

MINUTES OF THE 83rd MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019.

A. Proposals:

Item No. 1 : Plans in respect of Enrichment of façade of Delhi Police HQ Bldg., at Ashoka Road.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC (online) for consideration of the HCC.
2. Earlier the building plans of Police Head Quarter and Police Station at Jai Singh Road had been approved by the HCC at its meeting held on June 29, 2015.
3. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online for consideration of the HCC. Also, a letter no. 10490/L&B Cell/PHQ, (III) dated 31.07.2019 has also been received from the Dy. Commissioner of Police, Land & Building Cell, PHQ, Delhi in this regard.
4. The proposal is for the permission to use sand stone (Gwalior white and Agra Red) in Bungalow (G+1) located in one of the corner of the campus site touching Ashoka Road. Since, the structure is part of the large campus, it was accordingly, decided that before scrutinizing the proposal further, a visit will be done by the sub-committee comprising of the following and submit its report

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| a. | <i>Prof. Rommel Mehta</i> | ... | <i>Member HCC</i> |
| b. | <i>Ms Vertika Sharma</i> | ... | <i>Member HCC</i> |
| c. | <i>Shri Rajeev Sood</i> | ... | <i>Chief Architect, NDMC</i> |
| d. | <i>Member Secretary, HCC</i> | ... | <i>Member Convener</i> |

5. The sub-committee made a site visit on October 18, 2019. The following observations were made by the sub-committee:

- "i. It was observed that the concerned structure is a Bungalow (G+1) which is a Grade-II listed heritage building located in one of the corner of the campus site touching Ashoka Road.*
- ii. Considering the heritage importance of the structure and on suggestions of HCC, the proponent has agreed not to use sand stone cladding on the façade and retain the heritage character of the structure."*

6. The recommendations of the sub-committee were accepted by the HCC.
7. The revised proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - i) No changes/projections are permitted on the 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 modified proposals.

Item No. 2 : Proposed Repair and Renovation Works at Premises No. K-28 (Ground & Mezzanine Floor Only) Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinized. It included the work in terms of plastering/cladding and Patch work, flooring and re-flooring, white washing, painting including erection of false ceiling, replacing of old sanitary fixtures in toilets, replacement of electrical wiring and fitting, replacement of old sanitary pipes etc.
2. The proposal was scrutinized and found not acceptable and not approved, the following observations were made :
 - (a) *(i) Existing site photographs should clearly show external facade & all internal wall face along with ceiling & floors accompanying the proposal of each floor besides photographs of the specific area where changes are proposed and should be properly numbered/named on the plan.*
(ii) Site photographs should be submitted to ensure that the site is properly visible as existing or else will necessitate going for a site visit.
(iii) Clarity and quality of photographs should be ensured.
 - (b) *Three-dimensional views should clearly show the existing and proposed design changes and should correspond to drawings.*
 - (c) *The drawings showing existing & proposed changes should be superimposed to clearly highlight the proposed modifications.*
 - (d) *No changes/projections are permitted on the external side/facade, which alters the original heritage structure.*
 - (e) *Heritage value and structural stability of the structure affected due to the changes proposed also be indicated on the superimposed drawings.*
 - (f) *Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, Palladian-style windows etc. should be retained.*
3. The above points to be ensured by the NDMC before forwarding the proposal to the HCC for its consideration to facilitate expeditious approval.

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(Dr. Rommel Mehta)
Member in Chair, HCC

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(Ruby Kaushal)
Member-Secretary, HCC