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Dear

Mahesh Sharma jee,

The Government of NCT of Delhi had proposed "Delhi's Imperial Capital Cities" for nomination to UNESCO's List of World Heritage Cities. The nomination was to be discussed at the 39th Session of the World Heritage Committee that was held in Bonn, Germany, in June 2015. It is, however, informed that just before the meeting in Bonn, the nomination of "Delhi's Imperial Capital Cities" was either withdrawn by the Government of India or deferred. There has been no formal communication to the Government of NCT of Delhi in this regard. Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi had earlier sent a DO to Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India in August 2015 (copy enclosed). Unfortunately, no reply has so far been received.

It may be relevant to highlight that the Government of NCT of Delhi had spent a considerable amount of time and resources on the nomination process and proceeded with the nomination only after the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, gave its consent vide letter dated February 19th 2015 (copy enclosed).

With its rich and cosmopolitan cultural heritage, Delhi is like a 'Mini India'. It is essential that this rich cultural heritage of Delhi is projected before the world in right earnest. Any endeavour in this regard should not be looked at with political considerations.

I am writing to you now to request that the dossier of "Delhi's Imperial Capital Cities" may be sent for the next nomination cycle i.e. at the 40th Session of the World Heritage Committee, scheduled to be held in Istanbul, in July 2016. We need to pursue this matter vigorously so that "Delhi's Imperial Capital Cities" become a World Heritage City in the near future.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Encl. As above

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