

**MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY THE 15TH SEPTEMBER 2011.**

Item No. 1: Revised layout plan for National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) 22 Sham Nath Marg.

The proposal forwarded by the MCD was considered at HCC's meeting held on May 26, 2011. It was not approved and certain observations were given.

The revised proposal received from the architect/proponents was found acceptable and approved.

Item No 2. Completion plans in respect of Health Club & SPA, Hotel, Imperial, Janpath.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was considered at HCC's meeting held on May 26, 2011. It was not approved and certain observations were given.

The revised proposal received was found acceptable and the NOC was approved.

Item No 3. Plans in respect of Delhi Gymkhana Club, 2 Safdarjung Road.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized and discussed with the architect.

The proposal was found acceptable and approved with observations that correct FAR need to be shown by the architect in the proposal.

Item No 4. Plans in respect of House no. 450-B, Ward no.3, Mehrauli Pre-emptive actions.

The above proposal was directly submitted by the owner for consideration of the Heritage Conservation Committee. It was, therefore, observed that the proposal should be referred to the local body for their comments etc. as per the laid down procedure.

Item No 5. Deletion of some blocks of Sujan Singh Park from the list of Heritage Buildings- Letter received from Chief Architect, NDMC

The letter no.CA/HA/D-133/Design dated June 7, 2011 received from the Chief Architect, NDMC was considered. Along with his letter the Chief Architect, NDMC had forwarded a request of Member Sujan Singh Park Traders Associations (received by them from the Secretary to the Chief Minister of Delhi) to delete some blocks of Sujan Singh Park from the list of heritage buildings.

The HCC observed that before any such request could be considered by it, the NDMC should give its own comments/observations about the request received.

Addl. Item No1.: Plans in respect of extension to Ceremonial Hall, President Estate auditorium in Schedule-B, at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

- (1). The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised and discussed with the architect/proponents.
- (2). The proposal is in respect of construction of ceremonial hall as an extension to the existing auditorium schedule 'B' in President Estate. The HCC observed that the site of the proposal is part of buildings complex of Rashtrapati Bhawan, and is in grade-I, as per NDMC area Heritage list. It was submitted by the architects that the present proposal is only an extension to the existing auditorium schedule -B building in the complex.
- (3). Following points were made during the discussion :-
 - i) The scope for changes in a grade-I building have been defined in Clause-23.12) of the Delhi building bye-law 1983 which is as reproduced below :

"no interventions be permitted either on exterior or interior of the heritage building or natural features unless it is necessary in the interest of strengthening and prolonging, the life of the buildings/or precincts or any part of features thereof. For this purpose, absolutely essential and

minimum changes would be allowed and they must be in conformity with the original."

- (ii) Since the proposal was in respect of extension to the existing block, the proposal may be considered by the HCC with the condition that in future the conservation report for the overall complex of the Rashtrapati Bhawan should be submitted by the proponents.
 - (iii) The proposal should respect the existing natural features of the site.
 - (iv) The architectural expressions of the proposed extension were not respecting the architectural character of the existing block. Therefore, the elevations of the proposed block should be revised so as to blend with the elevations of the existing auditorium block.
- (4). The Committee considered the above points and keeping in view the fact that the proposal is only for extending the already existing block which is not part of the Heritage building, it was found acceptable and approved with the observation that the approval will be released by the Member Secretary on receipt of corrected elevation drawings.

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Member-Secretary