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To  
Ar. J. R. Bhalla  
Chairman  
Committee for the amendments in Architects Act 1972  
D-29, Defense Colony  
New Delhi – 110003

Sub.: Amendments to Architects Act 1972.

Respected Sir,

With reference to our earlier communication regarding concern of Architects for the proposed amendments to Architects Act, we request you to kindly consider following points also:

1. U.P. Architects Association be allowed to participate in the forth coming meetings of committee for amendments, if possible.
2. For achieving larger transparency and good governance, the position and stature of the President, COA should be unambiguously defined.
3. The post of the President should be made properly remunerative (at par at least with an additional secretary to GOI ), so that he/she can work for the COA on full time basis and need not to devote his/ her energies in earning the livelihood through other channels. Financial support for this purpose should come from HRD Ministry, as good governance of COA should be an important mandate of the Government.
4. Only those architects be allowed to contest for the post of the President who have made outstanding contribution towards up liftment of the architectural profession/ education. Needless to mention, his/ her integrity must be above any suspicion.
5. President and Registrar of COA must refrain himself/ herself from holding any other office of profit or to undertake private practice either independently or in partnership as a matter of fact their COA registration may remain under suspended animation during this period.
6. The COA Council should be made wide based. Presently there is very little representation from the private sector and most of the members are drawn from the government sector, while 90% architects are in the private sector. IIA members are below 50% of registered Architects strength, hence true/proportionate representation is to be ensured.

For more detailed discussions on the issues of amendments in the Act, I am available for a meeting/s as per your convenience.

We assure you of our co-operation in future.

With most sincere regards  
Yours Sincerely

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President  
UPAA