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To
Hon'ble Minister,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Government of India,
Department of Higher Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110001

Sub:Paucity of Experienced Teaching Faculty in Architectural institutions.

Sir,

Keeping in view the gap between requirement and availability of architects, large number of new architectural educational institutions have been and are in the process of being set up through out the country. However, almost all these institutions are facing the shortage of experienced teaching faculty, which is leading to the constant deterioration of architectural education across the country.

In this regard we would like to draw your kind attention towards the minimum qualifications as laid down by the Council of Architecture (which regulates the education and practice of Architecture in country) for the recruitment of teaching faculty in which greater emphases is given to higher educational qualifications rather than the field experience of the teaching faculty.

Sir, here we would like to inform that unlike engineering and other disciplines, the knowledge transfer in the profession of architecture is substantially practical in nature necessitating the need for the experienced faculty from the practicing profession. Architecture is a branch having a good amount of subjectivity attached with its course content. Practical application and interpretation are very important for understanding the theory being taught in the colleges.

Hence, the provisions should also be made for the induction of highly experienced professionals from amongst the practicing architects but not having post graduate or doctoral qualifications.

We hope you will acknowledge the gravity of the suggestion and direct the Council of Architecture to amend the faculty recruitment guidelines pertaining to the architectural institutions.

We request you to kindly consider us as professional and apply the same electricity tariff as for the Advocates.

Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely

President.