

**MINUTES OF THE 72<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018.**

**A. Proposals:**

**Item No. 1: Plans in respect of Reception building at Rashtrapati Bhawan.**

1. The proposal was forwarded Online by the CPWD for consideration of the HCC. It comprises of a building having basements and ground floor. Basement one and two have mini theatre, cafeteria, while ground floor has exhibition hall, reception etc.
2. The site of the proposal is within the Rashtrapati Bhawan Complex which is a Grade-I heritage complex as per the notified list of heritage buildings/precincts for NDMC area.
3. The Comprehensive Conservation Master Plan (CCMP) Phase-I was earlier approved by the HCC at its meeting held on September 16, 2014. The Phase-II of the CCMP was approved at HCC's meeting held on July 21, 2017 with certain conditions/observations. The present location of the proposed building was not specifically indicated in the CCMP.
4. It was informed that existing trees are to be retained and only one tree is proposed to be transplanted.
5. The proposal was scrutinized and the following observations were made:
  - i. The need of providing huge parking lot need to be relooked into considering the actual requirement. So as to improve the visual/aesthetics look of the parking area creation of levels with smaller parking lots by proper landscaping and planting need to be considered. The parking provision should be workable.
  - ii. For convenience of public, pedestrian passage from the parking lot to the entrance of the building need to be created to save them from extreme weather conditions.
  - iii. Adequate space be provided at the entrance of the building for drop off with canopy.
  - iv. The building complex should be universally accessible.
  - v. The glass proposed on one of the facade need to be minimized.
  - vi. The architectural character of the proposed building should respect the architecture of the overall complex of the Rashtrapti Bhawan in terms of materials, architectural elements etc.

- vii. The observations given by the HCC while approving the CCMP should be respected.
6. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the above observations, subject to LBZ and other statutory clearances.

**Item No. 2: Building plans in respect of Hardayal Municipal Public Library, Chandni Chowk.**

1. The proposal was forwarded by the North DMC online for consideration of the HCC. It was earlier considered by the Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC) at its meeting held on October 8, 2018 and the following observations were made :

*"1. The proposal was forwarded by the North DMC online for consideration of the HCC. The building under consideration is listed as Grade-II structure, Zone-A (walled City) at Serial no. 66 notification dated 25.02.2010 notified by the, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. It included the work in terms of renovation and facelift of old historical Hardayal Municipal Library in city Sadar Paharganj Zone.*

2. *The proposal was scrutinized and the following observations were made:*

- (i) The drawings do not have clarity about the proposals being taken up. Since the Chief/Senior Town Planner, North DMC was not available, the proposal could not be discussed with him.*
- (ii) No changes are permitted on external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.*
- (iii) The HCC be informed about the structural safety of the building for which renovations are proposed.*
- (iv) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.*

3. *The HCC decided that the proposal be re-submitted by the North DMC for its consideration taking into account the above observations."*

2. The proposal was taken up in view of request letter no. D/EE(pr.)CSPZ/2018-19/674 dated 16.10.2018 received from North DMC, though it had not been received back from North DMC online.

Shri P. Dinesh, Senior Town Planner, North DMC was present in the meeting. A presentation was made by the representative of INTACH, the consultant of North DMC.

3. The consultant of North DMC informed the HCC that the subsequent additions at three places in the existing heritage building were proposed to be removed. The other changes proposed were also explained by representative of INTACH.
4. After discussions, the HCC decided that before scrutinizing the proposal further, a site visit will be done by the sub-Committee comprising of the following:
  - i. Prof. Rommel Mehta, Member HCC
  - ii. Ms. Vertika Sharma, Member HCC
  - iii. Shri D.K. Garg, Member HCC
  - iv. Shri Vinod Kumar, Member Secretary, HCC (Convenor)

**B. Additional item:**

**Item no. 1: Plans in respect of D-10, Inner Circle, Connaught Place.**

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was considered by the Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC) at its meeting held on October 8, 2018 and the following observations were made:

*“1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of change of false ceiling, flooring and wall tiles, wooden panelling on walls, POP plaster works on existing cement plaster, painting and polishing works, toilet renovation, wooden/glass partition, repair of entrance door/shutters and signages etc.*

*2. The HCC observed that the drawings received were not readable. The Chief Architect, NDMC stated that the proponents had not submitted the revised drawings as per their objection about the change in location of the staircase. Also in proforma no informations had been furnished.*

*3. The HCC decided to return the proposal to NDMC with above observations.”*
2. In response to the HCC’s observations, the revised proposal received from NDMC online was scrutinized. It was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
  - (i) No changes/projections are permitted on external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
  - (ii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
  - (iii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, Palladian style windows etc., should be retained in the modifications.

Sd/-  
**(Vinod Kumar)**  
**Member-Secretary**  
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