

MINUTES OF THE 217TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE, HELD ON SUNDAY, 21ST JUNE, 2020 AT 3:30 P.M ONLINE THROUGH ZOOM APPLICATION.

Present:

1. Ar.Habeeb Khan : Chairman In Chair
2. Ar.Sapna : Vice-Chairperson
3. Ar.N.K.Negi : Member
4. Ar.Kapil Setia : Member
5. Ar.Ramesh Kumar : Member
- 6.Ar.Bansan Singh Thangkiew : Member

In attendance:

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

Ar.Sadiq Ali could not attend the meeting due to network issues in his area.

The Chairman thanked the Vice-President, Members and Officers of the Council for having the online meeting of the Executive Committee in view of the nationwide lockdown announced by the Government of India for containment of pandemic corona virus. Thereafter, the regular agenda of the meeting was taken up.

ITEM NO.01	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 215TH& 216TH MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 30TH MAY 2020.
	The Chairman informed the Members that the Minutes of the 215 th & 216 th Meeting of the Executive Committee were circulated to the Hon'ble Members. No comments have been received on the Minutes. The Committee after perusing the Minutes as annexed with the Agenda confirmed the same.
ITEM NO.02	ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 215th MEETING AND 216TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
	The EC perused the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 215 th & 216 th Meeting of the EC as annexed with the Agenda and noted the same.
ITEM NO.03	TO CONSIDER REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTIONS IMPARTING B.ARCH. COURSE FOR CLOSURE OF INSTITUTION FROM ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021.

	<p>The Executive Committee at its 215th meeting had decided that MH83-Shri Datta Meghe College of Architecture, Wanadongari, Hingna Road, Nagpur-411110, Maharashtra, which had applied for closure of institution be asked to produce No Objective Certificate from all students and faculty members so as to consider its request for closure.</p> <p>The Executive Committee perused the reply dated 03.06.2020 sent by the institution, and noted out of 220 students, 218 have submitted the NOC (101 for progressive closure and 117 for complete closure).</p> <p>The Executive Committee, after deliberation in the matter, decided that since all students have not given NOCs for complete closure of institution as per Council's policy, the request of the institution for closure cannot be considered by the Council presently. The Executive Committee, therefore, decided that the intake of the institution for B.Arch. course may be considered to be put to zero for the academic session 2020-2021 after the institution submits online application to the Council for extension of approval for 2020-2021.</p> <p>In order to apply for closure next year, the institution is requested to produce NOCs from all the existing B.Arch. students for complete closure. Till such time, an Administrator shall be appointed by the Council for a period of one year to oversee the academic affairs of the institution during 2020-2021 and to ensure compliance of the institution in terms of Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983. The remuneration of Administrator as fixed by the Council shall be borne by the institution. The decision be communicated to the concerned institution.</p>
<p>ITEM NO.04</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER CANCELLATION OF FINAL YEAR EXAMS IN TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL COURSES IN STATES.</p>
	<p>The Chairman informed the Members that few State Governments have decided to cancel all the final year examinations for all the colleges and universities in the state and that all the final year/final semester students will be promoted based on the performances in previous years or semesters.</p> <p>In this regard, Council has written a letter dated 01.06.2020 in the matter to State Government of Maharashtra requesting them to exempt B.Arch. course from the above decision so that the Thesis and assessment/juries/exams occurring in the final year of the course may be conducted as per the advisory issued by the Council and B.Arch. students may undergo Thesis and assessment/juries/exams in their final year as per</p>

	<p>the requirements of the Architects Act, 1972, to become eligible for registration as architects.</p> <p>However, it is learnt that State Government of Maharashtra has not accepted the request of the Council to allow conduct of Thesis and assessment/juries/exams in the Final Year of B.Arch. degree course in online mode. As a result, the B.Arch. students will be passing the course without the mandatorily required Thesis and assessment/juries/exams in the Final Year.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after detailed deliberations in the matter decided to seek legal opinion that if any student completes B.Arch. course without undergoing the Final year examination comprising Thesis and assessment/juries/exams and is also awarded the B.Arch. degree, will he/she be eligible for registration as an architect with the Council under the Architects Act, 1972.</p> <p>Upon receipt of legal opinion, appropriate communication may be sent to State Government of Maharashtra and other authorities.</p>
ITEM NO.05	DISCUSSING THE APPROACH TOWARDS THOSE COLLEGES WHO WERE ISSUED SHOW CAUSE NOTICES LAST YEAR OR HAVE BEEN COMPLAINED AGAINST.
	<p>The Chairman informed the members that during the last academic session there were 114 institutions which were issues show cause notices by the Council found to be lacking in the academic and physical infrastructure facilities. All such institutions were asked to submit the relevant documents. Further, colleges were granted approval based on the compliance report/undertaking submitted by them.</p> <p>The Executive Committee after deliberations decided that these institutions, in their respective letters of approval for the academic session 2020-21 issued by the Council, be asked to submit compliance on remedial action taken on the observations pointed out by the Executive Committee of the Council and/or the inspection committee, as communicated to the institution for the academic session 2019-2020 latest by August 31, 2020.</p>
ITEM NO.06	DISCUSSING THE APPROACH TOWARDS COLLEGES AGAINST WHICH COMPLAINTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL.
	<p>The Chairman informed that the members that the office of the Council of Architecture has received complaints against some institutions from</p>

	<p>students / faculty and others for non-maintenance of norms of Council, non-payment of salary and inadequate infrastructure etc.</p> <p>Further, since this year no inspection could be conducted due pandemic of Covid-19, the compliance made by the institutions for the specific complaints could not be verified by the Council.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and decided that the complaints be forwarded to the institutions and they be asked to submit their reply/comments, along with details of faculty, documentary evidence and remedial action, if any, in the matter within 7 days of receipt of the letter by the Council.</p>
ITEM NO.07	ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.
i)	<p>TO CONSIDER THE LETTER DATED 08.05.2020 RECEIVED FROM HR-11, GANGA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE & TOWN PLANNING, JHAJJAR, HARYANA W.R.T. SHOW CAUSE NOTICE ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL.</p> <p>The Council vide its letter dated 22.04.2020 issued a show cause notice to the HR-11, Ganga Institute of Architecture & Town Planning, Jhajjar, Haryana, consequent upon the receipt of report of surprise inspection Committee.</p> <p>The Institution vide its letter dated 08.05.2020 submitted its reply to the show cause notice issued by the Council. The Executive Committee perused the reply of the institution and decided that appropriate draft response may be prepared in the matter and the same may also be sent for legal advice before sending the same to the institution.</p>
ii)	<p>TO CONSIDER THE EMAILED REPLY DATED 01.06.2020 FROM AR. VIJAY GARG W.R.T. SHOW CAUSE NOTICE ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL.</p>
	<p>The Executive Committee also perused the reply dated 01.06.2020 received from Ar. Vijay Garg in response to Council's letter dated 26.05.2020 requesting him to explain his role in according approval to the institution. The Executive Committee noted that that Ar. Garg's continued insistence to supply documents at this stage appears to be an attempt to scuttle the Preliminary inquiry into the alleged misconduct.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter and decided that the same may be referred for legal advice.</p>

<p>iii)</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER GRANT OF INCREMENT IN SALARY TO PROF. JAYASHREE DESHPANDE, DIRECTOR, TRC-COA, PUNE</p> <p>The Executive Committee noted that Prof. Jayashree Deshpande has not been granted increment after 2016. The Executive Committee deliberated in the matter in details and desired that a uniform policy should be prepared for all the employees of the Council appointed on contract basis to consider their extension and salary increment.</p> <p>The Executive Committee requested the Sub-Committee comprising of Ar. N.K. Negi and Ar. Kapil Setia to prepare a uniform policy in the matter for its further consideration by the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>iii)</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR BUILDING PLANS FOR PROPOSED OKHLA OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE.</p> <p>The Executive Committee requested Ar. Kapil Setia and Ar. Negi to examine the revise layout plans submitted to the Council for the Okhla office of the Council of Architecture and to recommend changes, if any.</p> <p>Ar. Kapil Setia requested the office of the Council to forward the building plans once again so that same could be examined by him and Ar. Negi.</p> <p>The Executive Committee requested the members to make their recommendations in the matter.</p>
<p>iv)</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER FILING APPEAL BY THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE AGAINST JUDGMENT DATED 17.03.2020 OF THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT IN CIVIL APPEAL NO.1819 OF 2020</p> <p>The Chairman, Executive Committee informed the members the review to be filed in the above matter before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has been drafted by the Advocate of the Council and is shared with the members of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Executive Committee deliberated the matter in detail and decided that opinion of the Senior Advocate of the Council may also be obtained before proceeding ahead in the matter.</p>

The Meeting ended at 6:45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
