Service Tax (Removal of Difficulty) Order No.1/2010 dated 22.06.2010

M.F.(D.R.) ORDER NO

1/2010, Dated: June 22, 2010

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 95 of the Finance Act, 1994 (32 of 1994) (hereinafter referred to as the Finance Act), the Central Government, hereby makes the following Order, namely:-

- 1. (1) This Order may be called as the Service Tax (Removal of Difficulty) Order, 2010.
- (2) This Order shall come into force on the 1 st day of July, 2010.
- 2. For the purposes of sub-clauses (zzq) and (zzzh) of clause (105) of section 65 of the Finance Act, the expression 'authority competent' includes, besides any Government authority,-
- (i) architect registered with the Council of Architecture constituted under the Architects Act, 1972(20 of 1972); or
- (ii) chartered engineer registered with the Institution of Engineers (India); or
- (iii) licensed surveyor of the respective local body of the city or town or village or development or planning authority;

who is authorised under any law for the time being in force, to issue a completion certificate in respect of residential or commercial or industrial complex, as a precondition for its occupation.

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(K.S.V.V.Prasad) Under Secretary to the Government of India

Completion certificate by a competent authority is a mandate for the activity of a construction not to be considered as a sale, as per the present explanation to the definition of taxable service under construction services. By the above order, the Government has notified, apart from Government Authorities, Architects, Chartered Engineers, License Surveyors, who are authorised under any Law.

Which law authorizies the above designates for the above purpose?