

(Enclosure No. 4 to despatch No. 27-P. W. of 1912.)

COMPETITION FOR DESIGNS OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA BUILDINGS AT DELHI.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION.

1. Eligibility of Competitors.

The Competition is open to all British subjects resident in India, Burma, Ceylon and the British Isles.

The Government of India desire this competition to be regarded solely as a means of selecting an architect or architects for employment in the preparation of designs for certain of the Government Secretariat offices required under the scheme for the construction of a new Imperial Capital at Delhi.

The general lay-out of the city not having yet been fixed it is impossible to issue complete details as to site and aspect. It is considered, however, that as it is desired that the general character of the architecture, while meeting modern requirements of convenience, should harmonize externally with the monuments of old Delhi and with the traditions of Indian art, the early selection of an architect or architects competent to deal with the problem will be advantageous as it will afford the selected architects opportunity for special study in anticipation of the time when it will be possible to put them in full possession of particulars of buildings for which their services may be commissioned.

3. Assessors.

The competition will be assessed by the following :—

Mr. J. Begg, F.R.I.B.A., Consulting Architect to the Government of India.
An English architect.—

assisted by a senior member of the Indian Civil Service retired or on leave and a senior member of the Indian Public Works Department retired or on leave.

4. Premiums.

The following premiums will be awarded :—

	Rs.
To the design placed first ...	4,500 (£ 300)
To the design placed second ...	3,000 (£ 200)
To the design placed third ...	1,500 (£ 100)

All questions in respect of these conditions must be sent to the Secretary, Public Works Department, India Office, Whitehall, London, S. W., so as to reach him by the _____

5. Questions.

These questions will be answered by the Committee of Assessors, and their replies are to be read as part of the conditions.

6. Drawings.

The following drawings are required :—

- To a scale of $\frac{1}{80}$ " to a foot—a Block plan.
- To a scale of $\frac{1}{16}$ " to a foot—plans of each floor.

Such elevations and sections as may be necessary to explain the design (not exceeding six in all).

To a scale of $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the foot—a detail of a small portion of the buildings shewing the method of construction and architectural treatment.

The plans may be in pencil or in ink with all sectional portions indicated in black or dark grey. The floor areas may be tinted with a wash of yellow ochre, pink or light green, the space allotted to each Department being distinguished by different tints.

The elevations, sections and details may be in pencil or ink, tinted in monochrome only.

The competitor may supplement these with a perspective view executed in any manner he may select, in which the actual building must not occupy a width exceeding two feet.

The drawings are to be mounted on "strainers" of uniform size, but not framed or glazed.

Each design is to be accompanied by a brief type-written report describing the construction and materials, and including a schedule of the areas allotted to the various Departments and the dimensions and calculations by which the cubic contents are arrived at, with the author's estimate of the cost based on the cubic contents.

7. Report.

Each design should be sent unmarked by any name, motto or device (other than is necessary for the purposes of transit) but accompanied by the envelope supplied, sealed, and containing the author's name, address, and declaration on the form issued herewith.

8. Designs sent in anonymously.

Each design with the above-mentioned documents must be securely packed in a wooden box and forwarded at the competitor's own risk and charges addressed (in the case of competitors in the United Kingdom) to the Secretary, Public Works Department, India Office, Whitehall, London, S. W., in time to reach him on March 1st 1913, and (in the case of competitors in India, etc.) to the Under Secretary, Public Works Department, Delhi, India, in time to reach him on February 1st 1913.

9. Delivery of drawings.

On receipt, each case and its contents will be marked with a number in order of receipt for identification. The sealed envelopes, marked with corresponding numbers, will remain unopened till the competition has been decided.

Should any competitor fail to observe the rules laid down in these conditions the Assessors have power to disqualify his design.

10. Observance of rules.

Every possible care will be taken of the designs and they will be returned free of cost to competitors but no responsibility for their safety can be accepted.

11. Return of drawings.

12. The award.

The Assessors' award will be printed and circulated to every competitor.

It is the intention of the Government of India, unless there is strong reason to the contrary, to offer to the first premiated architect, and to as many more of those placed in order of merit in this competition as they may deem necessary, employment as architect or architects for designs for buildings of a similar nature and extent to the one described in these particulars on the following terms:—

13. Employment of architects.

- (a) Each architect employed, if resident in the British Isles, must be prepared if required to do so to collaborate in the preparation of the final designs and working drawings with the Consulting

Architect to the Government of India in London. This stipulation is dictated by a recognition of the wide divergence in the conditions of climate, social customs, official requirements and of building work which obtain in India as compared to Europe, and of the desirability of adapting the designs to the scope of Indian craftsmanship and Art. The Consulting Architect to the Government of India will not however share in the architects' remuneration, nor will he be liable for any part of the expenses of office and staff.

- (b) Similarly architects resident in India, Burma or Ceylon, who may be chosen for employment must be prepared to collaborate with a Government architect at Delhi or Simla if required to do so.
- (c) Each architect employed will be paid a sum equivalent to three per cent on the estimated cost of the work as remuneration for the supply of:—
- (1) Preliminary plans, elevations, sections and sketches, including all reasonable changes or modifications which may be necessary, until finally approved by the Government of India. (If, in this connection, it is considered necessary for the architect to submit his preliminary sketches personally to the Government of India he will be given the cost of his return 1st Class passage and Railway fares, and an allowance of £1 per day while in India, in addition to the prescribed fee).
 - (2) Six duplicate sets of the usual working drawings, to the scale of $\frac{1}{8}$ " to the foot. These should be on white cloth, but two only need be coloured.
 - (3) Two copies of complete working details to the $\frac{1}{4}$ " scale.
 - (4) One copy of all full size details.
 - (5) Full details of all structural steel work.
 - (6) Full specification and all necessary explanations and instructions to enable the work to be carried out.

PARTICULARS.

This competition is for the design of a typical Secretariat building such as would meet the requirements of two Departments of Government, *viz.*, the Revenue and Agriculture and Public Works Departments on the site indicated on the accompanying plan by hatching. The character and arrangement of surroundings shewn on this plan should be taken into account but it must be understood that the plan is purely hypothetical and does not necessarily bear any relation to the final lay-out.

It is suggested that the building may be generally two storeys in height, varied by portions of one and three storeys in height.

It is desired that the building shall be as far as possible fire-resisting.

The buildings should be simple and dignified in their treatment and the style adopted must be in harmony with Indian traditions.

A series of photographs (Appendix A) is issued herewith, shewing works recently executed by Indian craftsmen in their traditional manner.

A further series (Appendix B) gives typical examples of various styles of Indian architecture. It is not suggested that it is desirable to adhere closely to any one of these types but it is thought they may prove useful as an indication of the general spirit and character of the architectural developments of India.

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It has not been thought necessary to issue these photographs to Indian competitors as they presumably are familiar with the work of the country.

Competitors desiring further information on Indian architecture should consult the Archaeological survey reports and other books which are to be found in the libraries mentioned in Appendix C.

The building should be fitted with drainage on the water-carriage system, and with electric lights and fans.

No sum has been fixed as a limit of cost but it is thought that about 6 lakhs of rupees (£ 40,000) should suffice for such a building as this. Competitors' estimates will be carefully considered and will form a factor in deciding on the merits of their designs.

The requirements are tabulated in the following schedule of accommodation.
