

MINUTES OF THE 54th MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON MARCH 31, 2017

The Member-Secretary informed the HCC that Dr. Parul Pandya Dhar had resigned from her position of Member HCC on February 20, 2017 and her resignation has been accepted by the Ministry of Urban Development vide notification no. K-12016/6/2003/DD-I dated March 7, 2017. The HCC expressed its appreciation for the contributions made by her during the short tenure.

A. Proposals :

Item No. 1. Building plans in respect of Commercial Building on plot no. 4953/42, Bharat Ram Road, Darya Ganj.

1. The proposal had been received online without certification by the South DMC for consideration of the HCC. It is for demolition of the existing building and construction of a new building.
2. The proposal was considered and the following observations were made :
 - As per the proforma received (online), the building proposal was indicated in Grade-I of the notified Heritage List. Subsequently, by an email, the architect had informed that the proposal is in Grade-II. It was however found that the proposal which has been submitted to the HCC forms part of the "Hindi Park Housing Area", is in Grade-III. This anomaly was pointed out to the architect.
 - Therefore, the architectural character of the building should be in harmony with the architectural character of the surrounding area.
3. The HCC decided to return the proposal with above observations. The proposal may be re-submitted to the HCC by the local body i.e. South DMC online after incorporating HCC's above observations and its own scrutiny.

B. Additional items :

Addl. Item No.1 : Plans in respect of Frisking Booths at President Estate.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on October 21, 2016 and the following observations were made :

“The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized and discussed with the architects. It was found that the proposal is in Grade-I of notified list of Heritage buildings of NDMC area.

The HCC observed that the architectural expressions of the proposed booths were not in sync with the architectural character of the Rashtrapati Bhawan Complex. The architectural expression of the proposed booths should be in harmony with the architectural heritage of the Rashtrapati Bhawan complex.

The architects were advised to study the various architectural elements used in the Rashtrapati Bhawan Complex and re-design the Frisking Booths. A proper presentation should be done showing existing and proposed. The exact location of the booths should be indicated in the plans. The architect was advised to put up revised proposal incorporating the HCC’s observations.”

2. The HCC observed that its above observations have not been properly incorporated by the architects since the position in respect of location of gates, boundary wall existing and the exact location of the proposed booths had not been indicated in plans.
3. The HCC made the following observations :
 - A panoramic skyline elevations need to be submitted to the HCC as to how the frisking booths will look in front of main building of the Rashtrapati Bhawan with boundary wall & gate etc.
 - Height of the frisking booths should be reduced.
 - The location of frisking booths on all the gates to be clearly shown.
4. The architect was advised to submit the revised proposal online incorporating the HCC’s above observations with due certification by the concerned local body i.e. NDMC.

Addl. Item no.2 : Forwarding of proposals to the HCC by the Local Bodies.

In terms of the Government of India’s policy for ‘Ease of Doing Business’, the HCC has switched over to the system of online submission of proposals. It has however, been

observed that incomplete or inaccurate proposals are being referred to HCC.

It was, therefore decided to take up the matter with the local bodies to incorporate specific instructions for mandatory fields and documents in Common Application form (CAF) and also to make provision for returning the application online, if some mandatory requirement/document is found to be missing on preliminary scrutiny by HCC secretariat.

**Sd/-
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