

**MINUTES OF THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATIONS  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 DECEMBER 2008 AT 11.00 A.M.**

List of Participant is at Annexure-I.

**Agenda Item No. 1:- Lal Mahal Nizamuddin, Delhi -Letter received from Prof. A.G.K. Menon, Convener, INTACH, Delhi Chapter.**

The matters was deliberated in details and the Committee observed that the building known as Lal Mahal is named as Kushaki Lal in the INTACH list of Heritage Building. This building is neither protected monument under the control of ASI and State Archaeological Department of Delhi Government nor has been identified as Heritage Building in yet to be notified list of the Heritage Building already prepared by the MCD and approved by the HCC. The Chairman informed the Committee that the said notification is to be done by the Government of NCTD, Ministry of Urban Development, and Govt. of India has already taken up the matter with State Government.

The Heritage Conservation Committee was further informed that the Lal Mahal or Kushaki Lal is a historic building located within 100 mt. of one of the already protected monuments under the control of ASI and as such falls within the prohibited limit in which no construction can take place. Therefore at this stage the building has the same protection as would have been available to it had it been notified as heritage building under building byelaws. ASI should therefore, consider this building as protected monument and MCD as well as ASI shall give instructions that the owner cannot do any development activities in this building without any prior permission of the local body as well as ASI.

The HCC felt that a site inspection is required to assess the present status of the structure and to analyze as to at what extent restoration can be done. In this regard it was decided that a team of following members of the HCC shall visit the site at the earliest and submit their report within a fortnight. :-

1. Prof. A.G.K. Menon.
2. Representative of ASI.
3. Shri V.K. Bugga, Chief Town Planner, MCD
4. Prof. M. Shaheer, Member
5. Shri Sanjib Sengupta Member Secretary, HCC.

The Member Secretary of HCC shall facilitate the visit.

**Agenda Item No. 2:- Retention/removal of Sarai Sohel and Sarai Gumbad in the IGI Airport Complex.**

In the month of April 2008 the Delhi International Airport (P) Ltd and Ministry of Civil Aviation requested the Heritage Conservation Committee to give permission to remove

the Sarai Sohel from its existing location to facilitate the extension of the Airport. After examining the matter in detail the "No Objection" to the relocation of Sarai Sohel around the Peerbaba Mazar within the Airport Complex was conveyed with the condition that for the purpose of relocation and re-building documentation of the structure has to be done with expertise and help of ASI before dismantling the structure.

In response the DIAL has now Submitted copy of the document "Conservation and Relocation Plan for Sarai Sohel" as Final Report which was circulated to the Members of the Heritage Conservation Committee.

The Committee noticed that in the report it is proposed to rebuild the remains of the Sarai Sohel near Sarai Gumbad instead of relocating it near Peerbaba Mazar as advised by the Committee earlier. This new location is not found technically feasible with reference to the proposed Master plan for the extension of the Airport and its Taxi area . The DIAL representative were advised to submit their master plan super imposing the proposed relocation of the monument clearly indicating the public access which would be available to public for visiting the monuments.

**Agenda Item No. 3:- Regarding Qutub Haveli Sarai at 6-8 Kalka Das Marg, Mehrauli - Letter received from Dy. Town Planner (LAP), MCD.**

The proposal was earlier examined by the HCC in its meeting on April, 22nd, 2008 on two issues (i) Change of use of building and (ii) permission to take up the repair works like cracks, repair of Arches, Water proofing of ground floor roof/first floor roof, Chajja on first floor plan and Plinth protection. The following decision were taking:-

“This is a heritage building and if it is deteriorating, such kind of repair/restoration work can be taken to improve its heritage quality and preserve the building for posterity. However to preserve the building, whenever any addition/alteration repair/restoration is to take place, and for the permission to change the use of the building, it is the local body who is to be approached first for permission. The local body shall scrutinize/examine with reference to its Act, provisions of the building byelaws or any other law or rule applicable and if required seek permission from the various bodies who are concerned with the same.

In this case the local body shall examine whether the application for change of use is in accordance to the byelaw 23.9 and local bodies Act. HCC should not be drawn into according any permission/license or prescription for use of the premises, as that is the domain of the local body. ”

The HCC reiterates its earlier decision taken in its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2008 and communicated to all concerned vide letter No. 8(1)/2007-HCC dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2008.

The Committee advised the local body to take further action as per the provisions of building byelaws and if necessary may approach HCC with specific recommendation.

**Agenda Item No. 4:- Regarding plot No. 7, Court Road, Civil Lines.**

In this case the issue is deletion of the name of the building at Plot No. 7, Court Road , Civil Lines from the Heritage List of MCD area. In this regard the Committee observed that there is no justification to re-visit the earlier decision of the Committee in its meeting held on 14th May, 2008 and communicated to all concerned vide letter No. 5(2)/2008-HCC dated 6.6.2008. However, any redevelopment proposal in respect of Plot No.7, Court Road, Civil Lines may be submitted by the local body following the procedures and guidelines mentioned in the building bye-laws and the requirement of HCC as mentioned in the proforma for submission of the proposal to HCC.

**Agenda item No. 5:- Press clipping published in the Times of India on dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 regard 250 monuments of local importance for conservation.**

There were Newspaper clippings on 19.5.2008 regarding the proposal of the State Department of Archaeology to identify 250 monuments of Delhi as protected by the State Government under the Delhi Ancient Monuments Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 2004.

In view of that clipping the Secretary Art and Cultural and Head of Department of Archaeology, Government of NCT of Delhi was requested by the Member Secretary, HCC to forward the relevant documents. These were placed before the Committee during the meeting. The Committee took note of all the documents.

**Agenda Item No. 6:- Proforma for Submission of proposal to HCC**

The modified proforma for Submission of proposal to Heritage Conservation Committee and the list of supporting documents and materials required for the examination/scrutiny by the Committee have been approved.

(Sanjib Sengupta)  
Secretary

No. 2(1) 2004-HCC

Dated \_\_\_\_ January, 2009.