

**Statement of Boards, Councils, Committees and other bodies**

In order to regulate the construction activities within the Special Areas/Restricted Areas/Heritage Zones in a planned & systematic manner, the following Special Area Development Authorities and Committees have been constituted under the provisions of H.P. Town & Country Planning Act, 1977:

**(a) Special Area Development Authorities:**

There are 34 Special Area Development Authorities constituted under the provisions of H.P. Town & Country Planning Act, 1977. These authorities consist of Chairman & other official/non-official members as are appointed/nominated by the State Government. The number of these members is determined by the Govt. from time to time. The meeting of these Special Area Development Authorities are required to be convened by their Chairmen once in each quarter. The meetings of these authorities are not open to the public however, its proceedings are easily accessible for them.

**(b) Committees:****1. Heritage Conservation Advisory Committee:**

The heritage buildings/areas in Shimla & Chamba towns which are of historical importance and possess distinct architectural designs, façade, elevations and religious as well as tourism importance and are linked to our past, have been identified and notified as Heritage Zones. A Heritage Conservation Advisory Committee consisting of eminent Historians, Architects, Heritage Experts and Engineers has been constituted by the Govt. under the Chairmanship of Secretary (TCP) to the Govt. of H.P. to render advice on all the matters pertaining to Shimla's historical features. Director (Art, Language & Culture), Commissioner, (M.C), Sr. Architect, H.P. Public Works Department and State Town Planner are its officials members. A few non-official members are also there in the Committee. The meetings of this Committee are not open to the public. However, the minutes of such meetings are accessible for them.

**2. Restricted Area Committee:**

In order to regulate the construction activities within the restricted area which has been notified by the Govt. in Shimla Planning Area, a Restricted Area Committee has been constituted by the Govt. under the Chairmanship of the Director, Town & Country Planning and the representative of Director (UD) & Commissioner, MC, State Town Planner and Member Secretary, SADAs as its members. The meeting of Restricted Area Committee is being convened by its Chairman every month. The meetings of this Committee are not open to the public. However, the minutes of such meetings are accessible for them.