No.2(1)/2004-HCC

MINUTES OF THE 43rd MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE(HCC) HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015

A. <u>Project Proposals</u> :

Item No. 1 : Add./Alts. Plans in respect of Delhi Gymkhana Club, 2 Safdarjung Road.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was found acceptable and approved.

Item No. 2: Plans in respect of Construction of Delhi Police HQ and Police Station at Jai Singh Road.

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on November 19, 2014. It was not approved and certain observations were given. The revised proposal was examined and discussed with the architects/promoters. It was observed that the architect has attempted to achieve integrity in the urban form of new block with the existing heritage building.

After discussion it was decided to study the proposal further. The decision in the matter was accordingly deferred.

Item No. 3 : Status of land at Church Road for identifying land for building for Director General of Audit Defence Services – Letter received from Dy. Land and Development Officer for comments.

The proposal is in respect of a request received from Director General of Audit Defence Services by Ministry of Urban Development for allotment of land for their office complex north of North Block. The matter was examined and it was felt that the issue relating to allotment of land doesn't fall within the purview of the HCC. It was accordingly decided not to offer any comments in the matter.

Item No. 4: Supplementary list of heritage sites to be notified under section 23 of Delhi Building Bye-laws for Conservation and Protection (Graded as per clause 23 of Delhi Building Bye-laws 1983) – Proposal received from Chief Town Planner, North DMC on 03.03.2015.

 HCC is in receipt of a communication from Chief Town Planner, North DMC stating that the unified MCD earlier had sent a list of 767 heritage buildings as identified by INTACH and the same was notified by the Urban Development Deptt., GNCTD on 25.02.2010. Now INTACH has prepared another list of 554 heritage sites (528 sites falling in North DMC and 26 sites falling in South DMC) as per grading. The said list was put in public domain (MCD website i.e. www.mcdonline.gov.in) as per clause 23 of Delhi Building Bye-laws 1983 for inviting objections/suggestions of general public. However, no objections/suggestions have been received from the public after mandatory period of 30 days.

HCC has been requested to consider the list as per relevant provision of Building Bye-laws so that the same could be forwarded to Delhi Govt. for notification. A copy of 554 heritage sites has been received.

2. As per clause 23.5 of the Unified Building Bye-laws, the following are the relevant provisions :

"The list of heritage sites including Heritage Building, Heritage Precincts and list Natural features Areas is to be prepared and supplemented by the Commissioner, MCD/Vice-Chairman DDA/Chairman NDMC on the advice of the Heritage Conservations Committee. Before being finalized, objections and suggestions of the public are to be invited and considered. The said list to which the regulation applies shall not form part of this regulation for the purpose of Building Bye-laws. The list may be supplemented from time to time by Government on receipt of proposal from the agency concerned or by Government suo moto provided that before the list is supplemented, objections and suggestions from the public be invited and duly considered by the Commissioner MCD/Vice-Chairman DDA/Chairman NDMC and/or Government and/or the Heritage Conservation Committee.

When a building or group of buildings or natural feature areas are listed it would automatically mean (unless otherwise indicated) that the entire property including its entire compound/plot boundary along with all the subsidiary structures and artifacts, etc. within the compound/plot boundary, etc. shall form part of list."

- 3. As mentioned by the Chief Town Planner in his letter also, earlier, under clause 23.5 of the Unified Building Bye-laws, the list was prepared by the unified MCD and approved by Heritage Conservation Committee which was notified by Delhi Government vide notification no. F.No. 7(367)/227/2002/UD/841 dated 25.02.2010. For NDMC area the list of Heritage buildings was notified by the Delhi Government vide notification no. F.No.4/2/2009/UD/16565 dated 01.10.2009. Further some other heritage buildings have also been notified by the Delhi Government.
- 4. The matter was examined in above background and also discussed with Shri P. Dinesh, Senior Town Planner, North DMC. The HCC observed that the informations furnished by the Municipal Corporation are inadequate for scrutiny of the proposal. Therefore, following need to be submitted to the HCC:
 - 1. Detail Inventory/list of proposed buildings/precincts.
 - 2. Detail location/site plan of each buildings.

- 3. Photographs of each and every building with write up on history of the building/precinct.
- 4. Justification for grading of the buildings.

The proposal would be examined further on receipt of above informations from the Municipal Corporation.

Letters :

1. Installation of Solar Panel on Roof Top of Delhi Vidhansabha building - letter received from North DMC.

A letter from North DMC's no. TP/G/5109/2014 dated December 30, 2014 was received on the subject. No proforma, drawings, materials and model etc. have been received. A reminder/letter was issued to the North DMC for submission of requisite documents, materials, models etc., as per HCC's guidelines.

The proposal consists of temporary installation. The HCC decided to give its 'no objection' for installation of Solar Panel on Roof Top of Delhi Vidhansabha building with the condition that these should not be visible from the street.

2. Nomination of ADG (Arch.) current duty charge Sh. R.K. Kaushal in place of Smt. Sipra Mitra as Member HCC.– Letter received from CPWD.

The HCC took note of the letter received from the CPWD.

Sd/-(Vinod Kumar) Member Secretary Heritage Conservation Committee