

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES SEEKS REPORT ON BALLABGARH LYNCHING INCIDENT**

The third meeting of the newly constituted National Commission for Minorities was held at the Commission's office at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi on 04th July, 2017. The Chairperson, Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi, Members, Shri George Kurian, Shri Sunil Singhi, Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare, Shri Dastur Khurshed Kaikobad Dastoor and Commission's officials attended.

The Commission discussed the issue of lynching of a Muslim youth at Ballabgarh on 22nd June, 2017. A report in this matter was sought from Deputy Commissioner, Faridabad. The report was also discussed in the Commission. The Commission expressed satisfaction on the action taken by the District authorities and police to nab the culprits and handle the situation peacefully.

Chairman, NCM informed the Commission that based on media reports about lynching of a trader in Jharkhand on 29.06.2017, he had called up DGP, Jharkhand on 30.06.2017 for the status of the incident. DGP, Jharkhand has assured to take all possible steps to arrest the accused persons. It is now reported in the media that two persons have been arrested. Moreover, NCM has sought a detailed report from DM, Ramgarh about the incident vide letter dated 03.07.2017.

Shri Sunil Singhi, Member raised the concern over the poor condition of the oldest Jain temple built with bricks and in terracotta style at Telengana. The Commission decided to write to Ministry of Minority Affairs for restoration of the temple under 'Hamari Dharohar' scheme.

Chairman, NCM has written a letter to Minister of Minority Affairs to enhance the limit of scholarship to minority students to Rs. 3 lakhs considering that the present income limit was fixed long ago and that the minimum wages have also been increased substantially.

The Commission also discussed the tour reports given by Shri Khurshed K Dastoor, Member about his visit to Gujarat & Daman from 16.06.2017 to 17.06.2017 and Shri Sunil Singhi, Member about his visit to Gujarat on 20.06.2017 and Chennai & Ujjain from 22.06.2017 to 25.06.2017.