

REGULATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AROUND THE CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENT/SITE

In pursuance of the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010 construction activities around the centrally protected monuments and sites are regulated as follows:

Protected Area: Protected Area means any archaeological site and remains which is declared to be of national importance by or under the act.

Protected Monument: Protected Monument means an ancient monument which is declared to be of national importance by or under the act.

Prohibited Area: Every area beginning at the limit of the protected area or the protected monument, as the case may be, and extending to a distance of one hundred metres in all directions shall be the prohibited area in respect of such protected area or protected monument. [Section 20-A]

Regulated Area: Every area beginning at the limit of the prohibited area in respect of every ancient monument and archaeological site and remains declared as of national importance under sections 3 and 4 and extending to a distance of two hundred metres in all directions shall be the regulated area in respect of ancient monument and archaeological site and remains. [Section 20-B]

Regulation of construction activity: Construction of new buildings within the prohibited area is not permissible under the act. Reconstruction or repairs or renovation of existing buildings within the prohibited area, requires prior permission from the Competent Authority under the act.

Construction of new buildings, reconstruction or renovation or addition to/alteration/modification of existing buildings within the regulated area requires prior permission of the Competent Authority under the act.

Undertaking construction activity within the prohibited or regulated area without the prior permission of the respective authority under the act will result in penal action under the act against such person(s)/organisation who undertake such construction activity.

Penalty: Imprisonment up to a period of two years and/ or a penalty to the maximum of rupees one lakh.

Address for submitting applications [Form-I – 5 Sets] /queries to the Competent Authority notified for the Tamil Nadu State (except the Districts of Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari and the Nilgiris):

**NOC CELL/
OFFICE OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR TAMIL NADU
Government of India
Fort St.George, CHENNAI - 600 009**

In respect of the Districts of Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari and the Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu:

Those who intend to undertake construction activity in the zone of centrally protected monuments and the centrally protected sites in the **Districts of Tirunelveli, Kanniyakumari and the Nilgiris** have to submit their applications [Form-I – 5 Sets] at the following address:

**SUPERINTENDING ARCHAEOLOGIST
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA
THRISSUR CIRCLE
PURATATVA BHAWAN
FF19A, KSHB FLATS
BLOCK NO.3, PULLAZHY HOUSING SCHEME
PULLAZHY POST
THRISSUR – 680 012**

Any person(s)/ whoever wish to undertake construction activity of any type within the prohibited or regulated area of centrally protected monument/site in the Tamil Nadu State shall have to approach the Competent Authority at the above addresses with application and relevant documents before commencing the construction activity.

Application form [FORM-I] can be viewed and downloaded from the following web site:

<http://www.nma.gov.in>

