

**MINUTES OF THE 100<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE (HCC) HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021**

**A. Proposal:**

**Item No.1: Internal renovation in respect of Premises No.-12, Block-C, Ground Floor and Mezzanine floor, Inner Circle, Connaught Place.**

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC (online) was scrutinized. It included the work in terms of plastering, POP punning, painting/whitewashing, flooring/re-flooring, false ceiling, internal wooden partitions, wall panelling, electrical works, waterproofing, plumbing works, furniture & fixtures, replacing front door with new door, show windows and display counters.
2. The proposal received (online) was scrutinized and found acceptable, the following observations were made:
  - a) No changes/projections are permitted on the external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
  - b) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured. Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements such as arches, cornices, quoins, gables, architraves, Palladian-style windows etc., should be retained in the modifications.
  - c) It was suggested to use the energy-saving fittings and fixtures for all electrical appliances and sanitary fittings.
  - d) NDMC shall ensure that the placement, size, colour, text etc. of the signages/signboards etc. be as per approved policy/guidelines prepared by NDMC for the Connaught place area.

**Item No. 2: Repair/renovations/interiors works for M-38/1, and M-38/2, Middle Circle, Connaught Place.**

1. The proposal forwarded by the NDMC (online) was scrutinized. It included the work in terms of Fire-fighting equipment removal of old and new installation, sanitary & plumbing removal of old and new installation, electrical and data networking removal of old and new installation, air-conditioning and cooling system removal of old and new installation, false ceiling with POP, flooring, walls, painting of slab, false ceiling, repairing of footpath pavers, shutters, fire detection system, fire-fighting system, plumbing, air-conditioning system, electrical system, drainage system and repairing of the terrace.
2. The proposal received (online) was scrutinized and found not acceptable, the following observations were made:
  - a) The HCC observed that the proposal is for extensive renovation work, including air-conditioning etc. in the existing building from the basement to the third floor.

- b) i. The photographs of the existing façade show a lot of exposed air-conditioning outdoor units, dangling of exposed wires protruding out from the ground (surface) to the terrace spoiling the external façade and marring the visual and urban aesthetics of the heritage-listed property.
- ii. Alternative options shall be explored to relocate all the air-conditioning units appropriately with screening mechanisms. Also, exposed wires etc. shall be concealed and should not be visible on the facade.
- c) No changes/projections are permitted on the external side/facade, which should be retained as per the original design.
- d) The structural safety of the buildings should be ensured. Heritage Character comprising of architectural elements etc. should be retained in the renovation/modifications.
- e) It was suggested to use the energy-saving fittings and fixtures for all electrical appliances and sanitary fittings.
- f) NDMC shall ensure that the placement, size, colour, text etc. of the signages/signboards etc. be as per approved policy/guidelines prepared by NDMC for the Connaught place area.

**B. Additional Item:**

**Adtl. item no. 1: Revised Proposal for Development/Redevelopment of Central Vista Avenue, Landscape restoration of Rajpath and its adjoining lawns from Vijay Chowk to India Gate.**

1. The proposal was forwarded by the CPWD (online) was scrutinized. The Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC) approved the proposal for the Development/redevelopment of Central Vista Avenue, the Landscape restoration of Rajpath and its adjoining Lawns from Vijay Chowk to India Gate at its meeting held on February 01, 2021.
2. Considering the updated functional requirements, security considerations and requirements during national events, the revised proposal for development/redevelopment of Central Vista Avenue, landscape restoration of Rajpath and its adjoining Lawns from Vijay Chowk to India Gate received (online) at the formal stage was scrutinized and found acceptable.

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