

**MINUTES OF THE 33rd MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY, THE 23rd NOVEMBER, 2012**

**Item No.1: Restoration of Hindu Rao House and its surroundings in Hindu Rao Hospital at C-280, Civil Lines Zone.**

The proposal forwarded by the MCD was initially considered at HCC's meeting held on June 8, 2012. It was not approved and certain observations were given. A revised submission was made to the HCC.

A presentation of the revised proposal was done by the Consultant's architect. The HCC made the following observations :

1. As observed at the earlier meeting also there was mis-match between the drawings and presentation and the presentation is incomplete and lacked clarity. On a statement by the architect/consultant expressing their inability of having access to certain parts of the premises/structures and showing details of such areas on the basis of presumptions was objected by the Members.
2. Certain facts indicated about the history of the heritage structures etc. needed verification and correction by the architects.
3. Since there were protected monuments in nearby vicinity the clearances as well as coordination with ASI is necessary. It was observed that there was need to achieve link with the other structures/historical premises existing next to the site.
4. It need to be established as to which guidelines are being followed for developing the complex in terms of the surrounding areas and other structures and places of heritage value, keeping in view the fact that the proposal was in grade-III of the MCD heritage list.
5. The proper architectural set of drawings have not been submitted and a few drawings given required corrections. Complete set of drawings, which should be in metric system, need to be submitted.
6. The HCC felt that the architect/consultants have to do a proper detailed case study of the proposal and accordingly put up a vision for the development of the complex.

7. The use of the premises as hospital need reconsideration on account of equipments, services etc. that are required to be provided in a hospital.
8. Since the site/place happens to be at highest point on the Northern Ridge, the possibility of a creating a cafe at the terrace of the buildings as a viewing point of the city could be developed.
9. The barrier free movement of differently abled should be ensured.
10. The presentation should clearly bring out the before and after situation of the site.
11. While the HCC would like to encourage development and preservation, conservation of the premises what is required to be presented is a vision document of the proposal.
12. It was concluded that first the architect has to make a detailed case study of the premises and document it, discuss the compatible use of premises with her client and put up a vision document for consideration of the HCC.

**Item No.2: Add./Alts. of plans in respect of (Internal Wall of Squash Court) at Delhi Gymkhana Club, 2 Safdarjung Road.**

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was found acceptable and approved with the observations that structural safety of the building may be ensured by the architects/promoters and the concerned local body.

**Item No.3: Add./Alts. of plans in respect of Replacement of Existing roof of Canteen at Delhi Gymkhana Club, 2 Safdarjung Road.**

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized and discussed with the architect.

It was observed that the architect had not provided sufficient information and details of the existing and proposed roof. He was advised to submit the same showing use of various materials including in context of the surrounding structures in the complex.

**Item No.4: Add./Alts. plans in respect of G-3/42, Connaught Circus.**

The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was found acceptable and approved.

**Item No.5: The proposal of GNCTD to nominate Delhi as a UNESCO World Heritage City under the title "Imperial Cities of Delhi".**

The proposal had been forwarded by the Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation on behalf of the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi, as the Nodal Agency.

The proposal was earlier directly submitted by Convener INTACH , Delhi Chapter and was considered at HCC's meeting held on August 27, 2012. The HCC had lauded INTACH for the works done by them.

The matter was taken up for consideration and discussed with Prof. A.G.K. Menon, Convenor INTACH, Delhi Chapter. As per the provisions of Building bye-laws of the HCC is an advisory body to the MCD, NDMC and DDA. Therefore the proposal submitted by DTTDC should have the consent and forwardal of the concerned local bodies i.e. Municipal Corporations and NDMC. It was also observed that the other stakeholders in the matter the local bodies concerned, the Archaeological Survey of India, DDA, CPWD, Central Vista Committee and other concerned agencies authorities/department should also be taken on board in the matter, so that at a later time, the proposal should not find any kind of hindrance at any level because the issues involved are important including from the point of view of regulatory provisions.

**Add. Item no. 1 : Constructions taking place within the prohibited zone of Qutab Complex World Heritage Site - Letter received from INTACH, Delhi Chapter.**

The letter no. nil dated November 5, 2012 received from Convenor, Delhi Chapter was seen and the HCC expressed its dis-pleasure on such kind of constructions being carried out wherein the position was not clear whether it has approval of concerned local body i.e. MCD and the ASI.

The HCC observed that MCD should ensure that no construction are carried without sanctioned plans. The HCC observed that MCD should immediately assess actual situation at the site and stop the constructions, freezing then completely, until unless the position is clear and report the latest position to the HCC on priority.

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**(Vinod Kumar)**  
**Member-Secretary**