

## PRESS NOTE

### **NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES TAKES SERIOUS NOTE OF JEWAR INCIDENT**

The first meeting of the newly constituted National Commission for Minorities was held at the Commission's office at Lok Nayak Bhawan, new Delhi. The Chairperson, Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi, Members, Shri George Kurian, Shri Sunil Singhi, Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare, Shri Kastur Khurshed Kaikobad Dastoor and Commission's officials attended.

2. **The Commission in the first meeting took very serious note of the Jewar incident in U.P. Chairman, Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi had directed Secretary of the Commission to obtain a detailed report from the District Magistrate, Gautam Buddha Nagar and SSP, Gautam Buddha Nagar. This was done immediately.**
3. **From the report, it was obvious that whereas humanitarian measures have been taken to alleviate the suffering of the affected families, criminals have not been caught as yet which is a cause of concern. The Commission, therefore, directed that (a) the security along these vulnerable stretches of the Expressways be increased including night mobile patrols, (b) a fortnightly report be sent to the Commission regarding the police progress made in catching the criminals.**
4. **It is understood that the forensic evidence have been sent to FSL, Lucknow for confirming if it was molestation or rape. The same as and when received must be shared immediately with the Commission.**
5. **The Committee also discussed the extensive tour report given by Shri Sunil Singhi, a Member from Gujarat about his visit to Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Mount Abu and Jaipur.**
6. **The Commission, after detailed discussions, decided to work in close cooperation of all stake holders to address minority related issues in a mission mode so as to instill a sense of confidence in minority communities. Development issues will be given priority. The Commission will take all possible steps to visit and hear minority communities, to disseminate relevant information and to take up their grievances and development aspirations with the concerned departments of the Central and State Governments for quick resolution. It was also decided to meet and review the actions/results twice a month. The Commission is determined to discharge its functions as per NCM Act, 1992 effectively and efficiently.**

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