Government of India
Ministry of Culture
National Monuments Authority
24, Tilak Marg, New Delhi

MINUTES OF THE 378th MEETING OF NMA
Venue – Conference room of NMA
Date & Time – 30th Jan, 2023 at 11.30 PM

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The meeting was attended by the following;

1. Prof. Kishor K. Basa, Chairman, NMA.
2. Shri Hemraj R Kamdar, Part Time Member, NMA.
3. Prof. M. Kailasa Rao, Part Time Member.
4. Shri Bhaskar Verma, Member Secretary, NMA.

Consideration of NOC applications

Fresh Case:

Case No. 01

(Chief Administrator, Shree Jagannath Temple Administration office, Grand Road Po/Dist- Puri, Odisha, 752001)

In pursuance of the decision of the Authority in its 361st meeting held on 09.09.2022, the application for permission to construct the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) in the regulated area of Shree Jagannath Temple Puri was considered by the Authority.

After detailed discussion and presentation, it was decided in the larger public interest of efficient management of effluent discharge in the significant living protected monument to recommend grant of NOC for construction of public community building (Effluent Treatment Plant) with ground floor with the total height of 7.15 mtrs (inclusive all) at Plot No. 1020, Khata No. 762 Mouza- Puri Sadar, Unit No. 10, Manikarnika Sahi, Tahasil Puri, Sadar Dist-Puri: with the floor area of GF=333.50 Sqmt. The NOC is recommended to be granted with the terms and conditions mentioned in the report of CA, Odisha. The applicant should follow the local building bye-laws while constructing the building.

A joint committee shall be set up under the Chairmanship of the Competent Authority, Odisha which will include Regional Director (East) of ASI, SA of Puri circle, technical experts from SJTA and a geo-technical expert from a reputed organization. This committee shall monitor the proposed works and shall ensure all possible measures which are required to be taken for the safety of the protected living monument in question especially the issue of structural safety and stability due to the carrying out of excavation work.

The Authority stipulated the following general conditions for compliance, as far as possible, while executing the development works relating to the above mentioned project:-

(i) All new structures proposed to be constructed should be non-intrusive and devoid of any heavy architecture.

(ii) Locally available building material should be used in the construction work for harmony with the existing land scape.

(iii) Use of heavy machinery for digging work should be avoided to mitigate adverse impact on account of vibration on the protected monuments.

(iv) The digging work should be executed manually or with the help light machinery under the supervision of ASI.

Reconsidered offline cases;

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(Chief Administrator, Shree Jagannath Temple Administration office, Grand Road Po/Dist- Puri, Odisha, 752001)

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The Authority was of the opinion that in order to harmonize the interest of preservation of this significant living protected monument and efficient crowd management given the large footfall, it was essential to have a holistic view of all proposed constructions in the regulated area for which more deliberations were required.

The Authority decided to ask the applicant to present walkthrough of all buildings proposed to be constructed in the regulated area to facilitate decision in the matter.

Case No. 02

(Chief Administrator, Shree Jagannath Temple Administration office, Grand Road Po/Dist- Puri, Odisha, 752001)

The Authority had earlier in its 361st meeting decided to ask the applicant to submit revised plan restricting the height to 7.5 mtrs (inclusive all). However the applicant requested to grant permission for construction of the building with the height of 12.19 mtrs (inclusive all) with the total built up area close to 5000 Sqmt.

The Authority was of the opinion that in order to harmonize the interest of preservation of this significant living protected monument and efficient crowd management given the large footfall, it was essential to have a holistic view of all proposed constructions in the regulated area for which more deliberations were required.

The Authority decided to ask the applicant to present walkthrough of all buildings proposed to be constructed in the regulated area to facilitate a decision in the matter.