

**Tour note of Dr.H.T.Sangliana, Hon'ble VC, NCM
to Daman & Diu UT on 28th & 29th, December 2011**

By leaving New Delhi on 26.12.2011 by train, I reached Mumbai on 27.12.2011. I visited Daman, the Headquarters of Daman & Diu (D&D) UT and held interaction meeting with the Administrator and other senior officials including Development Commissioner, District Collectors, DIG of Police, Superintendents of Police etc. The meeting was also attended by representatives of all the five religious minority communities and media personnel.

Development progress under various schemes including PM's 15 point programme were reviewed in detail. It is heartening to note that the UT Administration has made good progress in every aspect as seen in the enclosed ATR sheets, which have been designed by me. It is also heartening to note that no BPL family or person exists in the UT, as they are all above the poverty line.

At the interaction the following points were brought out:

1. It was felt by all concerned that the amount fixed for annual income of the parents for receiving various scholarships are too low and hence many whose income are slightly more than the prescribed amount could not apply for scholarships without showing a lower amount than their actual income. It was unanimously felt that a recommendation should be sent to the Government of India for raising the amount from 1 lakh to 3 lakh and from 2 lakh to 4.5 lakh so that borderline applicants can qualify to apply for scholarship for their studies which they could not do because of the prescribed impractical annual income limit. The Administrator was requested to take up the matter with the concerned ministries for necessary action.
2. The allotment of quota for Haj pilgrimage was reported to have been reduced by the Government of India from 29 to 6 in the recent past. Representation has reportedly been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs for increase of the quota allotted to the D&D UT. The

Administrator was requested to take up the matter with the concerned ministries for necessary action.

3. It was reported by representatives from the Christian community that Cricket games and activities have recently been intensified especially with the popularity of the IPL. Playgrounds which are situated next to the Churches are used even on Sundays and the noise made through the use of loudspeakers has been disturbing the worship services and regulation of time for playing the games was necessary. The Administrator was requested to take up the matter with the concerned organizations for necessary action.
4. The UT being comparatively free from serious crimes requiring constant engagement with maintenance of law & order and control of criminals, I suggested for taking up an anti-crime campaign at educational institutions where police can go and deliver talks on the dos and don'ts of crime prevention and detection in which students who would be tomorrow's citizens can be gainfully subjected to so that there would be less worry for internal security in the country. The administrator and DIG of Police were requested to come up with a novel anti-crime education program in the UT which could be emulated in due course by other UTs and States.
5. It was felt that there was lack of information about the various Central Government schemes meant for the benefit and welfare of minority communities in the UT. It was suggested that a mechanism be found to take the required information to the homes of concerned communities in addition to what the UT has done in the form of routine newspaper and TV advertisements which are not reaching the target population who do not read daily newspapers and watch TV.
6. A representation was made by Muslim leaders for construction of a multi-purpose community hall on the eastern side of Carivari village at Land Survey No. 428 of Kathiria village and the matter is reported

to be pending since 2007/8. The Administrator was requested to look into the matter and take appropriate decision instead of making the applicants wait any longer for the government's decision in the matter.

It was satisfactory to note that the D&D UT administration responded befittingly to the queries raised by the undersigned and was ready to take up the above points with the concerned authorities immediately as suggested. The excellent protocol and hospitality extended was appreciated.

This report may please be forwarded to the Administrator, D&D UT for necessary action and for feedback on action taken. Being a State Guest and having utilized free railway travel pass as ex-MP, no TA/DA claim is made in connection with the tour.

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9.1.2012

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