

**ITEM NO. 08 (S-3)**

**REPORT OF VIGLANCE DEPARTMENT WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTION NO. 11(A-95) DATED 31.12.2008.**

**Name of the subject/project:**

**Sub: Preservation/Restoration of Heritage Building in NDMC area.**

**SH: Facade Restoration of N.P. Boys Sr. Sec. School, Mandir Marg, N. Delhi**

**Brief History**

The aforesaid item was placed in the Council meeting held on 31.12.08 to accord revised Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction amounting to Rs.3,77,98,000/- with the net excess of Rs.1,23,06,261/-. The Council resolved to accord the revised A/A and E/S and it was further decided by the Council that the CVO shall look into the reasons for the increase in the estimated expenditure leading to Council's revised A/A and E/S on two occasions and shall place his report before the Council for further consideration.

Accordingly, the files were summoned and examination of the relevant records has revealed the following reasons for accord of revised A/A and E/S for two times:-

1. Consequent upon the A/A and E/S of the Council amounting to Rs.2,02,00,000/- Vide Reso. Dated 20.9.2006, the tenders were invited and the Council, vide Reso. Dated 21.11.07, resolved to award the work to M/s India Guniting Corporation at their tendered amount of Rs.2,54,91,739/-. At that stage, the amount escalated as the estimate was prepared in 2006 and the cost of the material had increased thereafter.
2. Presently the cost has increased mainly on the following two reasons:-
  - (i) Due to the increase in the scope of strengthening of the existing buildings as the exact condition of the structure could only be ascertained after removal/dismantling of the plaster.
  - (ii) The scope of the work has also been increased as during the inspections carried out by the Chairman, Architect Consultant and other Sr. Officers, the Architect Consultant, suggested to also include the rear portion of the rooms of the facade in the Project.

- (iii) Lowering of the road level.
- 3. Here it is not out of context to mention that when an expert Architect Consultant was engaged to examine the requirement of the proposed project to be carried out and to prepare an estimate for the said works, all the above aspects should have been examined before submission of the estimate. Had all the above aspects taken into account, the cost of the project would not have increased requiring revised AA/ES.

Chairperson has seen the case.

Accordingly the Report is put up to the Council for information.

#### **COUNCIL'S DECISION**

Information noted.