

**MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE (HCC) HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2005 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM  
OF NIRMAN BHAWAN.**

**PRESENT :**

1. Shri B.S. Lalli  
Additional Secretary  
M/o Urban Development Chairman
2. Shri K.T. Gurmukhi  
Chief Planner, TCPO Member
3. Shri S.C. Bhatia  
Addl. DG(Arch), CPWD Member
4. Shri V.K. Bugga  
Chie Town Planner, MCD Member
5. Shri O.P. Jain  
Convener, INTACH Member
6. Prof. A.G.K. Menon  
Conservation Architect Member
7. Shri Jasat Pati Joshi  
Retd. DG, ASI Member
8. Shri D.S. Meshram  
Urban Designer Member
9. Shri B.K. Jain  
Director (DC&RYP) Member
10. Prof. Mohd Shaheer  
Environmentalist Member
11. Shri Sanjib Sengupta  
Chief Architect, NDMC Member
12. Shri Dina Nath  
Secretary, DUAC Member-Secretary
13. Shri Rajiv Sood  
Architect, NDMC
14. Shri G.K. Rao  
Dy. Architect, NDMC

15. Shri Bhagwan Singh  
S.E. (RR), CPWD

**Item No.1 : Approval and notification of MCD Heritage Buildings List**

At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Heritage Conservation Committee held on 2.5.05, it was decided that :-

1. *MCD would publish the heritage buildings list without deletion of any building in it.*
2. *The buildings supposed to be non-existent should be surveyed and a site report of all such buildings be prepared by the MCD by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2005 to decide further course of action in the matter.*
3. *Jama Masjid should not be included in the list of heritage buildings as it needs further consideration and deliberation.*
4. *A list of protected heritage buildings falling under the purview of ASI may be prepared separately for consideration of the HCC.*

HCC noted that the MCD have now sent a letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2005 vide which they have indicated that they received 56 representations on the 775 heritage buildings/precincts listed by them. These have been considered by a Sub-Committee of Heritage Society of MCD which was Chaired by Prof. A.G.K. Menon, who is also a Member of the HCC. MCD have now requested that the recommendations on the representations may be approved by the HCC so that they could notify the list of heritage buildings pertaining to their area. Accordingly, the recommendations on the representations received were placed before the HCC.

The Committee felt that henceforth in respect of those buildings which had been recommended for deletion from the list, photographs of the site with existing structures, if any, may be put up to the HCC for better appreciation of ground reality at the site. Thereafter the Committee considered the list of building for which representation have been received for deletion. The following decisions were taken by the HCC in this regard :-

Serial no. of MCD List	Name of the bldg/use	Observations/recommendations of MCD Committee	Recommendations of the HCC
3.	Chaupal	The area has been totally renovated/alterd with few traces of old structures. May be deleted from the list.	The Committee decided to defer the decisions on this building pending scrutiny of site photographs.
4.	Mosque	It doesn't exist on site. May be deleted from the list.	The Committee decided to defer the decisions on this building pending scrutiny of site photographs.
9.	Residence	Totally altered with new architectural features like balconies, concrete facades on each floor. May be deleted from the list.	Before deciding on the recommendations for deletion, HCC felt that the date when alteration was made may be made available.
10.	Sant Parmanand Hospital	New structure constructed. May be deleted from the list.	Shri V.K. Bugga, Chief Town Planner, MCD indicated that the structure was altered 3-4 years back and was totally new with no heritage value. Accordingly, HCC agreed with the recommendations for deleting from the list.
11.	Residence	Totally altered with new architectural features like balconies, concrete facades on each floor. May be deleted from the list. However, its volumetric dimensions should be maintained as per the heritage.	HCC decided to defer decision on the recommendations of MCD pending scrutiny of site photographs.
30.	Shivalya	Does not exist on this particular number of property. May be deleted from the list.	HCC advised that the existence/non existence of the shivalaya be confirmed by the MCD. Pending further information consideration on recommendation for deletion from the list was deferred.
32.	Residence and commercial bldg.	The ground floor is fully commercial with first and second	HCC decided to retain this bldg. in the list

		floor as residential areas with modern alterations/additions. The façade of the building is totally changed. May be deleted from the list. However its volumetric dimensions should be maintained as per the heritage.	pending scrutiny of site photographs.
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Chairman, HCC reiterated the urgency for notification of the list in the official gazette without awaiting decision on the representations received as delay would expose these buildings to alteration/destruction.

To give cognizance to the representation received and to comply with provision regarding consideration of representation as stipulated in clause 23.5 of the Public Notice dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, a footnote may be added to the Gazette notification that the objections are being considered separately.

**NDMC Heritage Buildings List**

The list of heritage buildings placed at the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the HCC held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2005 was approved. It was accordingly decided that NDMC would notify the list of heritage buildings in the Official Gazette. At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the HCC held on 2.5.05, it was also decided that the Old National Museum building between Vigyan Bhawan and National Museum be included in the NDMC list. However, subsequently NDMC instead of notifying the list in the Official Gazette brought out a Public Notice in the Newspapers dated 8.6.05 inviting objections or suggestions in respect of the list and opinion for deletion/inclusion in the list. Chief Architect, NDMC was asked to clarify the position.

The Chief Architect, NDMC indicated that they have received six objections in respect of HCC heritage bldg. in the NDMC area. The HCC decided that similar procedure for examination of representations as adopted by the MCD may be adopted by the NDMC as well viz. to set up a committee for this purpose with the approval of Chairperson, NDMC.

Meanwhile, the HCC felt that NDMC should notify the list of buildings in the Official Gazette without further loss of time with a footnote that representations received are being considered separately.

**Office building of D.G. ASI at Janpath**

Shri J.P. Joshi indicated that the office building of DG, ASI situated at the junction of Maulana Azad Road and Janpath had considerable heritage value. It was built prior to 1929. At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the HCC held on May 25, 2005 earlier it was decided that this building be included in list of NDMC Heritage building but action in this regard is still pending. The Chief Architect, NDMC assured that this building would be included in the list of heritage building before notification.

**Presentation and Maintenance of Heritage Buildings with Government Organizations/Trust**

Shri O.P. Jain, Convener, INTACH indicated that a large number of heritage building in Delhi are occupied by Govt. agencies/trusts. Consequently, their proper maintenance and preservation may not be very difficult. It was decided that Shri O.P. Jain would make available the list of names of persons responsible for maintenance of such building in Delhi. Thereafter, letters could be sent from Chairman, HCC to each of such authorities for proper maintenance of such buildings and creating proper ambience around them.

**Spreading Awareness about importance of Heritage Building**

The HCC felt the need for creating special cells in each of the local authorities in Delhi namely DDA, MCD, NDMC, CPWD for spreading awareness about the value of the Heritage building, precincts, special areas etc. so that peoples participation for cherishing our heritage could be secured.

**(B.S. Lalli)**  
**Chairman**