

**Summary of Decisions of the Building Committee  
Building Committee I 29/2013 held on 23.7.2013**

(a) MAI 1 29/2013

Issue : Validity period of modification / exemption.

Decision : Having considered the AP's justifications and the genuine technical difficulty in obtaining the consent for the commencement of the relevant building works before the expiry of the two-year time limit, the committee agreed to extend the validity period.

(b) BCI 1 29/2013

Issue : Formal appeal against the decision of the Building Authority.

Decision : Having considered the case, the committee agreed to contest the appeal.

(c) BCI 2 29/2013

Issue : (i) Exclusion of voids over common rooms in a hostel from GFA calculation.

(ii) Exclusion of covered landscaped areas from GFA calculation.

Decision : (i) Having studied the design and noting that there was no objection from relevant outside departments, the committee agreed to exclude the voids from GFA calculation.

(ii) Having studied the design, the committee agreed to exclude the covered landscaped areas from GFA calculation subject to the total exempted area not exceeding 5% of the total domestic GFA.

(d) BCI 3 29/2013

Issues : (i) Non-provision of fire barriers for buildings within 900mm from the common boundary abutting a public open space.

(ii) Prescribed windows facing into a public open space.

Decisions : Having studied the case and noting the relevant statutory controls and the comments of relevant departments, the committee had no in-principle objection to the proposed arrangements for fire separation, prescribed windows and means of escape.