

Resolution of the Heritage Conservation Committee meeting held on 29/08/2019 at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room No. 1, CMO Building, 5, S. N. Banerjee Road, 1st Floor, Kolkata-700 013



I. 4, Chowringhee Square, Ward-46
(Press and Media/ Statesman House/ Grade-IIA)

It is a case of adaptive re-use of 'Statesman House' as well as a new construction of 2B+G+V storied business building in place of the two storied residential accommodation for Class-IV staffs of the Statesman House.

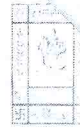
- (i) On 10.01.2007, the proposal was cleared by the Heritage Conservation Committee.
- (ii) On 16.02.2007, the Mayor-in-Council of the KMC was pleased to approve the said proposal.
- (iii) On 31.07.2008, the Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority was pleased to grant development permission U/S 46 of the WB Town & Country (Urban Planning & Development) Act, 1979, whereby (a) change of use from industry (press) to Mercantile retail (b) Increase in ground coverage from 40% to 69% and (c) Increase in FAR from 2.5 to 2.8 were permitted.
- (iv) On 22.09.2008, the Building Department of KMC was pleased to issue a demand notice under Section 394 (Rule 72) to give Statesman House permission for the proposal subject to deposit of the sanction fee of Rs.31782580.
- (v) However, the sanction fee was not deposited by Statesman House and so; the plan could not be released by the KMC, as stated by Statesman House.
- (vi) After protracted litigation and lengthy arbitral proceedings, The Statesman Ltd. was able to extricate itself from the arrangement with M/s. Emaar, as stated by Statesman House.
- (vii) The Statesman Ltd. has in early 2019 applied for revival of the plan submitted.

Since the present Grade of the Heritage building was not assigned at the time of HCC observation dated 10/01/2007, the matter is again placed before the Heritage Conservation Committee as per the direction of Spl. M.C. dated 26.08.2019.

The captioned premises is 'Grade-IIA' Heritage property, noted for 'Press and Media/ Statesman House'.



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Resolution:

Heritage Conservation Committee on its meeting dated 29/08/2019 has allowed proposal without changing the Heritage Status on condition that the building must be preserved and maintained properly.

Dr. Pranab Kumar Chatterjee, Historian
(Member)

Prof. Arunabha Majumdar, Environmentalist
(Member)

Director, ASI
(Member)

Sri Sirshendu Manna, Associate Planner, IDC, KMDA
(Member)

Sri Nishi Kanta Bhaumik, Chief Valuer & Surveyor, KMC
(Member)

Sri B D Sharma, IPS (Retired)
(Member)

Sri Asok Kumar Roy Chowdhury
(Invitee)

Sri Himadri Guha
(Invitee)

Sri. Rahul Chakraborty
(Invitee)

Sri Anindya Karforma, D.G.(Bldg.)/KMC
(Invitee)

Sri Sanjoy Bhowmick, D.G. (Electrical)/KMC
(Invitee)

Sri Debashis Chakraborty, D.G. (E&H)
(Convenor)

Sri Tapas Chowdhury, IAS, SpLMC (G&D), KMC
(Invitee)

Sri Khalil Ahmed, IAS
(Chairman)