

**MINUTES OF 163RD MEETING OF NMA HELD ON 17.10.2017 AT 10.30 AM TO
DISCUSS PREPARATION OF HERITAGE BYE – LAWS**

The 163rd meeting of National Monuments Authority (NMA) was held under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Susmita Pande, Chairperson, NMA to discuss preparation of Heritage Bye Laws. The list of invitees who attended the meeting is as below:

1. Smt. Usha Sharma, IAS, DG, ASI and Ex-officio Member, NMA.
2. Sh. A.B. Shukla, Whole Time Member, NMA
3. Sh. Satish Kumar, Whole Time Member, NMA
4. Sh. Navneet Soni, Member Secretary, NMA
5. Sh. P.L. Sahu, Joint Secretary, MoC
6. Sh. T.J. Alone, Director (Monuments), ASI
7. Sh. T.R. Sharma, RD (North), ASI
8. Sh. Madan Singh Chouhan, RD (Central), Bhopal
9. Sh. Zulfiqar Ali, SA, Bhopal
10. Sh. Praveen Singh, Dy. SA, Delhi Circle, ASI
11. Sh. V.K. Uppal, Surveyor, ASI
12. Sh. Deepak Bhardwaj, Surveyor, ASI
13. Smt. Shveta Mathur, Representative, Aga Khan Trust for Culture
14. Dr. Manoj, Asst. Professor, IGNTU, Special invitee


At the outset Member Secretary, NMA briefly mentioned the present status of preparation of Heritage Bye Laws. He explained that Heritage Bye Laws of Centrally Protected Monuments (CPMs) were required to be finalized & notified within 5 years of setting up of NMA as per the mandate under Ancient Monuments And Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) (Amendment And Validation) Act, 2010. However, not a single Heritage Bye Laws (HBLs) could be notified till date. This has become all the more important due to fact that online approval of grant of NOC for construction in the regulated area of CPMs requires notified HBL defining the parameters for grant of NOC through SMARAC App.

Thereafter, the status of preparation of specific HBL were taken up.

i. HUMAYUN'S TOMB GROUP OF MONUMENTS:

In the meeting held on 02.05.2017 where Director (Monuments) and RD (North) were also present it was decided that HBL of Humayun's Tomb group of monuments will be finalized by 10.07.2017 and submitted to DG, ASI for approval. However, till date the Bye Laws have not been finalized. RD (North) explained that a few typographical errors and other mistakes are required to be corrected in the text and the anomalies found in the Total Station are also required to be reconciled after doing an on the spot verification.

DG, ASI noted that the work could not be completed within the target date and that it still remains incomplete even after 5 months. She directed RD (North) to indicate the earliest date by which this work will be completed. RD (North) assured that the corrected text of the HBL of Humayun's Tomb group of monuments will be submitted by 23.10.2017



and the information in Schedule I will be finalized and submitted by 16.11.2017 for approval of DG, ASI. In view of this it has been decided to fix 16.11.2017 as the deadline of submission of HBLs of Humayun's Tomb Group of Monuments. Next meeting to review the status has been fixed on 17.11.2017.

It has also been decided that Aga Khan Trust will no longer be required to carry out the correction etc. RD (North) will complete remaining work with the help of Sh. V.K. Uppal, Surveyor by 16.11.2017.

ii. GWALIOR FORT GROUP OF MONUMENTS:

RD (Central) stated that he has submitted the draft HBL in respect of these monuments complete in all respect to DG, ASI for her consideration and approval. The hard copy of the maps enclosed with the drafts will be send to Director (Monuments) in hard copy. DG, ASI will consider the draft HBL submitted to her expeditiously. The efforts made by RD (Central) Sh. Madan Singh Chauhan and Sh. Zulfiqar Ali, SA, Bhopal in finalizing the HBLs of the Gwalior Fort Group of Monuments was appreciated.

iii. OTHER BYE – LAWS PENDING AT FINAL STAGE:

RD (North) stated that draft HBLs in respect of Jugal Kishore Temple, Vrindavan, Khair-Ul-Manazil Mosque and Sher Shah Suri Gate are at final stage and will be submitted to DG, ASI for consideration and approval by 23.10.2017.

4. MS, NMA briefly explained the position regarding demarcation of protected/prohibited/regulated area of 13 monuments in Delhi. Govt. of NCT of Delhi is required to do the Total Station and provide authenticated map of these monuments of Delhi. For this purpose requisite fund has been released to the State Govt. for engaging agencies for Survey. However, the work is yet to be completed. MS, NMA pointed out that he has already written several letters to Chief Secretary, Delhi & Secretary (Revenue), Delhi to expedite the work. After discussion it was decided that Deputy SA, ASI, Delhi will meet DC (South) with the map prepared by ASI and request him to authenticate the maps. MS, NMA will also talk to DC (South) to expedite the matter. It was pointed out that the authenticated map of CPM Siri Fort Wall is required to be finalized on top priority as writ petition on this issue is pending in hon'ble High Court of Delhi. The next hearing has been fixed for 23.10.2017.

5. MS, NMA mentioned that the integrated online application system for NOC is operational in NCT of Delhi and Mumbai. The integration of the online portal with other states are also in progress. He stated that to expedite the integration and flawless operation of the portal, ASI is required to authenticate maps in the Bhuvan site of ISRO. He emphasized the need of close collaboration of ASI and ISRO for this purpose. DG, ASI agreed to have a meeting with ISRO at the earliest to sort out the pending issues.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

