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Panel clears Parliament project

The clearance was mandated by SC in its January 5 judgment allowing the work

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The Union government's proposal to construct a new Parliament building was on Monday approved by the Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC), whose clearance was mandated by the Supreme Court in its January 5 judgment allowing the project.

The court ordered that the permission of the HCC, which is headed by an Additional Secretary of the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry and includes government officials primarily, should be obtained before any work starts on the ground.

At a press conference, Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker



Work in progress: The construction site of the new Parliament building, part of the Central Vista project. *FILE PHOTO

Mishra said the committee had discussed the proposal and cleared it on Monday. The panel looked at the preservation of heritage as per the Unified Building Bylaws, 2016. Permission was not sought earlier as the Minis-

try, whose Central Public Works Department is carrying out the project, felt there was no heritage involved. The new building was proposed to be built adjacent to the existing Parliament, which was built in the 1920s.

Since the court ordered it to get the approval of the HCC, the Ministry had complied, Mr. Mishra said.

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri said the timeline for the completion was 2022, the 75th year of Independence.

Another part of the larger Central Vista Avenue redevelopment project, the revamp of Rajpath or Central Vista Avenue, would be started by February 1, with the contract likely to be awarded soon, Mr. Mishra said. The Republic Day Parade next year would be held on the revamped Rajpath.

The Minister said: "I don't know what the overall cost will be. The cost will be absorbed by each Ministries."