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To

The Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Science, Technology, Environment &
Non-Conventional Energy,
Chandigarh.

Subject: Implementation of the Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010- action regarding.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of MOEF, New Delhi letter No. 3-262/2010-RO(NZ)1147 of 9.6.2010 vide which a copy of The Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010 was received for implementation in the State. As per the aforesaid Act, the main changes brought in through the amendment are as under:-

- i) Prescribing a minimum of 100 mtrs to be the "Prohibited area" around centrally protected monuments.
- ii) Defining "regulated area" to be a minimum of 200 mtrs beyond this and the preparation of Heritage Bye-Laws to govern constructions, reconstructions, repair or renovations therein, until the finalization of the Bye-Laws.
- iii) Freezing constructions within the regulated areas of centrally protected monuments, until monuments specific Heritage By-Laws are in position.
- iv) Empowering Competent Authorities to draft these Bye-Laws in consultation with INTACH and other expert heritage bodies, on the basis of detailed surveys.
- v) Setting up a National Monuments Authority, as the apex body for recommending the grading and classification of protected monuments and over-seeing the functions of the Competent Authorities, etc.
- vi) Stipulating procedures for granting the permission for construction, repairs or renovations in prohibited/regulated areas.

In view of the above, it is requested that the matter may be taken up with the Department of Town & Country Planning and Deptt of Local Government for incorporating the above provisions of The Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010 in the Master Plans of the cities of Punjab.

DA/As above.

Sd/-
Member Secretary