

**MINUTES OF THE 94th MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE (HCC) HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021.**

A. Proposals:

Item No.1: Plans in respect of E-1, Ground & Mezzanine Floor, Inner Circle, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC (online) was scrutinized. It included the work in terms of Plastering, POP, Patch Work, Flooring Re-Flooring, Painting/Whitewashing, False Ceiling, Internal Temporary Partitions, Removal of existing temporary partitions, Changing of Sanitary Fittings, Repairing of Stair's Steps, Changing of Rolling Shutter, Glass Glazing and Glass doors, Furniture/Fixtures.
2. The proposal received (online) was scrutinized and found acceptable, the following observations were made:
 - a) No changes/projections are permitted on the external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
 - b) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured. Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, Palladian-style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.
 - c) It was suggested to use the energy-saving fittings and fixtures for all electrical appliances and sanitary fittings.
 - d) NDMC shall ensure that the placement, size, colour, text etc. of the signages/signboards etc. to be as per approved policy/guidelines prepared by NDMC for the Connaught place area.

Item No.2: Plans in respect of E-3, Ground & Mezzanine Floor and E-30, First & Second Floor, Inner Circle, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC (online) was scrutinized. It included the work in terms of Plastering, POP, Patch Work, Flooring/Re-flooring, False Ceiling, Changing of Sanitary Fittings, Painting/Whitewashing, Furniture & Fixture, Repairing of Stair's Steps, Internal Temporary Partitions (Gypsum /Glass), Changing of Rolling Shutter, Changing of Existing Glass Glazing.
2. The proposal received (online) was scrutinized and found acceptable, the following observations were made:
 - a) No changes/projections are permitted on the external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
 - b) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured. Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, Palladian-style windows etc., should be retained in the modifications.

- c) It was suggested to use the energy-saving fittings and fixtures for all electrical appliances and sanitary fittings.
- d) NDMC shall ensure that the placement, size, colour, text etc. of the signages/signboards etc. to be as per approved policy/guidelines prepared by NDMC for the Connaught place area.

Additional Item No. 1 : Construction of New Parliament Building at plot no. 118, Parliament House Estate, New Delhi.

1. The proposal forwarded by the CPWD (online) was scrutinized by the HCC and a detailed discussion held with the project proponent and representative of the consultant architect who provided clarifications to the queries of the Members of the Committee on various aspects. The proposal was examined by HCC in pursuance of directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 05.01.2021 in Transferred Case(C) No. 230 of 2020 and SLP Diary No. 8430 of 2020 and other related Writ Petitions.
2. After going through the proposal in detail and presentation, the HCC observed that:
 - a) The New Parliament Building is proposed to be constructed in plot no. 118, Parliament House Estate which does not fall in any listed heritage building or precincts. Therefore, it does not fall under the purview of clause 1.3 of Annexure – II of UBBL-2016 on Conservation of Heritage sites.
 - b) No heritage structure exists on plot no. 118.
 - c) HCC also examined the proposal in terms of clause 1.10 of UBBL, 2016 regarding 'Maintaining Skyline and Architectural Harmony', and observed that the proposal maintains the skyline and follows the architectural style of the existing Parliament Building on adjoining plot no. 116, which is a listed Heritage Grade – I structure. It does not in any manner diminish or destroy the value and beauty of or the view from the said heritage site or mar the grandeur of existing Parliament Building.
 - d) The proposal of New Parliament Building is in harmony with the existing building in terms of height, architectural finishes, façade, color and size.
3. In view of above observations, the proposal was found acceptable by the Heritage Conservation Committee.

Additional Item No. 2 : Ownership issues related to the Additions/Alterations/Repairs & Renovations proposal received by the Heritage Conservation Committee from the local bodies

- a) The decision by the HCC at its 92nd meeting held on November 09, 2020 was to prevent the HCC in getting involved in ownership related litigations with which it is not concerned. However, in view of the issues raised by the NDTA vide its letter dated 23.12.2020 and as ownership related issue falls within the jurisdiction of the concerned local body i.e. NDMC in this case, they may adopt an appropriate system to prevent involvement of the HCC in ownership related disputes. NDTA letter to be forwarded to NDMC for necessary action.

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