MINUTES OF THE 115TH MEETING OF NMA HELD AT BHOPAL ON 4TH AND 5TH DECEMBER, 2014

Meeting of the NMA was held in the Conference Hall of the State Department of Archaeology & Museum, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, on 4th and 5th December, 2014.

The following officers attended the meeting:-

1. Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray, Chairperson, NMA
2. Sh. Muhammad Saleem Beg, Whole Time Member, NMA
3. Dr. Pukhraj Maroo, Part Time Member, NMA & Representative INTACH, Madhya Pradesh.
4. Sh. Pankaj Rag, Mmber Secretary, NMA
5. Sh. Sanjay Shukla, Commissioner, Department of Urban Develpoment, Government of Madhya Pradesh
6. Dr. S.B. Ota, Regional Director (Central Region), ASI, Bhoapl & CA, Madhya Pradesh
7. Sh. N. Taher, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Bhopal Circle
8. Sh. C.U. Ray, Deputy Director, Urban Development Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
9. Representative of SPA. Bhopal

The agenda points and decisions taken in the meeting are as under:-

S. No.	Agenda point	Decision taken
1.	Strategy to be evolved for early preparation of heritage bye-laws of all the protected monuments and protected areas declared as of national importance located under the jurisdiction of Bhopal Circle of ASI.	After the thorough discussions, it was decided that the Competent Authority under Section 20E i..e. The Regional Director (Central Region), ASI will invite the EOI at the earliest from the notified agencies by the Government, besides INTACH as per the procedure laid down in the Act and Rules and the UAD Department of the State Government would provide the necessary support. As per the decision taken in the NMA about the preparation of heritage bye-laws by the concerned development agencies (Urban Development Department/Local Municipal Corporation and other related development

		agencies), for monuments under Category IV to VII, it was intimated that Urban Development bodies need to be notified for the purpose. However in the meanwhile, the Chairperson, NMA requested the Commissioner, Urban Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh, to take necessary action in incorporating the provisions of the amended Act i.e. 'The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010' in the Master Plan, suitably. It was also decided that ASI would provide such data (Category IV to VII) to Urban Development Department including information about the understanding of monuments and their surroundings within a week.. Urban Development Department was also requested to consider special rules for Heritage Zones. The Commissioner, Urban Development Department also intimated that he would take up training in heritage matters and AMASRA Rules in the training programme for local bodies. ASI would help in this regard.
2.	Finalization of categorization of protected monuments and protected areas delared as of national importance in consultation with RD (Central Region) and SA, ASI, Bhopal Circle	It was decided that following monuments indicated in the draft categorization under Category VIII (Heritage Zones and Archaeological Parks) should be changed and incorporated in the other categories as mentioned below:-. Category VIII : Heritage Zone 1. Gwalior Fort, Gwalior Archaeological Park 1. Asirgarh, Burhanpur Dist. 2. Amarkantak, Anuppur District 3. Dhamnar, Mandsaur District 4. Pachmarhi, Hoshangabad District

		5. Satdhara, Raisen District 6. Udaygiri, Vidisha District 7. Nareshwar, Morena District 8. Bateshwar, Morena District 9. Bharhut, Satna District
3.	MS, NMA to review the functioning of CA office and to ensure that the NOC applications forwarded by him should be complete in all manner.	MS, NMA while reviewing the functioning of the office of CA, mentioned that the NOC applications forwarded by the office of the CA should be complete in all manner (it should be neatly typed and supported with required documents). He has also stated that there is a major gap between the number of NOCs forwarded to NMA and applications returned. Out of 275 applications, 260 have been returned due to lack of proper documentation. It is surprising that most of these have not re-applied after completing the formalities which means that they might be constructing without permission. Both the RD and SA, should ensure that the provisions of the AMASRA, 2010 be implemented strictly in the state. He has also informed that all the purchase made by them should be done after completing the codal formalities as per GFR 2005 and on the body of the bill the CA should certify the bill. The items purchased for official use should be properly entered in the stock register. The issue of need for a consultant on part time basis in the CA office was also discussed. A proposal from NMA tp IFD, MOC (till the new posts are sanctioned) can be examined in this regard. This Part Time Consultant can help in both NOC cases as well as in spreading awareness during the field trips.

4.	Strategy to be adopted for strict implementation of the provisions of AMASRA, 2010 around the ASI protected monuments.	ASI may be requested to upload the application forms on their website. It was decided to make a module at NMA level for training of local bodies and other Stake holders and begin the training programme from Uttar Pradesh. It was also discussed that after issue of Show Cause Notice in case of violation, the matter is hardly brought to a satisfactory conclusion. ASI may take further necessary action in the matter and for this a joint meeting with ASI may be convened. SA, Bhopal Circle, ASI, was also requested to make an updated list of violation cases where Show Cause Notices have been issued by ASI.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.