

**Tour Report Dr. (Miss) M.D. Bengalee on the meeting held at Varsha  
with Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh, Chief Minister of Maharashtra on  
Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2008**

The meeting with Chief Minister, Maharashtra was fixed along with Mr. Nusli Wadia, Chairman of Bombay Dyeing and Chairman of several professional Colleges in Mumbai & Pune and Mr. Minoo Shroff, Chairman, Parsi Panchayat, Mumbai.

I started the meeting, explaining to C.M. the problems faced by Parsi students of admission into professional colleges, though several of those have been established and funded by Parsis. He agreed to write to the said professional colleges to admit one or two from the applicants. He also suggested to write to minority colleges to accommodate Parsis in their 51% quota, if seats were available.

Mr. Nusli Wadia raised the issue of Parsi representative in the State Minorities' Commission and he agreed to appoint a Parsi at the earliest.

Mr. Minoo Shroff talked about the encroachment of Parsi properties. C.M. asked him to send the cases directly and promised to resolve the same.

C.M. was quite appreciative of the contribution of Parsis in Maharashtra and assured that he would personally look into any complain brought to his notice.

The meeting ended on a very cordial note and C.M. asked me to keep in touch with him directly for any Parsi issue. We thanked him for his positive response.