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To  
Secretary & State Project Officer  
Disaster Management Project  
Government Of U.P.  
Lucknow.

Subject: Disaster Management and Earth Quake Impact minimization Programme  
in Urban areas

Dear Sir,

U.P. Architects Association is an approximately 22 years old well established registered professional organization of U.P. It is constantly giving its contribution towards safe and functional built environment in a cost effective manner. It is well recognized by the State Government also as its President is one of the members of high level working committee of U.P. Avas Bandhu. (A advisory and policy making body to the housing and urban development depp. Of Government of U.P.)

We appreciate the efforts being done by the government for above mentioned subject and would like to draw your attention towards your letter no. 27 / SPO / UNDP / 2006 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006 and letter no. 1125RC/1-11-2004-68/2004-TC dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2005 of Ms. Renuka Kumar, Secretary and relief commissioner, Government of U.P. In the letter it is directed to all District Magistrates of Agra, Merrut, Barielly, Kanpur and Varanasi to form a city disaster Management committee. It is also proposed in the same letter to constitute two work groups under these committees. In second work group, under serial no.8, it is proposed that the Principal of local college of architecture shall also be the member of the work group. Our suggestions on the issue are as under-

1. All the cities Agra, Merrut, Bareilly, Kanpur and Varanasi do not have any college of Architecture. Hence by making the provision for Principal of college of architecture, the purpose will not be fulfilled as the inputs from the profession architecture will not be available.
2. In such circumstances it is suggested to keep the representation of UP architects association in these work groups, as we are available at all above cities as local chapters of UP architects association.
3. The inputs of practicing architects will also be useful as they are involved in the building construction process right from site selection till finishing of the project and are well acquainted with the problems of urban development.

We request you to kindly appraise the contents of this letter and consider necessary modifications in the provisions to make this movement more effective.

Thanking you.

Yours Sincerely

President