

MINUTES OF THE 63rd MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018.

A. Proposals :

Item No. 1: Plans in respect of National War Memorial at India Gate Lawns.

The proposal was forwarded by the NDMC online with certain comments for consideration of the HCC.

2. Earlier, Ministry of Defence vide its letter no. 98325/NVM/E-6 dated August 4, 2016 had sought concurrence of the HCC on terms and reference of global/national architectural competition. In response vide HCC's letter no. 6(5)/2016-HCC dated September 12, 2016, Ministry of Defence was informed that the proposal as and when formulated should respect relevant provisions of Unified Building Bye-Laws for Delhi-2016.

3. As per the proposal now received, the National War Memorial has been proposed to be constructed at the 'C' Hexagon of India Gate which is part of Central Vista. As per the notified list of heritage buildings/precincts for NDMC area site falls in Grade-I. The memorial will be developed in four lawns of the C-Hexagon and consists of the following zones :-

1. National War Memorial (Lawn 2&3) :
2. The Param Veer Chakra Park (Lawn 1) :- The Param Veer Chankra Park consists of landscape, statue of the highest gallantry awardees.
3. The Children Park Lawn (Lawn 4 – excluding area utilized by children's park)
4. The Landscape around the canopy
5. Footpath on the periphery and Axial roads of Lawns 1,2,3, & 4

4. The proposal was scrutinized. It was found acceptable and approved with the following observations :-

1. So as to retain the continuity of the visual axis of Central Vista, limited plantation towards National Stadium be done.
2. The proposed planting in the overall scheme should relate to the existing planting of trees in Heritage precincts of Central Vista.
3. Provisions for adequate parking may be ensured.
4. In Lawn 1, the network of hard pathways connecting Busts may be minimised.
5. In the overall scheme, the attempt should be to have more green area rather than hard paved surfaces.

Item No. 2: Plans in respect of Shop no.4, Building no. B-45-47, Connaught Place.

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC online was scrutinised. It included the work in terms of change of plastering, POP work, Flooring, false ceiling, show window, furniture & fixtures and other incidental works etc.

2. The proposal was found acceptable and approved with the following observations:
 - (i) No changes are permitted on external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
 - (ii) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured.
 - (iii) Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, palladian style windows etc. should be retained in the modifications.

Sd/-

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