

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 13th December, 2023

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:30A.M on 13th December, 2023 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. Syed Shahezadi, Member
- iv. Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member
- v. Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde, Member

3. Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, assisted the Commission.

4. In Attendance: Shri Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary and Shri Suman Kumar, Under Secretary.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 22.11.2023.

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

- Chairman directed to all Members that list of major issues and problems being faced by their communities should be shared latest by 22.12.2023.
- Commission will conduct a meeting of all communities as a series of celebration of Minority Day.
- The meeting with Parsi community will be held at Mumbai/Surat in the first week of January, 2024. The confirmation of venue will be shared by Vice-Chairman.
- List of final disposal/pendency with concerned Members should also be placed from the next meeting.
- In case of receipts pending for more than three months with State Government, a meeting with Chief Secretary of the concerned States should be conducted with the Chairman through video conference.
- After receipt of petition, the matter should be taken up in NCM within 15 days, failing which action will be taken against the dealing hand.

Agenda Item No. 2: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Anandpur Sahib, District Ropar, Punjab on 15th November, 2023.

6. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 3: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities along with Member Ms. Rinchen Lhamo and Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to District Puri, Odisha on 05th December, 2023.

7. Approved. Action has already been taken. Visit of Chairman and Members were undertaken. D.O letter to Government of Odisha has been written. Press Note has also been issued.

Agenda Item No.4: Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to District Davangere, Karnataka and District Tripuri, Andhra Pradesh from 2nd November, 2023 to 19th November, 2023.

8. Visit and recommendation approved excluding Recommendation No.2.

Agenda Item No. 5: Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to District Agra, Uttar Pradesh on 24th November, 2023.

9. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 6: Tour report of Ms. Rinchan Lhamo to Agartala, Tripura from 15th to 17th November, 2023.

10. Approved. D.O. letter from Hon'ble Chairman to Chief Minister of Tripura, will be written based on the representation of the petitioner to be provided by Member (RL).

Agenda Item No. 7: Tour report of Ms. Rinchan Lhamo to U.T. of Chandigarh from 19th to 20th November, 2023.

11. Tour approved. The matter of setting up of a State Minority Commission in UT of Chandigarh has already been taken up. Other recommendations will be redrafted by Member (RL).

Agenda Item No. 8: Tour report of Ms. Rinchan Lhamo to Sarnath, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh from 23rd to 25th November, 2023.

12. Approved. Recommendations concerning to State Government

will be taken up with the concerned States after receipt of specific representations from Member (RL). Recommendation concerning Central Government will be taken up with Archeological Survey of India to allow Buddhist devotees in Buddhist heritage sites across India with reasonable fee/passes.

Agenda Item No. 9: Pendency Status on CMS portal from 20.11.2023 to 01.12.2023.

13. Pendency Status on CMS Portal up to 1.12.2023 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.

Agenda Item No. 10: Status of CPGRAM Grievances till 11.12.2023.

14. Status of CPGRAM Grievances till 11.12.2023 was placed before the Commission. The Commission was informed that no grievance is pending beyond 30 days timeline of MoMA.

Agenda Item No.14: Any other items with the permission of the Chairman

- i. Member should not only follow Social Media activities of NCM but also promote it among their community. Member should display Social Media activities of NCM during their tour. They should inform their community and the community leaders about NCM Social Media activities.
- ii. Training of personal staffs of Members should be conducted for placing the materials concerning NCM and Member's visit on Social Media. They should also be trained for managing meetings during tours of Members and informing the attendees regarding Social Media presence of NCM. Personal staff of Members should make 30-45 seconds clip of major event during the Member's visit. A clip of beneficiaries should also be made during the tour.
- iii. M (DJG) will submit a detailed note on Girnar issue.
- iv. Issue of setting up of Parsi Board will be taken up.
- v. Media reports should be assessed and notice to the Media House should be issued time to time.

- vi. Video Conferencing meeting will be conducted on 18th December, 2023 with the concerned States regarding issues of Sikligar Sikhs.
- vii. A meeting on all issues of Sikhs will also be conducted.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.
