

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 15th February, 2023

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:30 A.M on 15th February, 2023 in the Conference Room of the Commission.

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 Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary, assisted the Commission.

4. In Attendance: 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 18.01.2023.

5. Confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Ropar, Chandigarh and Jalandhar from 6th January, 2023 to 8th January, 2023.

6. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 3: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Bangalore, Karnataka from 19th January, 2023 to 20th January, 2023.

7. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 4: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Attari, Amritsar (Punjab) from 22nd January, 2023 to 23rd January, 2023.

8. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 5: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Pushkar, Rajasthan on 25th January, 2023.

9. Approved.

Agenda Item No.6: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Ambala from 28th January, 2023 to 29th January, 2023.

10. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 7: Tour report of Ms. Rinchan Lhamo to Punjab State from 18th January, 2023 to 21st January, 2023.

11. Approved.

Agenda No. 8: Meeting to study the effects of withdrawal of Pre-Matric Scholarship (up to 8 Class) and MANF scholarship.

12. Noted. All Members to suggest names and details of the Educationaists to be called for the meeting at the earliest.

Supplementary Agenda - I

Agenda No.1: Tour Report of Shri Kersi K Deboo, Vice Chairman to Thane(Mumbai) and Surat and Navsari (Gujarat) from 20th January, 2022 to 1st February, 2023.

13. Noted.

Agenda No.2 Tour Report of Kumari Syed Shahezadi, Member to District-Medchal-Malkajgiri &Telangana from 31st December, 2022 to 8th January, 2023.

14. Noted.

Agenda No.3: Tour Report of Kumari Syed Shahezadi, Member to Telangana & District-Tirupati & District-YSR Kadapa from 6th February, 2023 to 13th February, 2023.

15. Noted.

Agenda No.4: Tour Report of Kumari Syed Shahezadi, Member, to Dist. Ranga Reddy & Hyderabad, Telangana from 11th January, 2023 to 23rd January, 2023.

16. Approved.

Agenda No.5: Tour Report of Kumari Syed Shahezadi, Member to Maharashtra from 8th January, 2023 to 11th January, 2023.

17. Approved.

Agenda No.6: Tour Report of Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member to Himachal Pradesh from 8th February, 2023 to 11th February, 2023.

18. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 9: Any other items with the permission of the Chairman:

- 1) Presentation on improving the Social Media Status of NCM - A presentation on improving the social media status was given by the Media Consultant. She has proposed the following:
 - a. Utilizing all the features of the apps apart from just posts like - story, status, shorts, reels, highlights.
 - b. More use of videos than pictures and pictures than just text.
 - c. Focus on tagging, cross tagging, hashtagging & content circulation
 - d. Members may mention about NCM'S social media presence to the gatherings during their visits with an appeal to follow the accounts.
 - e. Presence on Koo is important like other Ministries and Government bodies. (New platform, easy to gain followers)
 - f. Live broadcast of events/press conferences on Instagram is important (Not full programme but major parts like Chairman's address). This would require a video camera and tripod system.
 - g. Posting of testimonials of beneficiaries due to NCM intervention
 - h. Number of posting in social media to be increased by all.
 - i. Follower-ship analysis may be done every three months.

The Commission approved all the above proposals. The Media Consultant will impart training to all the personal staff of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members to make them aware on various aspects of posting at Social Media. The office may take necessary action for the purchase of necessary equipments for making videos. Chairman also directed that all the Social Media links may be printed on the visiting cards of Chairman, Vice Chairman and all the Members.

- 2) The Annual Conference of NCM will be held on 28.03.2023. Shri John Barla, Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs, may be invited for the Conference as a Chief Guest. Shri Prabhu Chawla, Journalist, may also be invited as Chief Speaker for the occasion.
- 3) Chairman desired that all Members, should meet informally on last Thursday/Friday of every month to discuss issues related to the development of the minorities in the country.
- 4) Five eminent educationists may be invited by each Member for the proposed meeting on Scholarship issue scheduled to be held on 3rd March, 2023. Travel expenses for invitees were to be borne by NCM.
