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MINUTES OF THE 165th MEETING OF NMA

Venue - Circuit House, Agra

Time & Date - 29th November, 2017

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The meeting was attended by the following:

1. Smt. Susmita Pande, Chairperson, NMA.
2. Sh. Navneet Soni, Member Secretary, NMA.
3. Sh. Satish Kumar, Whole Time Member, NMA
4. Sh. U.K. Sadhav, Whole Time Member, NMA.
5. Sh. Anoop Kumar Srivastava, Project Director.
6. Sh. Rajnikant, Tehsildar
7. Sh. Prabhat Sharma, Add. Commissioner, Admin.
8. Sh. O.P. Mathur, ASAE, ASI, Agra.
9. Sh. A.N. Gupta Sr. C.A
10. Smt. Suman Datta, C.A.
11. Sh. Ankit Kumar Namdev, CA, ASI
12. Sh. Dinesh Kumar, D.D. Tourism, Agra
13. Smt. Shalini Mahajan, SPCU, DoT, Lunknow.

Case: 1 – Mr. Anoop Kumar Srivastava, Project Director, UP Pro-Poor Tourism Development Project, Department of Tourism,Government of Uttar Pradesh (Revitalization of Shahjahan Garden)

Case: 2 – Mr. Anoop Kumar Srivastava, Project Director, UP Pro-Poor Tourism Development Project, Department of Tourism,Government of Uttar Pradesh (Revitalization of Kachhpura and Mehtab Bagh Area)

Two proposals were received from Shri Anoop Kumar Srivastava, Project Director, UP Pro Poor Tourism Development Project, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. The first Project proposal requested for NOC from NMA for construction of Entry Gate of Shahjahan Park, Reconstruction of Intersection and Construction of Walkway around Agra Fort's outer boundary. The Project was named "Revitalization of Shahjahan Garden, Walkway between Agra Fort and Taj Mahal, Agra". The second Project proposal pertained to construction of Parking and Visitors Centre, laying of Pedestrian Pathway (approach road and side walk to Mehtab Bagh) and paving of Pedestrian Path to Kachhpura through fields, laying of Sewerage network, SWM Station, House-hold Toilets in Village Kachhpura. This Project was named "Revitalization of Kachhpura and Mehtab Bagh Area".

2. It was decided in the 164th meeting of NMA held on 3.11.2017 to defer the above-mentioned two cases till NMA visit the sites in the presence of SA and also see a Power Point presentation by the applicant.

3. Accordingly, NMA visited Agra on 29.11.2017 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Susmita Pande, Chairperson, NMA, who was accompanied by the Whole-time Members, Shri U.K. Sadhav and Shri Satish Kumar and the Member Secretary of NMA. A meeting was held in the Circuit House, Agra where a team of UP Tourism led by Shri Anoop Kumar Srivastava was present. A team of Archaeological Survey of India led by Shri O.P. Mahur, ASE was also present. A Power Point presentation on both the Projects was made by Ms. Shalini Mahajan, Conservation Architect and Project Consultant. Thereafter the NMA made a site visit in the presence of the officers of UP Tourism and the ASI.

4. In the light of Power Point presentation made by UP Tourism, the site visit and the discussions held by NMA with the officers of ASI and UP Tourism, the following decisions were taken :

(a) The Project pertaining to "Revitalization of Shahjahan Garden, Walkway between Agra Fort and Taj Mahal, Agra" was recommended for NOC by the NMA.

(b) The Project pertaining to "Revitalization of Kachhpura and Mehtab Bagh Area" was also recommended by the NMA for issue of NOC, with the condition that the biological STP and the SWM Station shall be shifted beyond the regulated area of the Centrally Protected Monuments.

5. Both the Projects are recommended for NOC by the NMA, subject to the clearance of the Expert Committee set up by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, wherever applicable.