

National Monument Authority under AMASR Act 2010

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AMASR Act 2010

The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010 was enacted by the Government to stop the rampant encroachment and construction around the monuments and other sites of archaeological importance.

Key features of the AMASR Act 2010

- The act mentions that no permission for construction, including Government/public work is to be permitted in the prohibited area of centrally protected monuments and protected areas as per the Amendment Act.
- It mentions that repairs and renovation of the existing buildings and structures are, however, permissible.
- As per the Amendment Act no reconstruction of the existing building is permissible.
- As per the provisions of 'The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010', the NMA is the competent authority to issue the recommendation for carrying out any repair/renovation in any property located in the prohibited area (up to 100 mtr. In all directions from any centrally protected monument / site), whereas the Competent Authority declared by the Central Government in consultation with the respective State Government after issuing the notification, is empowered to issue NOC for carrying out any repair/renovation in any property located in the regulated area (from 100 mtr. to 300 mtr. in all directions from any centrally protected

monument/site).

National Monument Authority

- National Monuments Authority (NMA) under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India has been set up as per provisions of The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains AMASR (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010
- The Act provides for NMA to be constituted with a Chairperson and up to 5 Whole Time and 5 Part-time Members each and a Member Secretary. DG ASI is an ex officio Member.

Functions of NMA

- Make recommendations to the Central Government for grading and classifying protected monuments and protected areas declared as of national importance under sections 3 and 4, before the commencement of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010.
- Make recommendations to the Central Government for grading and classifying protected monuments and protected areas which may be declared after the commencement of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010, as of national importance under section 4
- Oversee the working of the competent authorities
- To suggest measures for the implementation of the provisions of this Act
- To consider the impact of large-scale development projects, including public projects and projects essential to the public which may be proposed in the regulated areas and make recommendations in respect thereof to the competent authority
- To make recommend actions to the competent authority for grant of permission

