

**MINUTES OF THE 58<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE HELD  
ON FRIDAY JULY 21, 2017**

**A. Proposals :**

**Item No. 1: Repair and renovation at M-66, First Floor, Plot No.3, Block-M, Connaught Place.**

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of the change the flooring, old electric wiring & fitting, white washing, false ceiling and replacement of sanitary fitting and fixtures, erection of internal partition etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
  - (i) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
  - (ii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

**Item No. 2: Repair and renovation at G-52, Connaught Place, New Delhi.**

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of the change the white washing & painting, display fixture and loose furniture etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
  - (i) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
  - (ii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

**Item No. 3: Repair and renovation at premises No.E-27/4, Connaught Circus.**

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of the change the flooring, ceiling, partitions, water proofing, white washing etc.
2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
  - (i) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
  - (ii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

**Item No. 4: Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan Phase-II of President Estate.**

The proposal of Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan Phase-I of President Estate forwarded by the NDMC was approved by the Heritage Conservation Committee(HCC) at its meeting held on September 16, 2014.

2. Now, Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan Phase-II has forwarded by the NDMC was scrutinized and discussed with the architect. As per the report submitted by the architect, the proposal includes:

- Restoration of damaged wall surfaces.
- Underpinning and grouting of damaged brick masonry along with sealing fissures and filling hair line cracks.
- Restoration of damaged wall cladding
- Restoration of all the architectural elements
- Restoration of damaged flooring
- Repair of wood work (including doors, windows, ventilators, wall cladding etc.)
- Anti termite treatment
- Strengthening of ceiling which includes Repair of damaged and decayed R.B. Work in roofing including replacement of rusted/decayed iron rods/flat iron bars (steel reinforcement), Scraping and repainting of I-sections, Scraping and repainting of MS Girders etc.
- Restoration of Art and antiquities.
- Restoration of Landscaped area and replacement of all luminaries for more energy efficient systems.
- Refurbishment of existing plumbing, electrical, fire-fighting and HVAC services and location of central monitoring system outside the Heritage Building.

3. The proposal which is in Grade-I as per notified heritage list for NDMC area was scrutinized and the HCC made the following observations:

- i) All existing architectural elements, the materials need very careful handling. An inventory of existing building elements should be prepared.

- ii) No air-conditioning equipments, pipes, electric cables should be visible on walls/facade. The attempt should be restoration to the original.
4. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the above observations.

**Additional item :**

**Item No. 1: Construction of Contemporary Art Centre in New Delhi at Bikaner House Complex, RAW Building.**

The proposal was considered by the HCC at its meeting held on July 5, 2017 and the following observations were made :

*“The proposal for converting the existing ex-RAW building block within the premises of Bikaner House Complex a Grade-II listed Heritage Complex was forwarded by the NDMC for consideration of the HCC.*

*The proposal of renovations includes demolition of certain load bearing walls, relaying of roof slabs at different heights, increasing size of doors, height of the building block and provision for addition of a lift etc. including demolishing a temporary structure adjacent to the main building block.*

*The proposal was scrutinized and discussed with the Architect. The HCC observed that proposal for demolition of walls & slabs was an important proposition and may altogether change the heritage value and character of the building complex.*

*The HCC accordingly decided that a sub-committee comprising of the following will make a site visit and submit its report to the HCC:-*

- (i) Prof. Dr. Rommel Mehta - Member, HCC
- (ii) Ms. Vertika Sharma - Member, HCC
- (iii) Chief Planner, TCPO or his representative - Member, HCC
- (iv) Member Secretary, HCC – Convener of the sub-committee”

The Sub-Committee made a site visit on July 13, 2017. The site visit report was placed before the HCC. After deliberations, the HCC accepted the recommendations of the Sub-Committee and approved the proposal subject to the observations of Sub-Committee being incorporated.

**Sd/-  
(Vinod Kumar)  
Member-Secretary  
Heritage Conservation Committee**