

**MINUTES OF THE 73rd OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE HELD ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018.**

A. Proposals:

Item No. 1: Plans in respect of Repair/Renovation works at G-42, Ground and Mezzanine Floor, Outer Circle, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinized. It included the work in terms of false ceilings, painting /polishing, internal partitions, POP plaster, flooring, paneling on walls, electrical works, air conditioning, alterations/renovation in toilet-change of CP fittings & fixtures, repair of entrance door/shutters and signages etc.
2. The proposal 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.

Item No. 2: Plans in respect of Repair/Renovation works at C-11, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal was forwarded by the NDMC online for consideration of the HCC. The proposal was earlier approved by the HCC's at its meeting held on February 2, 2017. The revised proposal included the work in terms of false ceilings, painting /polishing, internal partitions, POP plaster, flooring, paneling on walls, electrical works, air conditioning, alterations/renovation in toilet-change of CP fittings & fixtures, repair of entrance door/shutters and signages etc. The NDMC representative confirmed that the proposal was as per applicable building norms.
2. The revised proposal received 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.

Item No. 3: Plans in respect of Repair/Renovation works at L-10, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinized. It included the work in terms of flooring, partitions, POP punning, electrical, air-conditioners, painting and polishing, wooden work etc.
2. The proposal 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.

Item No. 4: Building plans in respect of Residential building at 7 Court Lane, Civil Lines.

1. The proposal was forwarded by the North DMC online for consideration of the HCC. It was earlier approved by the HCC's at its meeting held on May 2, 2016.
2. The revised proposal was scrutinized. It was found acceptable and approved with the observation that the heritage character comprising of architecture of the complex should be respected in the new proposed block including the use of external finishing materials.

Item No. 5: Building plans in respect of Hardayal Municipal Public Library, Chandni Chowk.

1. The proposal forwarded by the North DMC online was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on October 17, 2018 and the following observations were made :

“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)”*
2. The sub-committee made a site visit on October 26, 2018. The recommendations of the sub-committee were accepted by the HCC. The proposal was approved with the following observations :
- (i) The foundation be done with anti-termite treatment.
 - (ii) Due precautions should be taken while doing damp proofing.
 - (iii) The trees existing within heritage building and damaging it be dealt with due care.

- (iv) The rare books need urgent conservation.

B. Other matters :

Addl. Item No. 1 : Proposed modification in the notification of Delhi Urban Heritage Foundation Regulations, 1999- Letter received from DDA.

A communication no. F3(114)/2013/HUPW/WZ&DWK/149 dated November 20, 2018 received from Dy. Director, Urban Parks & DUHF, DDA was considered in background of earlier case history in the matter.

It was observed that the matter relating to ownership/funding the heritage properties does not fall within the purview of the HCC. The clarifications, if any in this regard may be obtained from the Government of India by the DDA.

Addl. Item No. 2: Plans in respect of C-24/2, Ground and Mezzanine floor, Middle Circle, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinized. It included the work in terms of plastering, POP, patch work, paintings, false ceiling, show window, water proofing, repairing of stairs, furniture & fixture etc.
2. The proposal 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.

Addl. Item No. 3: Plans in respect of N-1, Ground and Mezzanine floor, Radial Road, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinized. It included the work in terms of Plastering, POP, flooring, false ceiling, painting, furniture/fixtures, repair of staircase, changing of sanitary fittings etc.
2. The proposal 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.

Addl. Item No. 4: Suo Moto cognizance: Heritage buildings in east Delhi. – Communication received from Ms. Vertika Sharma, Member HCC.

A communication received from Ms. Vertika Sharma, Member HCC via email dated December 7, 2018 was considered by the HCC. In her mail she has mentioned that there are some Mughal-Era and thereafter heritage structures in east Delhi especially Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara, for which no notified list exists. It is apprehended that such structures would be lost in oblivion, thereby loosing the threads of history completely and forever.

The matter was considered and HCC decided that the matter be taken up with the East DMC for a status report in the matter with their comments keeping in view the need of conservation of heritage structures in East Delhi area especially Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara.

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(Vinod Kumar)
Member-Secretary
Heritage Conservation Committee