

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 11th December, 2019

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:00 A.M. on 11th December, 2019 in the Conference Room.

The following were present:

(i)	Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi	Chairman
(ii)	Shri George Kurian	Vice Chairman
(iii)	Shri Sunil Singhi	Member
(iv)	Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare	Member
(v)	Shri Khurshed K. Dastoor	Member
(vi)	Shri Manjit Singh Rai	Member
(vii)	Shri Atif Rasheed	Member

2. Shri Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary assisted the Commission.
3. In Attendance: Smt. A. Dhanalakshmi, Director, S/Shri A. Sengupta and Shariq Saeed, Under Secretaries.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 13.11.2019.

4. Confirmed. Regarding the clarification with reference to the programme to be held on 18.12.2019, it was informed by the Chairman that International Minorities Day will be celebrated on 18.12.2019 in which Ms. Irmim Shamim will be felicitated. Minister of Minority Affairs would be the Speaker in the function. He also requested all the Members to nominate /confirm names of two-three religious leaders from their communities who will be invited for the function. The Annual Lecture of NCM would be held separately in a bigger scale later.

Agenda Item No. 2: Follow up Action on the decisions taken in the Meeting of the Commission held on 16.10.2019.

5. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 3: Tour Report of Shri Khurshed K Dastoor, Member to Udvada, Silvassa, Dang and Surat (Gujarat) and Mumbai (Maharashtra) from 20th September, 2019 to 15th September, 2019.

6. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 4: Tour Report of Shri Atif Rasheed, Member to District Hapur, Uttar Pradesh on 28th September, 2019.

7. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No. 5 : Tour Report of Shri Atif Rasheed, Member to District North-West, Delhi on 4th October, 2019.

9. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Tour Report of Shri Atif Rasheed, Member to District Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh from 18th October, 2019 to 19th October, 2019.

10. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No. 7 : Tour Report of Shri Manjit Singh Rai, Member to District Mansa, Punjab on 21st November, 2019

11. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned except the one for survey of socio-economic and educational survey of minorities.

Agenda Item No. 8 : Tour Report of Shri Manjit Singh Rai, Member to District Bathinda, Punjab from 21st November, 2019 to 25th November, 2019.

12. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 9 : Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Kerala from 9th November, 2019 to 11th November, 2019.

13. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No. 10. : Tour Report of Shri Sunil Singhi, Member to District Kota and District Jhalawar (Rajasthan) from 24th November, 2019 to 25th November, 2019.

14. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No. 11: Follow-up actions of Tour Reports.

15. Noted. It was decided that Chairman will write to Chief Ministers of all States where more than three reminders have gone and no report has been received.

Agenda Item No. 12: Receipt and Disposal Report of G&R Section from 11.11.2019 to 06.12.2019.

16. Noted.

Supplementary Agenda I

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 1 : Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukkudi, Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari (Tamil Nadu) from 19th November, 2019 to 22nd November, 2019.

17. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 2 : Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands from 3rd December, 2019 to 5th December, 2019.

18. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Supplementary Agenda II

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 1 : Tour Report of Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare, Member to Bangladesh from 7th November, 2019 to 10th November, 2019.

19. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 2 : Tour report of Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare, Member to Nagpur, Maharashtra from 21st November, 2019 to 2nd December, 2019.

20. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 3 : Tour Report of Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare, Member to Tripura from 7th December, 2019 to 10th December, 2019.

21. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

22. Agenda Item No. 12 : Any other item with the permission of Chairman:

- (i) Member (SS) raised the issue of less facilities being given to the minority communities other than Muslims due to the reason that their population is lesser than the Muslims. However, these communities should be treated as Micro Minority Communities and more facilities should be given for their upliftment. It was decided to write a letter to Ministry of Minority Affairs in this regard. It was also decided to write to Government of Jharkhand for provision of medical facilities in the pilgrim site of Parasnath in Jharkhand.
- (ii) Member (KKD) raised the following issues :
 - (a) Provision of Endowment Seat for Parsis in Colleges funded by Parsis in Maharashtra.
 - (b) Visa problem for Parsis residing in Pakistan.

It was decided to write letters to Government of Maharashtra and Ministry of External Affairs, respectively.
- (iii) VC informed the Commission that Government of Kerala is contemplating to send the proposed Church Act to Central Government for their views. As this Act is not supported by any Christians, NCM did not endorse it and Central Government may take its view keeping in mind the sentiments of the Christians.

- (iv) Member (SK) informed the Commission that people from minority communities in Maharashtra are not getting scholarships of the Central Government. She has requested the office to write to Principal Secretary (Education), Government of Maharashtra to get the data of scholarships applied vis-a-vis given to the minority students during the last two years.
- (v) Chairman informed the Commission that a separate meeting will take place to decide pending hearing cases in consultation with Vice Chairman and dispose off the matters on merit.
- (vi) Regarding the number of photographs to be included in the Annual Report 2018-19, it was decided that a maximum of six pages will be allotted to each Member for photographs of their tours and the Members may send the selected photographs to be published in the Annual Report.
