

MINUTES OF THE 166th MEETING OF NMA

Venue - Conference Hall, NMA Hqrs, 24, Tilak Marg,
New Delhi 110001

Time & Date - 10.30 A.M on 12th December, 2017

The meeting was attended by the following:

1. Ms. Susmita Pande, Chairperson, NMA.
2. Sh. A.B. Shukla, Whole Time Member, NMA.
3. Sh. U.K. Sadhav, Whole Time Member, NMA.
4. Sh. Satish Kumar, Whole Time Member, NMA
5. Sh. Navneet Soni, Member Secretary
6. Sh. T.J. Alone, Director (Monuments), ASI

At the outset MS explained that several issues relating to formulation of Heritage Bye-Laws and categorization of centrally protected monuments are required to be sorted out, so that, the final version of Heritage Bye-Laws can be prepared keeping these guidelines in view.

After detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken:

Heritage Bye-Laws

1. Survey Plan and Site Plan should be prepared on the basis of revenue records and authenticated before submission to NMA.
2. The parameters in Rule 21(7) of AMASR Rules viz all side elevations, section of each structure, pathways, landscaped area, open spaces etc should be strictly followed. Separate maps for each parameter should be annexed, if required for clarity.
3. The Heritage Bye-Laws should contain specifications of building materials, façade, height roofing pattern, colour etc. as prescribed in Rule 22 (6)
4. Local Bye Laws should be taken into account while framing monument specific Heritage Bye-Laws and these Heritage Bye-Laws will supersede all other local laws and development guidelines applicable in the area for which the Heritage Bye-Laws are formulated.
5. It was suggested that Director (Monuments), ASI should engage a team of experts, who will work under him for increasing the pace of formulation of Heritage Bye-Laws. The expert team can comprise of a Surveyor, an Archaeologist and a Conservation Architect.

6. ASI may invite Expression of Interest from institutes/ organizations having technical expertise for framing of Heritage Bye-Laws for centrally protected monuments to expand the list of heritage bodies notified by ASI.
7. Heritage Bye-Laws of the six monuments (1. Humayun's Tomb group and Nizamuddin Basti group of Monuments, 2. Sher Shah Gate and Khairu'l Manzil Mosque, 3. Jugal Kishore Temple, 4. Gwalior Fort, 5. Shiva Temple, Pattambi, 6. BBD Bagh, Kolkata) should be given top priority as these were already discussed in NMA and finalized, subject to certain modifications. In addition, emphasis should be given for finalizing the Heritage Bye-Laws of those nine monuments which have been discussed in NMA earlier.

Thereafter, the comments of ASI on five draft Heritage Bye-Laws submitted by RD (central) was discussed and the following observations were made.

1. Text which is not readable should be typed in a legible font.
2. Regulated area should not be subdivided. In this regard, AMASR Act defining the prohibited/protected/regulated areas should be strictly followed.
3. The Heritage Bye-Laws submitted to NMA should include a soft copy in an editable format.
4. The issues raised by Director (Monuments), ASI may be circulated to all Regional Directors, so that these issues can be taken care of at the time of preparation of Heritage Bye-Laws.

Categorization of monuments

1. 915 monuments located in Bhopal, Chandigarh, Delhi and Vadodara circle have already been categorized in consultation with ASI. A proposal had been referred to Ministry of Culture for notifying the same. However, the file was returned to National Monuments Authority for clarification. It was decided to refer back the proposal for notifying the categorization 915 monuments to Ministry of Culture.
2. Categorization of monuments of Agra and Lucknow circle has already been done and is ready to be finalized. This may be sent to Director (Monuments) for consideration by ASI before the same is put up.
3. A suggestion may be sent from NMA that such monuments which are having high value and exemplary features may be moved from Category 3 [Protected monuments and archaeological sites identified for inclusion in the World Heritage Tentative List of UNESCO] to Category 2 [Protected monuments and archaeological sites included in the Tentative List by the World Heritage Committee]. Special mention in this regard was made for Dashavatara temple, Deogarh (Lalitpur) and Old Fort of Kalinjar (Banda). Directions may also be given to RD's to prepare dossier for these two monuments, so that proposals can be moved for declaring those as World Heritage Cultural Sites.

The meeting ended with note of thanks to chair.

