 received from TN69-MMES Academy of Architecture, submitting list of faculty regarding reconsideration of restoration of intake from 30 to 40 in terms of COA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983.

The Executive Committee noted that institution is lacking in cadre wise faculty as per the 1983 norms which required faculty strength in ratio of 1:8, i.e. faculty of 25 for an annual intake of 40. Further, Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors should be in the ratio of 1:2:4, apart from Principal. It was also noted that the institution was accorded approval to impart B.Arch. course since 2015-2016.

The Executive Committee also observed that Regulations, 1983 provides that all the faculty appointed must be full-time regular. Further, persons from allied areas are not to be counted in the faculty as per the Regulations and Institutions are to recruit qualified persons in the field of Engineering/Qty. Surveying/Art/Humanities depending on the actual requirements against the total sanctioned strength.

As such, the institution with an intake of 40 as sanctioned by the Council in a class was required to have faculty strength of 21 in terms of said Regulations in the faculty pattern – Principal -1, Professor-3, Associate Professor-6, Assistant Professor-11. However, as per the list of faculty supplied by institution, only 4 faculty are found to be eligible.

The Executive Committee noted that the institution falls short far below the faculty requirements both in terms of number and cadre as per Regulations of 1983.

In view of the above, the Executive Committee decided to reject the request of institution for restoration of intake from 30 to 40 for the academic session 2019-2020. The institution may be advised to rectify the deficiencies related to

shortage of faculty and apply for restoration of intake for the academic session 2020-2021.

**ITEM NO.6 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE INSTITUTIONS FOR EXTENSION OF APPROVAL FOR B.ARCH. DEGREE COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2019-2010 WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN INSPECTED BY THE COUNCIL.**

The Chairman informed the members that the Council is in receipt of application form from a few institutions for extension of approval for imparting B.Arch. Degree course. Since the date of appointing inspection committee is already over, no inspection could be conducted.

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 17.07.2019, received from Head of Department, MANIT, Bhopal and considered the Application form for grant of Extension of Approval for B.Arch. Course.

The Executive Committee noted that it is not possible to conduct inspection of the Institution and therefore as a special case, the institution being Central Government institution, decided to grant extension of Approval to the institution with an intake of 80 for the academic session 2019-2020.

**ITEM NO.7 TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-2019.**

The Executive Committee perused the Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts of Council for the financial year 2018-19 and approved the same.

The Executive Committee decided that the same be placed before Council for according its approval so that the same can be sent to Central Govt. and also published in the Gazette of India.

**ITEM NO.8 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 23.07.2019, RECEIVED FROM SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING, CENTURION UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT (OR04) .**

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 23.07.2019 received from (OR04)School of Architecture & Planning, Centurion University of Technology and Management, Jatni, Khurda, requesting the Council to grant registration to the First Batch of the Institution and also allowing the institution to complete the B.Arch. Course of Batches to students in 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Semester in the Institution.

The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations decided to allow the institution to continue to impart B.Arch. Course to the students of Batches of 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Semester of B.Arch. Course with the present intake as Zero (0).

**ITEM NO.9 TO CONSIDER ACADEMIC REVIEW AND VIVA VOCE EXAMINATION OF FIVE B.ARCH. PASS OUT STUDENTS OF CG01- DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, RAIPUR TO CONSIDER THEIR REGULARIZATION FOR REGISTRATION AS ARCHITECTS.**

The Chairman informed the members that the Committee in its 205<sup>th</sup> meeting held on July 8, 2019, had considered letter dated 16.01.2019 from the Registrar, NIT Raipur, regarding regularization of the five B.Arch. pass-outs from NIT, Raipur (erstwhile Government Engineering College, Raipur) who were admitted into B.Arch. course through lateral admission into 2<sup>nd</sup> year based on 3-year Diploma in Architecture during academic session 1999-2000.

The Chairman also informed that the Council vide its letter dated 12.02.2019, had allowed the institution/university to conduct special classes and special First Year B.Arch. Examination, in terms of decision of Council of Architecture at its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 20.09.2004, so that these students could also be considered for registration as architects.

It was also noted that these five students were somehow left out by institution to attend special classes and appear for special First Year Examination which was to be conducted by their erstwhile university, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur.

However, since the matter has been pending too long and a new technical university Shri Vivekanand Technical University has been established by the State of Chhattisgarh, conduct of special classes and special First Year B.Arch. Examination could not be arranged due to which the students have been facing hardships resulting in loss of employment opportunities.

The Executive Committee, after deliberations, noted that the matter needs sympathetic consideration and decided that Comprehensive Academic Review with viva-voce of the five students may be conducted by the Council in order to consider regularization of the students so that they could be considered for registration as architects.

Accordingly, the institution was requested to ask the said students to be present before the Executive Committee at its meeting scheduled on July 26, 2019 at 10.30 am for their Comprehensive Academic Review with viva-voce. The students have been requested to make available the following information/documents (as may be available) :-

1. Academic record with marksheets of internal/external examinations of B.Arch. course undergone by students.
2. Projects, assignments, Design, Dissertation/thesis, visuals/models, documentation covering all major subjects of the curriculum by students during their period of study.
3. Details of Academic Programmes i.e. Design Programme, workshops, seminars, competitions, study tours etc. attended to by the students.

All the five students have appeared before Executive Committee for their academic review and viva-voce examination.

The Executive Committee accordingly, one by one, conducted viva-voce of the candidates and perused the documents submitted by all the 5 candidates namely: 1. Ms. Geeta Gupta, 2. Ms. Beena George, 3. Ms. Shashi Saxena, 4. Ms. Harnesh Preet Kaur, 5. Ms. Maya Lonare and accordingly decided that all the 5 candidates be registered as an architect, as a special case, without any precedent, as most of these candidates are already in practice/ employment in different capacities and registration with the Council will allow them work as an architect.

**ITEM NO.10 TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 02.06.2019, RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, GOVT. OF INDIA, REGARDING COMPLINACE OF THE ORDERS OF HON'BLE SUPREME COURT REGARDING INDENTIFICATION OFPOSTS SUITABLE FOR PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES.**

The Executive Committee perused the letter dated 02.06.2019 from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. India, requesting the Council to take steps in compliance of the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, to identify the posts suitable for PwDs within a period of three months.

After detailed deliberations in the matter, the Committee decided that appropriate action be taken in the matter.

**ITEM NO.11 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

**I) TO CONSIDER THE ASSESSMENT REPORT OF (HR17) CCLS COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ROHTAK FOR EXTENSION OF APPROVAL OF B.ARCH. COURSE FOR 2019-2020**

The Chairman, Executive Committee informed that HR17- CCLS College of Architecture & Design, VPO. Hassangarh, The: Sampla, Rohtak HARYANA has, vide letter dated 06.05.2019, had applied to the Council of Architecture for conducting inspection at the institution to assess the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education prescribed by the Council in the conduct of B.Arch. course being imparted at the institution.

The intake of the institution was put to zero in B.Arch. course for the academic session 2016-2017 due to deficiencies related to faculty and academic work. Since the institution did not remove deficiencies and submit compliance to the Council, the application of the institution was not considered by the Council for the academic sessions 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

The institution was also issued show cause notice by Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak vide its letter dated 06.07.2018 for withdrawal of affiliation in 2018. The Council, vide letter dated 15.04.2019, sent a communication to Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak regarding transfer of existing B.Arch. students at the institution to other approved institutions.

The institution filed a petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi praying, among others, for inspection of the institution and grant of extension of approval for the

academic session 2019-2020. The Hon'ble Court directed that the status quo in respect of the institution as well as the students enrolled with it be maintained.

The Council of Architecture conducted inspection of the institution to ascertain the academic & physical infrastructure & facilities currently available at the institution to consider extension of approval for academic session 2019-2020 to ensure that the course being conducted at the institution is in conformity with the minimum Standards. The inspection committee which visited the institution on 25.07.2019 has submitted its assessment report to the Council.

The Executive Committee, after considering the assessment report and the information submitted by the institution regarding the faculty and other infrastructure facilities, noted serious deficiencies in the conduct of 5-year B.Arch. degree course as under:

- No eligible Head of the institution is appointed by the institution. The person shown as the Head by the institution later disassociated himself from the institution during the inspection.
- No regular faculty of Architecture is available at the institution. There is no permanent faculty for the last academic session. No teacher is currently assigned for any of the subjects. The students are being taught by few alumni. No regular classes are being conducted. No time table is being followed.
- The physical infrastructure is very poor. No computer was in working condition. Toilets are in bad condition. No projector facility. No Art Court is available. Even drinking water was not available.
- The titles in the library are not relevant to Architecture.
- The inspectors have reported the institution to be among the worst places. The institution is not fit to impart B.Arch. course.
- All the discrepancies which arose during inspection were accepted by the management of the institution.

In view of the above serious deficiencies, the Executive Committee noted that the institution is not fit to impart B.Arch. degree course and must not be allowed to run the course with immediate effect. The institution had been imparting deficient architectural education to its students, adversely affecting their career and future prospects.

The Executive Committee, in the interest of B.Arch. students studying in the institution, decided to reiterate its earlier decision that the institution be asked not to continue to impart course from the academic session 2019-2020 onwards and the concerned University be requested for transfer of students studying in the course to other approved institutions and name of the Institution be removed from the list of approved Institutions from the website of the Council.

The Executive Committee decided that the assessment report of the inspectors together with the observations/decision of the Executive Committee in the matter be placed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi for its kind perusal and necessary direction in the matter.



**II) TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FORM SUBMITTED BY THE INSTITUTIONS/ASSESSMENT REPORTS FROM INSPECTORS FOR EXTENSION OF APPROVAL FOR B.ARCH. DEGREE COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2019-2020**

The Chairman informed the members that the Council has further received assessment report submitted by inspection committee of an institution and also compliance from an institution which had submitted application form for extension of approval for imparting B.Arch. Degree course. Since the date of appointing inspection committee is already over, no inspection could be conducted.

The Executive Committee decided to consider the application form/assessment report of the institutions and decided as under:

Sl.	Name of Institutions	Application Type	Inspectors	Course with Intake	Decision of EC
1	[UP44] Department of Architecture Institute Of Engineering & Technology Mangalayatan University Aligarh	EXTENSION	ON THE BASIS OF APPLICATION	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake : 40	EC noted that the institution was approved by the Council to impart B.Arch. degree course from 2014-2015 but could not commence the course.  The EC decided to grant extension of approval with an intake of 40 for 2019-2020, subject to adequate Infrastructure and cadre-wise qualified faculty as per COA Norms available at the institution. The EC also decided that the institution should be asked to deposit security amount of Rs.5,00,000/- as decided by the Council of Architecture at its 70 <sup>th</sup> meeting.
2	[ HR07 ] ICL Institute Of Architecture And Town Planning, Village Sountli, Tehsil Naraingarh, Village Sountli, Near Shahzadpur Tehsil Naraingarh, National Highway No.72	EXTENSION	(C) Mr. Rupinder Singh (M) Ms. SHEETAL SHARMA	Bachelor of Architecture Present Intake : 0	EC noted that the institution has been put to Zero (0) for last 3 academic sessions since 2016-2017. The EC, after considering the assessment report noted serious deficiencies in the conduct of 5-year B.Arch. degree course at the institution related to faculty and infrastructure. The head was not present and has confirmed his

	<p>, Ambala HARYANA</p>			<p>disassociation with the Institute.</p> <p>Only one assistant professor was present. Even he is not being paid any salary. No other Regular faculty is available at the Institution.</p> <p>No Regular classes are being conducted Students are unaware of basic knowledge. Almost no proper teaching facility.</p> <p>Infrastructure is very poor and of inadequate size. Studio was not adequately sized, or have furniture or lighting. Photocopy Machine, Projector doesn't work. Most computers were defunct.</p> <p>No Material Museum, Workshop, Lab and lab technician available.</p> <p>No Exam time table, No updated books in library. The institution cannot be allowed to operate and not fit to impart the course.</p> <p>In view of the above serious deficiencies, the EC decided that the intake in B.Arch. degree course being imparted at the institution be put to Zero (0) for 2019-2020 and the concerned University be requested for transfer of students studying in the said course to other approved institutions</p>
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