

**Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:30 A.M on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 in the Chamber of Hon'ble Chairman.

2. The following were present:

- i. Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman
  - ii. Shri Kersi K. Deboo, Vice Chairman
  - iii. Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member
  - iv. Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde, Member
3. Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member, was on official tour.
4. Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary was on official training and Shri Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary was on leave.
5. Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary assisted the Commission.
6. In Attendance: Shariq Saeed and Shri Suman Kumar, Under Secretaries.

**7. Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 13.12.2023**

Record note of previous meeting was confirmed with the following observations:-

- (i) Vice Chairman informed that the Parsi community does not want that a Parsi Board to be set up in line with the Waqf Board. He informed that a Parsi Community Property Protection Act may be made. Chairman desired that a meeting with Parsi community may be held before making any recommendation.
- (ii) The cases pending with Members for more than three months may be sent to the Chairman for final disposal.
- (iii) The training of personal staff of Members for placing the material concerning NCM and Member's visit on social media will be done at the earliest. Further, it was also desired that Members during their visit should also conduct a meeting with head of management of religious places including Minority and Majority both communities for the purpose of maintaining harmony.

(iv) Another Video Conferencing meeting regarding issue of Sikligar Sikhs and other issues of Sikhs may be conducted separately after 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

**8. Agenda Item No. 2: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Bhubneshwar, Puri (Odisha) from 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 to 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

Approved.

**9. Agenda Item No. 3: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana from 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 to 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

Approved.

**10. Agenda Item No.4: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Rohtak, Haryana and Ludhiana, Punjab on 23rd December, 2023**

Approved.

**11. Agenda Item No. 5: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member National Commission for Minorities to Hyderabad, Telangana and Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh from 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

Not discussed as Member was not present.

**12. Agenda Item No. 6: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member National Commission for Minorities to Hyderabad, Telangana from 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 to 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

Not discussed as Member was not present.

**13. Agenda Item No. 7: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member National Commission for Minorities to Hyderabad, Telangana from 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 to 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

Not discussed as Member was not present.

**14. Agenda Item No. 8: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member National Commission for Minorities to Pilibhit Uttar Pradesh on 29th December, 2023**

Not discussed as Member was not present.

**15. Agenda Item No. 9: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member National Commission for Minorities to Mehrauli, New Delhi on 30th December, 2023**

Not discussed as Member was not present.

**16. Agenda Item No. 10: Note received from the M (DJG) regarding his visit to Pune, Kolhapur, Sangli and Solapur, Maharashtra**

Approved. Member (DJG) briefed about his visit to Pune, Kolhapur, Sangli and Solapur in Maharashtra. He informed about his observation of shortage of classrooms, Science/Computer Lab equipment, furniture etc. in educational institutions belonging to minority community. He desired that educational institutions at these places may be provided assistance under Maulana Azad Education Foundation Scheme (MAEF) of Ministry of Minority Affairs. Chairman desired that the status of Maulana Azad Education Foundation Scheme may be obtained from Ministry of Minority Affairs. Thereafter, this issue may be discussed further.

**17. Agenda Item No. 11: Pendency Status on CMS portal from 02.12.2023 to 31.12.2023.**

Pendency Status on CMS Portal from 02.12.2023 to 31.12.2023 was placed before the Commission. Keeping in view large number of applications being received from State of Uttar Pradesh and reply awaited from State Government, it was desired that a D.O. letter from Chairman to Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh should be written.

**18. Agenda Item No. 12: Status of CPGRAM Grievances till 05.01.2024**

Status of CPGRAM Grievances till 05.01.2024 was placed before the Commission. The Commission was informed that no CPGRAM Grievances is pending as on 05.01.2024.

**19. Agenda – 13 (Supplementary Agenda) : Tour report of Smt. Rinchen Lahmo Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Minorities to the State of Karnataka from 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 to 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

Approved. Letter may be written to concerned State Governments.

**20. Agenda – 14 (Supplementary Agenda) :Tour report of Smt. Rinchen Lahmo Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Minorities to Bodh Gaya in the State of Bihar from 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024**

Approved. Letter may be written to concerned State Governments.

**21. Agenda – 15 (Supplementary Agenda) :Tour report of Sh. Iqbal Singh Lalpura Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Chandigarh (U.T.) and Ludhiana, Ropar, Amritsar (Punjab) from 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 to 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

Approved.

**22. Agenda – 16 (Supplementary Agenda) :Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Minorities to the State of Maharashtra on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**



Approved. It was decided that letter may be written to State Government as suggested in the Tour Report. However, the suggestion to write letters to Ministry of Minority Affairs was deferred.

**23. Agenda Item No.17: Any other items with the permission of the Chairman**

1. A Booklet on Welfare Schemes for Minorities published by the Commission needs to be updated and a new version should be published including other Central/State Schemes and schemes with special provision for minorities.
2. Research Study will be conducted for gathering the details about possibility of enrolment of Prakrat and Pali Language in NCERT syllabus. First, a discussion with some prominent educationist of Bodh and Jain communities will be held to develop a concept paper.
3. A Research Study on educational institutions given minority status by Central Government or State Government should be conducted.
4. Research analysis of the previous reports of the Commission should be conducted.
5. Research Scholars/Research Assistants should be recruited urgently to conduct Research Study/Research analysis.
6. Interns should be engaged from various Colleges/Universities to provide help in one or two research studies.
7. Media Consultant should be hired urgently. The possibility to engage an agency instead of a person as Media Consultant shall be explored as per rules.
8. An Expert Panel shall be prepared to discuss various issues of Minority communities consisting 2-3 representatives from each State who are willing to attend the meetings whenever called. The qualification for appointment of these expert panels members will be as under:-
  - i. **Intellectuals** i.e. retired or serving Vice Chancellor, writer who has at least 5 books or ten paper published in various journals.
  - ii. **NGO's Expert:** Head of social registered organization with at least 10 years' service to the society who are expert in various fields and are capable of guiding the minorities in getting Jobs in Industry of Startups.
  - iii. Senior Advocates / Retired Judges.
  - iv. Retired Civil / Army /Senior Gazetted officers.
  - v. Top Religious Leaders/Preacher.

- vi. Padma Awardee decorated Persons.
  - vii. International Sports persons.
  - viii. Freedom fighter or National Hero's who fought for the Country after Independence
9. The Committee discussed Point No.10 of Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the welfare of minorities. It was desired that an advisory may be written to State Government and Central Recruitment Agencies necessarily to include a representative of Minority community in the concerned Selection Committees. Legal Consultant will examine this issue and take up the matter.
10. Letter to DGCA for concession in Air Ticket as senior citizen for Chairman and Members and also for assistance in the Airlines will be written.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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