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Government of India has issued Gazette Notification No. 13, dated March 30, 2010 on 'The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment & Validation) Act, 2010' after the Parliament of India passed it. This Act amends 'The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958' (both the Acts are available at www.asi.nic.in).

The Purpose of this Act is to preserve and protect our heritage, and it reflects the government's determination to ensure that no construction, including public projects, takes place within the prohibited areas around the monuments of national importance.

The Act specifies the beginning from the boundary limit of the centrally protected area or centrally protected monument, a minimum of 100 metres as the 'Prohibited Area', beyond which, in all directions, a minimum of 200 metres has been specified as the 'Regulated Area'. These limits can be further extended having regard to classification of any monument or protected area.

No construction, whatsoever, including any public project, will be permitted in the prohibited areas of the Protected Monuments and the permission for construction or reconstruction activities in regulated areas shall be governed by heritage bye laws.

The Amendment Act defines 'construction' and 'reconstruction' to avoid any ambiguity in interpretation. The Act also defines the terms 'repair and renovation' which means alterations to a pre-existing structure or building, but shall not include 'construction' or 'reconstruction'.

Application seeking permissions for repair and renovation in the 'Prohibited Areas' and 'Regulated Areas' shall be made before the respective Competent Authority who will be nominated by the government in due course. For construction or reconstruction, only in the regulated areas (i.e. not in the 'Prohibited Area'), the request could also be made to the same authority. In this context, the Act also provides for constitution of National Monument Authority which will consider all the cases referred to it by the Competent Authority for its final recommendation to finally dispose off such requests accordingly.

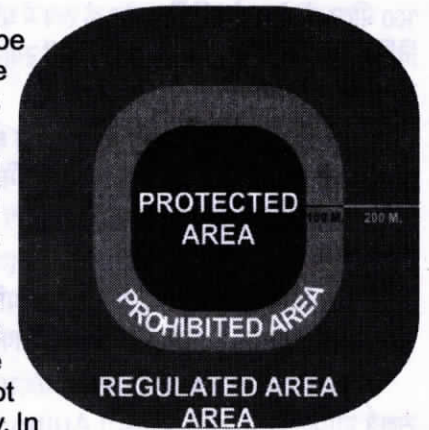
The legislation provides for identification of all unauthorized structures that may have come up in the prohibited and regulated areas since June, 1992 (when the notification of prohibited/regulated areas was published) and action will be taken against all such unauthorized structures or buildings, as per provisions of the Act. Presently commissioner Lucknow has been appointed as Competent Authority for all 7 districts under the jurisdiction of Jhansi Circle.

The quantum of punishment to be meted out to the violators has been reviewed and made more stringent raising three months imprisonment to two years and fine of five thousands rupees to one lakh rupees, or both.

Every citizen is, therefore, requested to extend his full co-operation in implementing the provisions of the aforesaid Act so that our precious heritage could be preserved for posterity.

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