

Ref. No. UPAA/04/84/10-14

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To
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Chairman
Committee for the Amendments in Architects Act 1972
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Sub.: Amendments in Architects Act 1972.

Sir,

With reference to our earlier communication regarding the concern of Architects for the proposed amendments to Architects Act vide letter no. Ref. No. UPAA/04/80/8-14 dated 9th Aug. 2014, please find below a formal representation from the UPAA.

We propose that:

1. Regulatory mechanism at the level of Educational Institutions has to go hand in hand with Regulations imposed after graduation. There are many points of reference, for which we have already written to the President, COA for necessary discussion and action. The focus of these is primarily to ensure excellence in education to produce competent professionals and model citizens.(Copy enclosed)
2. We request that the implementation of Certificate of Practice should be more thought out and all kinks removed before enforcement. The present System had worked perfectly till recently when vested interests had overlooked rules to suit their needs. Effective procedures have to be laid down to prevent this in future and valid concerns have to be addressed at all levels-
3. Practicing Architects
4. Trainee Architects
5. Hegemony of Council in granting the COP.
6. Short Validity period of COP (should be at least 5 yrs)
7. Architects registered with COA, but not in practice or in partial practice, and actively engaged in business pursuits are also responsible for deteriorating the practicing environment. Hence they should neither be given COP nor should remain Architect to prevent the image of an Architect. A law is required to identify and expel such persons from merely signing others drawings.
8. Nominations by the Government to the Governing Council of COA has a disproportionate number of Architects in service as compared to Practicing Architects, though the market conditions are reverse. There has to be more representation from the Body of Practicing Architects for a more balanced decisions/implementation of the Act and to address the issues of practice as well.
9. The practice of Proportionate Representation must be followed in nominations from different States.
10. We have to strengthen the COA. It should be done by making its procedures transparent and ensuring presence of competent Professionals in its Governing Body which is absent today.

We shall be glad to provide a more detailed explanation of any/each point, if required.

We thank you for carrying our voice forward and assure you of our support in future.

Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely

(Rajiv Kumar Dwivedi)
President
UPAA