

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI

NO.

OF

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 15.4.1996**

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3.4.96 were read and confirmed after incorporating corrections as follows:

Page 1 (Item 3): Four precincts in lieu of three precincts; add (iv) Cooperage precinct (included as fourth precinct).

Page 2 (Item 5): After the Architect's name, the two paragraphs which follow should be substituted by the following:

"Architectural vocabulary of the design submitted is totally different in the proposed treatment of the rear portion. The rear elevation, in its proportion, scale and materials, ought to be in sympathy with the precinct. The Architect should also preserve the existing character of the exteriors.

In the light of the foregoing observations, the Architect should submit the revised plans to the Committee for its consideration, so as to maintain the ambience of this important precinct.

The aspect of the helicopter noise (while landing and taking off) needs serious consideration. Decibal chart of the proposed helipad should be furnished to enable the Committee to examine the proposal."

As regards item 4 on page 1 of the minutes of the meeting held on 3.4.96, Shri Chainani, Member pointed out that, in his view, the construction proposed would, having regard to the interim order recently issued by the Mumbai High Court in a petition relating to the construction of buildings of Ruia and Godrej on or close to the seaface, contravene the relevant provisions of the Coastal Zone Regulations. While taking note of Shri Chainani's observations it was decided that it should henceforth be specifically and explicitly clarified (though it was, hitherto quite implicit) that any clearance given by the Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee should be construed as a clearance only from the Heritage Conservation point of view and the Regulations in force in that behalf. It cannot be construed, and does not also purport, to be an omnibus clearance. It does not absolve the owner/developer/architect from the responsibility of securing any permission/clearance/approval which may be obligatory and necessary under any other law/rules/regulations in force.

2. **GAMDEVI PRECINCT:**

It was decided that a Special meeting of the Mumbai Heritage Conservation Committee be convened on Thursday, 2nd May 1996, at 11.00 a.m., in the Board Room in the office (at Ballard Pier) of Shri Cyrus Guzder, Member of the Committee, to finalise the guidelines for regulating the developments in Gamdevi precinct.

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