Government of India  
Ministry of Culture  
National Monuments Authority  
24, TilakMarg, New Delhi 110001

MINUTES OF THE 254th MEETING OF NMA

Venue - NMA HQRS

Time & Date - 3rd December, 2019 at 11.30 am

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The meeting was attended by the following:

1. Shri Tarun Vijay, Chairman, NMA.
2. Prof. (Dr.) Ashvini Agrawal, Whole Time Member, NMA.
3. Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Khare, Whole Time Member, NMA.
4. Sh. Navneet Soni, Member Secretary, NMA.

Agenda no.1

The minutes of 253rd meeting were confirmed.

Agenda no.2

Online case

Case no. 398

(MS. KASHUR SUMCHAR RGD PRESIDENT MR BHUSHAN LAL RAINA, Plot no. 113, Block 25, Shakti Nagar, Delhi)

After perusal of the application, it was decided to recommend grant of NOC in this case for construction of Basement+Stilt+GF+3 floors with the total height of the building restricted to 17.80 mtrs (including mumty parapet, water-storage, lift machine room etc.) at Plot no. 113, Block 25, Shakti Nagar, Delhi; with floor area of Stilt=GF=FF=SF=TF=125.36 sqm and basement= 125.36 sqm with depth= 2.90mtrs. The NOC is recommended to be granted with the terms and conditions mentioned in report of Competent Authority, Delhi. The applicant should follow the local building bye-laws while constructing the building.

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Offline cases

Case no. 01

(Principal I/C, Sibsagar Girls College, Near Shiva Dol, P.O. and Dist. Sivasagar, Pin-785640, Assam)

After perusal of the application, it was decided to recommend grant of NOC in this case for construction of GF+1 floor for institutional laboratory building with the total height of 10.64 mtrs (including mumty parapet, water-storage etc.) at Sibsagar Girls College Science Campus, Dag no. 2741, Ward no. XII, Nagarmahal Mouza, Sivasagar, Assam; with floor area of GF=FF= 137.45 sqm.

Case no. 02

(Principal and Secretary, Sibsagar College, Joysagar P.O. and P.S. Joysagar, District Sivasagar, Pin- 785665, Assam)

After perusal of the application, it was decided to recommend grant of NOC in this case for construction at the following sites:

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<td>Mouza-nagar Mahal, Part no. 22, Dag no. 8181</td>
<td>GF+2 floors with the total height of 12.20 mtrs (inclusive all) with plinth area of GF=FF=SF= 341.2 sqm</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>Mouza-nagar Mahal, Part no. 22, Dag no. 8184</td>
<td>GF+1 floor with the total height of 8.8 mtrs (inclusive all) with plinth area of GF=FF= 185.8 sqm</td>
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However, site I and IV will be considered after the show cause notice issued by SA, ASI, Guhawati Circle is complied and disposed off.

Case no. 03

(Shri A. Gopal, no. 3, 2nd Main Road, A.R.G. Nagar Extension, Zamin Pallavaram, Chennai-600117)

After perusal of the application, it was decided to recommend grant of NOC in this case for construction of FF with over GF with the total height of 7.24mtrs (excluding mumty parapet, water-storage etc.) and construction height of compound wall 1.50
mtrs; at Plot no. 3, Perumal Nagar, Extension, 2nd Main Road, A.R.G. Nagar Extension, Zamin Pallavaram Village, Tambaram Taluk, Pallavaram Municipality Limits, Kanchipuram District; with proposed floor area of FF= 100.98 sqm. The colour scheme of the monument should be kept in view while constructing the building.

**Additional Agenda 1**

**Approval of NMA official Logo**

The logo of NMA was inaugurated on 27.08.2019 by the Hon’ble Culture Minister Sh. Prahlad Singh Patel. The logo of NMA depicts the image of “Martand Sun Temple”, J&K, alongwith the history of Martand Sun temple and Motto. The logo was formally approved.

**Additional Agenda 2**

**NMA official site visits**

The Member Secretary proposed that before finalizing any Heritage Bye Laws of the Centrally Protected Monuments, NMA should preferably visit the respective sites/group of monuments in the vicinity and submit a report thereon.

**Additional Agenda 3**

The Chairman, NMA advised that the NOC applications relating to Educational Institutes/ Public projects should be given priority. It is decided that the site visits for these type of cases need to be expedited.

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National Monuments Authority
Martand Temple

The Martand Sun Temple (Lat.33°44’N Long.75° 13’E)) is located in the Anantnag District of Jammu and Kashmir not far from Mattan, the famous place of pilgrimage. Now almost in ruins, this magnificent temple was built by Lalitāditya Muktapāda (CE 724-761). Constructed on a high plinth, it stands in the middle of a rectangular peristyle cellular courtyard facing west. The plan of the temple consists of a sanctum, vestibule and manḍapa approached by an imposing flight of steps. The niches on the platform have images of divinities like Sūrya, Brahmā, Vishṇu, Śiva, Pārvati, Gāṅgā, Yamunā, Dīkṣālas, etc. Percy Brown, the famous art-historian remarked about Martand, “This completed form was attained with magnificent effect in the great temple of the Sun at Martand which became the model for all subsequent Brahmanical temples in Kashmir”. It was destroyed by Sikandar Butshikan in 15th century CE. It is said that demolition lasted full one year.
Satya Dharmaye Drishtaye forms the last quarter (pada) of the 15th mantra of the Isopanishad meaning 'the seeker of the truth may see it'. As the motto of the National Monuments Authority it is very appropriate and meaningful saying. While seeking the knowledge of Brahman, it is prayed that the truth may reveal itself to us so that we may not be misled by worthless ephemeral things. It not only wonderfully connects with the national motto of Satyameva Jayate but also reflects the underlying purpose of the National Monuments Authority, which involves a concerted effort to protect our heritage in the form of national monuments which represent the sacred lawful truth.