

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1977
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2022

STUDY OF ARCHITECTURE

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government has framed any national policy to streamline the study of architecture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated to the Council of Architecture and utilized during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has received any request from the Council of Architecture for amending the Architects Act, 1972 and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the schemes of the Government to promote education of architecture and to strengthen the Council of Architecture so that students may avail the global opportunities?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): The Architectural Education in India is regulated by the regulations made by the Council of Architecture (COA) with approval of the Central Government, as provided in the Architects Act, 1972. To streamline the Architectural Education and lay down the norms and standards for imparting of recognized qualifications in Architecture all over India, COA has amended the Minimum Standard of Architectural Education (MSAER) 1983 and has issued MSAER 2020 which were notified on 11th August, 2020.

(c): No funds have been allocated to the Council of Architecture by the Ministry of Education. The Council charges fees for registration of Architects, for giving approval to institutes for starting architecture course, for recognition of foreign qualifications etc., from which the Council meets its expenditure. The details of income and expenditure of the COA for the last 3 years are as under:

(Rupees in crores)

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Income	Expenditure
1.	2018-2019	20.29	3.53
2.	2019-2020	25.56	3.39
3.	2020-2021	27.06	3.65

(d): Amendments of Acts are done following due diligence and procedure. A proposal from Council of Architecture (CoA) for amendment of the Architects Act, 1972 has been received in the Ministry. However, representations have also been received from various stakeholders like 'The Institution of Engineers (India)'; 'Licensed Engineers Association' etc., requesting not to amend the said Act as in their opinion any such amendment would be detrimental to the public welfare.

(e): As per the Architects Act, 1972, the Council may enter into negotiations with the authority in any State or country outside India, which by the law of such State or country is entrusted with the maintenance of a register of architects, for settling of a scheme of reciprocity for the recognition of architectural qualifications. Also, to promote education of Architecture, the Government is extending fee remission to the students of SC/ST category studying B. Arch in IITs/ NITs/ SPAs so that deserving students can pursue education of Architecture without financial constraints.
