2010

TASK:

Conservation of Lakkarwala Burj

PURPOSE:

- Restore the architectural character of this significant monument of national importance.
- Enhance the historic character of Sunder Nursery.

ACTION TAKEN:

- The ornamentation on the internal wall surfaces was cleaned to expose the original details.
- Missing incised plaster work was reconstructed following the original pattern.
- Missing lime punning is replaced with new lime punning.
- Quranic inscription of the monument is now document in order to understand the missing portion and style of calligraphy.
- The parapet over the lower arcade required to be partially dismantled and rebuilt.
- Sandstone lattice screens in the eight arched openings in the neck of the dome and the four openings over the doorway have been restored.

NEXT STAGE:

- Repairs on the dome, roof, external wall surfaces are to be carried out.
- Red sand stone flooring will be provided in the external plinth and inner chamber
- Projected chamber on the west will be repaired and structural cracks will be stitched
- Metal doors will be replaced with wooden doors

2011

TASK:

Conservation of the Lakkarwala burj

PURPOSE:

To revive the lost architectural integrity of the monument which is deteriorated due to inappropriate repair works and material loss and ensure significance is retained with the restoration of the ornamentation on the façade.

ACTION TAKEN:

- Following works carried out on the ceiling and the internal wall surfaces in 2010, conservation works on the façade commenced in late 2011.
- The decorative edging of the arched openings is presently being restored.

NEXT STEPS:

- The façade restoration needs to be carried out including restoration of the polychromy.
- The inscription of the lintel level needs careful repair in line with repairs carried out at Sunderwala Burj.
- The concrete flooring requires to be replaced with sandstone paving as in Sunderwala Burj.

Lakkarwala Burj interiors following conservation works ▼

Before Conservation

After Conservation

December 2008