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Prof A.K.Maitra is an architect-Town Planner by profession. Graduated in 1964 in Architecture from B.E.College , Sibpore , and did his post graduate in Town Planning from Leeds School of Town Planning in 1971 and became a Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 1973. Worked as Senior Town Planning Officer and Architect Planner with Greater London Council. On his return in 1974 he joined Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority as Architect Planner to head the Urban Development Circle. In 1977 he joined School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi as a faculty and in course of time became the Dean of Studies and Director. He retired in 2004.

He has authored a few books and edited some and contributed in many , apart from articles in national and international journals. Some of the published books are as the following

Housing for the Low Income, Published by HUDCO.

Urban Environment, Published by Centre for Environmental Studies/School of Planning and Architecture.

Environmental Quality of Human Settlements, Published by Centre for Environmental Studies/School of Planning and Architecture.

Urban Environment in Crisis, Published by New Age International Publishers

He has been involved in the field of planning and development of human settlements within environmental sustainability for more than 45 years now , conversant with the technology involved in environmental management, conservation and provision of environmental services through practice and teaching. He is a practicing consultant in the field of planning and EIA.

Apart from the regular academic activity in the institution where he taught environmental design, planning and delivered environmental services as a major and elective to students at undergraduate, post graduate and doctoral level, He is active in the field of environment as extra-mural activity. In addition he has taught teachers from various countries in SAARC and Iran, on behalf of Colombo Plan Staff College, Manila. As a practitioner in the field of development he is consultant to several government, semi-government, and international organisations such as World Bank and ADB. He has been a member of several committees set up by the Govt of India.