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To,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.  
Prime Minister's Office (PMO)  
South Block, Raisena Hills,  
New Delhi-110011.

### Sub.: Suggestion regarding Design Audit of Public Sector Buildings & Infrastructure Projects.

Sir,

It is very well realized across the length and breath of the country that under your dynamic leadership, the nation is progressing at a very fast pace, especially in the field of infrastructure, public buildings and amenities. All these development works involve taxpayers hard earned money; therefore such money must be carefully utilized in terms of construction materials as well as skillful designing of buildings and infrastructure.

It is observed that majority of the public buildings are now being designed by private practicing Architects, who are being selected on the basis of lowest consultancy charges. In this process, it is likely that the most competent architects are left out of design process and nation is getting deprived of skillful and resource optimized designs.

To overcome this problem following suggestions are placed for your kind perusal:

1. The selection of Architectural Designs for all public and other important buildings must be through the process of design competitions as specified by the Council of Architecture- the statutory body of Government of India.
2. There must not be any bidding for consultancy charges. Instead, the schedule of consultancy charges as laid down by the Council of Architecture must be strictly adhered to. Needless to mention, lowering the consultancy charges below the minimum standards is bound to reflect in the efficiency of the building.
3. A system of post construction design audit by a team of eminent experts be adopted whereby, it could be ascertained that the building has actually been designed and constructed most skillfully with resource optimization. The Expert Team may also be entrusted to suggest improvements in future designs. This process will encourage and motivate the Architects to produce resource efficient designs.

Sir, we are confident that our suggestions will be taken in positive spirit and if found worthy, the system of design audits be started immediately

Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely,

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