

MINTUES AND PROCEEDING OF 31st EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT MORADABAD ON 2nd AUGUST, 1998.

Architect member from Bareilly, Ghaziabad, Lucknow, Rorkee, Saharanpur & Noida along with members of Architect's Association from Moradabad participated in the meeting. The meeting was preceded as follow:

INAUGRAL SESSION:

After registration and breakfast the meeting was called to order by Ar. Y.P. Gupta, Moradabad followed by garlanding to the Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr. Meena Commissioner of Moradabad Division, Mr. Yadav, Vice chairman, Moradabad Development Aurtherity and Guest of Honor Mr. Kaul, Moradabad & members on dias.

Ar. Y.P. Gupta in his introductory speech put up the problem related with Moradabad Master Plan, need for Institutional land development, Export Promotion Zone and other development like Bye pass, Bridges, Airport Services etc. Some eminent members from Moradabad City, Dr. Manchanda, Mr. Sudhir Gupta and others also laid emphasis on creating Export Promotion Zone & Institutional areas at Moradabad.

Vice Chairman, Moradabad Development Authority, Mr. Yadav informed M.D.A.'s present and further plans, viz., the extension of Ram Ganga project development of colonies between rivers by construction of a bridge, improvement of drainage system, acquisition of land for further development etc. He made a call to the citizens for inviting suggestions for development and suggested that the representation to the state Government should be made collectively for all such development and change zonal plans with reference to Master Plan. He praised Architects Association, Moradabad for organizing such forum without having any interest of Architects.

Mr. Kaul guest of honor in his brief speech focused on the business orientation and importance of this forum in the self-interest of M/s Anchor with corporation of Architects.

Ar. Bharat Bhusan, President, UPAA had thrown light about the preparation of Master Plan with reference to its modification and importance of zonal and action plans. The constraints at Government level and various activities were also emphasized. Lack of infrastructure in transportation, power and sewerage system for development of Brassware industries had been the major drawback for development of Moradabad town. He was of the opinion that Development Authorities should work only as facilities and developers but not as contractors or builders etc. Authorities should encourage the Private sector participation in planning, development and construction of the town. Architects are prepared to share the responsibilities of the development authorities if need would be. He asked architects to work in harmony with the authorities.

Mr. Meena, Chief Guest had asked the people whether the Government along is only responsible for the development of the cities? One should seriously give a thought about the responsibility of the individual person and the role of Architect. While discussing about building plans, Architects should tell the client about unauthorized, compoundable and the estimated cost of construction. He invited proposals from Builders, Housing Societies and others to come forward and give suggestions to purchase under developed land which can be considered for sale by the Development Authority. He assured that Vice Chairman Moradabad Development Authority would give serious thought on the points raised in this forum and invited proposals for future planning of Ram Ganga. He also thanked Moradabad Arch. Assn. for organizing such development oriented conference.

Lastly vote of thanks was proposed by Ar. Vineet Garg, general Secretary UPAA and urged the Hon'ble Commissioner to consider for having one Architect member on panel at every Development Block or Gram Panchayat etc.

The meeting was adjourned for the Tea break.

SPONSERS PRESENTATION:

The session was started after audio and visual presentation on by Anchor Group, which was very much applauded. Ar. Vinod Jain of Ghaziabad raised assurance for having complete range and stock was given by the Area Manager.

BUSINESS SESSION:

The meeting was started by going through the minutes of the last Executives Council Meeting held which were passed by the members.

The points for discussions about the Supervision Charges and stacking charges collected by most of the development authorities were put for comments to the Architects. Following were comments:

Ar. S.C. Srivastava of Lucknow informed that U.P. Avas Vikas Parishad charge Malba charges @ 0.5% of the cost of the plot area on its sector rate which is handed over to Municipal Corporation. It was asked what for the Supervision charges and stacking charges taken.

Ar. Vinod Jain of Ghaziabad pointed out that if the development authorities collect supervision charges then the responsibility for unauthorized construction would fall on them and would lead to a chaotic situation. Also paying stacking charges would give free hand to the owner to stack the material on road with no restriction of time which would lead to create problem and related other inconveniences and no action could be made possible as the owner has already paid the stacking charges as per the rules. Also if the plot size is reasonable sufficient to stock the materials within its area, then why stacking charges be paid to the Development Authorities?

Ar. Bharat Bhusan, President, UPAA raised the basic question whether in principle, Architects should protest for the above charges to the Govt. or not? It was resolved that in the public interest we should express our views and send suggestions to the Secretary, Housing.

Regarding Service tax Matters Ar. Vineet Garg, General Secretary, Ghaziabad informed the members about the actions already taken by IIA & COA in this matter and also recollected that this matter had already been the main agenda of our discussions in earlier Executive Council Meeting at Lucknow last year. He further informed that a letter from Ar. A.K. Agarwal In. Past President UPAA was received in this context which was read for further information to the members.

Ar. R.M. Gupta, Saharanpur also put up his views and to take quick action in this matter. Ar. Atul Gupta, Noida expressed his views that firstly its collection and later its deposition and dealing with Excise department would be a lot of inconvenience.

Ar. Y.P. Gupta, Moradabad asked whether can we take a legal protection against it and why is it not being imposed on Medical and legal practitioners?

It was resolved that we should express our concern to the President of Council of Architecture and IIA.

In any other matter, discussion on problems of Moradabad chapter was put up and was resolved that the discussions had already been done in precious sessions and Ar. Y.P. Gupta had been advised to take necessary action and follow up the matter in the best interest of Moradabad Architects Association & Moradabad City.

Regarding Life membership of UPAA, it was informed by Ar. Bhargava of Noida that so far 36 members of Noida have opted for it and due incentive should be given.

President informed that M/s Montage India, The publishers of Directory of U.P. Architects Association, had sent the proof of printed address for necessary correction of which the copies had been distributed to the city representatives present in the meeting with the request that it should be sent back on priority after checking the printed matter as the directory is in the final stage of printing.

A two minute silence was observed for the condolence in honor of Ar. S.P. Bansal's father Sri H.P. bansal (Meerut) who passed away on 01.08.1998 and was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to him. Later it was informed that mother of Ar Sunil Sreivastava, Lucknow had also expired a few days ago. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to him as well.

The meeting was adjourned with Vote of Thanks Proposed by Ar Vineet Garg for hosting such and organized meeting by the efforts of all its team members in the guidance of Ar. Y.P. Gupta and Ar. Rajesh Bhatnagar. The invitation of lunch and fellowship was extended to all the members, guests and sponsore.

(Ar. Bharat Bhushan)
President

(Ar. Vineet Garg)
General Secretary