

**MINUTES OF THE 27th MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY THE 23RD JULY, 2010**

Item No.A.1 : Completion of the Project : Reconstruction of Sarai Sohel, Preservation of Sarai Gumbad (Tomb of Sohel) in IGI Airport in Palam.

The Committee noted that while approving the proposal for reconstruction of Sarai Sohel, Preservation of Sarai Gumbad (Tomb of Sohel) in the complex of IGI Airport one of the conditions stipulated by the HCC at its meeting held on 23.4.2009 was submission of a landscape plan around the two heritage structures. As a proper landscape plan had not been submitted by the Project Proponent, the Committee asked them to fulfill this requirement before the proposal for completion could be considered further.

Item No.A.2 : Plans in respect of Police Station Complex at Mandir Marg.

The Committee noted that the proposal had been considered and approved by the HCC at its meeting held on 16.10.2006. The Committee found the revised proposal acceptable and accordingly approved it.

Item No.A.3 : Plans in respect of multilevel car parking for Delhi High Court.

The proposal was approved by the Committee at its meeting held on 21.12.2009 with the condition that the conservation of the Tomb should be a part of the proposal which need to be further enhanced with the help of an expert agency. Due care should be taken so that the monument does not collapse during construction. In order to assess the latest position about the compliance of its observations as decided by the HCC at its meeting held on 10.3.2010 a site visit was conducted. During the site visit it was found that the Tomb/monument is in a dilapidated condition since extensive cracks have developed in the structure at many places. DMRC the project proponent were urged to take up the restoration work immediately.

Subsequently, the Committee was informed that despite the bad condition of the heritage structure DMRC continued with the construction work at the site. It also transpired that despite NDMC issuing notices to DMRC for stopping the work the project proponent had continued with the construction activity. The Committee after deliberation decided that NDMC should explore ways and means within its own bye-laws legally for enforcing the decision of the NDMC for stopping work at site. Further, it was felt that Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi and Ministry of Urban Development need to be apprised in the matter.

Item No.B.1 : Notification of Heritage Building Structures in MCD area.

The Committee took note of the list of heritage buildings in the MCD area which has since been notified. It was noted that the notification for the following six buildings is still due :-

S.No.	Building	Location	Zone and Grade
1.	Shivalaya	515, Katra Neel, Chandni Chowk	A II
2.	Residence	649, Katra Neel, Chandni Chowk	A II
3.	Residence	2942, Katra Kushal Rao, Kinari Bazar, Chandni Chowk	A II
4.	Residence & Commercial	4, Netaji Subhash Marg, Daryaganj	A III
5.	Chaupal	Mohammadpur Village	F II
6.	Mosque	Mohammadpur Village	F II

The HCC urged MCD to take expeditious action for notification of the aforesaid structures as well.

Item No.B.2 : Formation of Guidelines for heritage buildings for guidance of proponents - letter received from TCPO.

For formulation of Guidelines for heritage buildings all the Members had earlier been requested to give their inputs. The Committee noted that INTACH vide their letter no.ND/581/642 dated 7.5.2010 had sent their views in the matter. The TCPO vide their reference no.1-135/2007-TCPO/MUT(118) dated 10.5.2010 had stated that the organization in consultation with INTACH is preparing model heritage bye-laws which

shall be finalized shortly and submitted to the Ministry of Urban Development. A copy of this shall be sent to the HCC as well. Accordingly, the HCC decided to await preparation of the model heritage bye-laws by TCPO and INTACH.

Item No.B.3 : List of Heritage Sites notified for NDMC and MCD areas.

The Committee took note of the list. Chairman urged that the list need to be properly documented with current photograph of each heritage building as has been desired by the GNCTD.

It was felt that in terms of the provisions of Section 23.5 of the Delhi Building Bye-Laws, 1983 the next step should be notification of natural features area for which HCC urged the local bodies to initiate surveys and prepare preliminary list for consideration by the HCC.

Item No.B.4 : Preliminary Gazette notification for protection of the 9 monuments - List received from Department of Archaeology, Govt. of Delhi.

Noted.

Addl. Item No.1 : Mehrauli Archaeological Park.

One of the Member HCC Ms. Gurmeet s. Rai raised during the meeting the issue of present state of affairs in the Mehrauli Archaeological Park particularly the increasing encroachment. Since the park is under jurisdiction of DDA, the HCC decided to take up the matter with DDA.

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