


वास्तुकला परिषद्
Council of Architecture

वास्तुविद् अधिनियम, 1972 के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार का एक स्वायत्त सांविधिक निकाय
(An Autonomous Statutory Body of Govt. of India, under the Architects Act, 1972)

Ref. No. CA/80(ii)/2023/AOA
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Subject:- Construction of Building for Branch RASMECC, RACC, RBO & LDM office at Mahabubnagar, Telangana-reg.

Dear Sir,

The Parliament of India has enacted the Architects Act, 1972 and set up Council of Architecture to prescribe standards of Architectural Profession and education in the country.

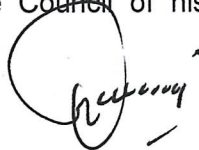
The attention of the Council has been drawn towards notice No.NIT No: HYD/2023-24/15 issued by State Bank of India for pre-qualification for limited Design competition for selection of Architectural consultancy firm (ACF) for the proposed construction of building for branch, RASMECC, RACC, RBO Mahabubnagar & LDM office at Mahabubnagar, Telangana.

The SBI on the one hand advertised that it is conducting a design competition and on the other it is inviting lowest quotations/ Bids for Architects. The amount of Rs. 25,000/- as prize money is also not sufficient.

Pertinent to the matter, I have to inform you that the profession of architects is regulated, controlled and maintained under the procession of the Architects Act, 1972 and Regulations framed thereunder. The Council is empowered under Section 22 of the Act to lay down, by Regulations, standards of professional conduct and code of ethic of Architects. These Regulations have overriding effect over any other law for the time being in force in India.

Accordingly, the Council has framed the Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989. The Regulation 2(1) (xiv) of the said Regulations provides that an architect shall not prepare designs in competition with other Architects for a Client without payment or for a reduce fee (except in a competition conducted in accordance with the Architectural Competition Guidelines approved by the Council). Further, Regulation 2(1) (xii) provides that an architect shall observe and uphold the Council's Conditions of Engagement and Scale of Charges.

The Regulation 2(1) (xvi) provides that an Architect shall comply with Council's guidelines for Architectural Competitions and inform the Council of his appointment as assessor for an Architectural Competition.



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Architects are professionals like Doctors, Advocates and Chartered Accountants whose conduct and ethics are regulated and governed under the Architects Act, 1972 and Regulations framed thereunder. The Architects are not insisted or quote lowest fees on the lines of contractors in order to be eligible to provide their professional services.

Further, it is pointed out that in terms of Section 35, 36 & 37 of the Architects Act, 1972 only an Architect registered with Council of Architecture or a firm of Architects are allowed to use the title and style of Architect for carrying the profession of an Architect in India. LLP and Companies are prohibited from using the title and style of an Architect.

The Council has prescribed a Manual for Architectural Services which lays down various methods for appointment of Architects including conduct of Design Competition and scale of fees and deliverables. A complimentary copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

In view of the above, SBI is required to conduct Architectural Design Competition as per the norms of the Council.

A line in the reply of action taken in the matter will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

R. K. Oberoi
Registrar

Encl: As above