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National Monuments Authority

The approved minutes of 129th meeting held on 9th December, 2015 is hereby forwarded for perusal and comments, if any.

(Navneet Soni)
Member Secretary
23.12.2015
Meeting of the NMA was held on 09/12/2015 at 11.30 to discuss the following issues:

1. The draft order relating to online application for NOC under AMASR Act, 2010.

2. To provide for imposition of penalties in the AMASR Act and rules.

The meeting was attended by the following:-

1. Mohd. Saleem Beg, Member NMA and Chairperson (I/C)
2. Shri Bharat Bhusan, Member Secretary
3. Sh. Pukhraj Maroo, Member NMA
4. Ms. Shallini Mahajan, Member NMA
5. Shri Navneet Soni, Member Secretary, NMA

At the outset Member Secretary explained the background of the two issues. Secretary (Culture) desired to meet Chairperson (I/C) and other members on 10/12/2015. Accordingly, it was felt necessary that the Authority showed formulate views of NMA before these are discussed with Secretary, Ministry of Culture.

The draft order prepared by ASI and modification suggested by NMA was discussed point-wise. The Authority identified modification on several Points, required for stream linings the Procedure. It was decided to prepare a revised draft incorporating the modification suggested.

National Monuments Authority looked into various provisions in AMASR Act relating to penalty. It was pointed out by MS that as per opinion given by the legal cell of ASI as well as LR of NMA it will be necessary to amend the Act and Rules to provide for authorizing the NMA to recommend penalty on illegal construction in the Regulated Area already completed without permission, which are otherwise within the parameters prescribed for the particular monument. NMA decided that the issue needs further deliberation, for which legal experts may be consulted, if necessary.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks to Chair.