

Ref. no. UPAA/04/82/7-14
Dated: 17th July, 2014

To,

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

Subject: Paucity of Experienced Teaching Faculty in Architectural institutions.

Madam,

Keeping in view the gap between requirement and availability of architects, large numbers of new architectural educational institutions has been and are in the process of being set up throughout 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.

Madam, 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.

Thanking you.
Yours Sincerely

President

Ref. no. UPAA/04/77/12-12
Dated: 29th December, 2012

**To,
The Undersecretary,
Union Public Service Commission
Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road
New Delhi – 110069**

Subject: With reference to your letter No. F.22/18/2002- E.I (B) regarding inclusion of Architecture as one of the optional subjects for Civil Services Examinations.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. 22/18/2002- E.I (B), dated Oct 5, 2006 forwarded by President's Secretariat to your Office.

The need for inclusion of Architecture, as one of the subjects in Administrative Services, cannot be sufficiently emphasized, as Architects are the designers of the Built Environment, affecting human behavior and thus governance. With the rapid growth of the urban environment, there is need for establishing synergy between the process of building and establishing law and order. Thus, there is urgent need for including Architects in civil and administrative processes.

We would appreciate an intimation regarding any progress in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Ar. Rajiv Kumar Dwivedi
President

Encl.:

1. Copy of original letter of request.
2. Copy of letter received from your office.