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Government of India
Ministry Of Culture
National Monuments Authority

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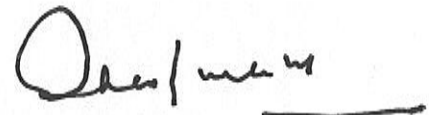
While considering the NOC applications forwarded by the Competent Authorities, National Monuments Authority has observed (i) certain common deficiencies, which require immediate rectification. (ii) Accordingly, the following guideline may be scrupulously followed by the Competent Authorities.

1. It has been decided that application for granting NOC under AMASR Act will be accepted online either through Single Window Portal of the integrated ULB's or through NMA Online portal. Application in hard copy may be discouraged and it should be accepted in only rarest of rare cases. This is necessary keeping in view the Government of India's Policy of "Ease of Doing Business". However, in case where the covered area proposed is more than 5000 square meters the application should be submitted in hard copy through Competent Authority.
2. The applications received by the Competent Authority along with SMARAC data should be processed on top priority and transmitted to NMA along with specific recommendation.
3. All the Competent Authorities are requested to encourage applicants to apply NOC applications through online. This information may be widely circulated among all the Architects/Applicants/local bodies.
4. A Poster/Banner may be placed in every Competent Authority's office, Circle office of ASI and near the Monuments to encourage applicants to apply for NOC through online portal, explaining the benefits like expeditious disposal, less paper work etc.
5. The date of receipt of application at CA office, the date of inspection and the date when it was forwarded to NMA should be clearly mentioned. It may be noted that Rule 10 also mandated that an application complete in all respect should be forwarded within 15 days from the date of receipt. Therefore, the time-line prescribed should be adhered to strictly.
6. It has been observed in many cases that applications have been received where unauthorized constructions were carried out in the Regulated Area of the CPM; the applications in such cases should be forwarded only after verifying the action taken by ASI and whether Show Cause Notice was issued by ASI. The cases of gross violation of the provisions of the Act should be disposed off at the CA level.

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7. It has also been observed that many applications have been forwarded by competent Authorities for granting NOC for construction in the Prohibited Area of the Centrally Protected Monuments. In terms of the provisions of the AMASR Act 1958, It is beyond the purview of the Authority. These cases should be disposed off at the CA level.
 8. If any representation is received from the applicant to reconsider his case, the same should be forward to NMA only after verifying the facts and action taken by ASI on Show Cause Notice issued if any along with specific recommendation of Competent Authority.
2. You are requested to observe the above guidelines prescribed by the Authority strictly and application complete in all respects should be forwarded within 15 days from the date of receipt. The time-line prescribed should be adhered to strictly.



(Bhaskar Verma)
Member Secretary

To,

1. All Competent Authorities of NMA
2. All Superintending Archeologists, ASI
3. NMA Website / NMA Online Portal.

Copy to:

1. PS to Chairman. NMA
2. Guard file.