

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 13th July, 2022

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:30 A.M on 13th July, 2022 in the Conference Room.

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. Shri S.K. Dev Verman, Secretary assisted the Commission.

4. In Attendance: Shri Daniel E. Richards and Smt. A. Dhanalakshmi, Joint Secretaries, Shri A. Sengupta and Shri Shariq Saeed, Under Secretaries.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 15.06.2022.

5. Confirmed.

- Regarding the list of religious members, all the Members were requested to finalize the list at the earliest. This may include religious members from all States who shall be helpful during tours of Chairman/Vice Chairman/Members and to promote awareness of schemes in the State. This may be called Panel of Eminent Personalities/Experts from Social/Religious backgrounds.

Agenda Item No. 2: Regarding issuance of Minority Certificates

6. On the advice sought by Government of Assam regarding issuance of Minority Certificate, it was decided to inform Government of Assam that a person can avail the benefit of either ST or Minority for a particular scheme but not both. Maharashtra Government may once again be requested to issue Minority Certificate for the purpose of those who would like to avail the benefits of Minority Community in other States.

Agenda Item No. 3: Tour Report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman to Kapurthala (Punjab) and Nalagarh (Himachal Pradesh) from 28th May, 2022 to 31st May, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 4: Tour Report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman to Chandigarh (UT) and Punjab from 25th June, 2022 to 26th June, 2022.

7. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 5: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Telangana from 30th March, 2022 to 10th April, 2022.

Agenda Item No.6: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Jammu & Kashmir from 18th April, 2022 to 21st April, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 7: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Madhya Pradesh from 4th May, 2022 to 7th May, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 8: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Telangana from 24th May, 2022 to 30th May, 2022.

8. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 9: Tour Report of Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member to Arunachal Pradesh from 17th May, 2022 to 22nd May, 2022 and UT of Leh Ladakh from 4th June, 2022 to 13th June, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 10: Tour Report of Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member to Jammu & Kashmir from 26th June, 2022 to 2nd July, 2022.

9. Approved.

Agenda Item No.11: Grant-in-Aid, Deductions of NCM from salary of the officers/officials and declaration of DDO for NCM by MoMA.

10. Secretary, NCM, informed the Commission about the problems being faced by NCM with respect to deductions from salary of Officers/Officials after getting Grants-in-Aid status and the meeting he had convened with the CCA in this regard. It was also informed that the matter has since been resolved and MoMA had declared a DDO for NCM for all payment and deductions of NCM's officers and staff.

Supplementary Agenda I

Agenda No.1: Tour reports of Vice-Chairman/Members.

11. Approved.

Agenda No.2: Success Stories.

12. Approved.

Agenda No.3: Terms and conditions of consultant for compilation of religious books.

13. Approved.

Agenda No.4: Tour Report of Shri Kersi K Deboo, Vice-Chairman to Durgapur, Kolkata (West Bengal) from 9th June, 2022 to 13th June, 2022.

14. Approved.

Agenda No.5: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Kerala from 8th June, 2022 to 10th June, 2022.

15. Approved.

12. Any other items with the permission of the Chairman:

- 1) Chairman desired that a letter may be written to MoMA for filling up of vacant posts of Members i.e. one Member from Christian Community and other Member from either Sikh Community (since Chairman, NCM, is also from Sikh Community) or non-Minority Community based on precedents.
- 2) It was decided that during tours, Members may contact State Minority Commissions in those States where there are SMCs who shall be the first contact point during tours. Meetings with SHRC may also be arranged during tours of Chairman.
- 3) Chairman desired that Members should be present during the Hearing proceedings.
- 4) About the new office space allotted to NCM at Block-14, Secretary NCM, suggested that Chairman, NCM, may consider having a word with Minister of New and Renewable Energy, for vacating the space. Chairman, NCM, directed that a D.O. letter may be sent after which he would have a meeting with Minister of New and Renewable Energy.
- 5) Regarding Annual Conference, it was decided that convenient date and time would be obtained from the new Minister of Minority Affairs for the event which is tentatively planned to be held in October, 2022.
