

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 18th September, 2019

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:00 A.M. on 18th September, 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 Prashant Sukul, Secretary assisted the Commission.
3. In Attendance: S/Shri Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary, A. Sengupta and Shariq Saeed, Under Secretaries.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 28.08.2019.

4. Confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Follow up Action on the decisions taken in the Meeting of the Commission held on 10.07.2019.

5. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 3: Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Thiruvananthapuram on 6th July, 2019.

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

Agenda Item No. 4: Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Kollam, Alappuzha and Idukki (Kerala) from 7th July, 2019 to 9th July, 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 George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Ernakulam, Kerala on 29th July, 2019.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 : Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Kottayam, Kerala on 31st July, 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. 7 : Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Palai, District Kottayam, Kerala on 2nd August, 2019.

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

Agenda Item No. 8 : Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Kakkanad, District Ernakulam, Kerala on 3rd August, 2019.

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

Agenda Item No. 9 : Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Karaikkal, Pondicherry on 7th August, 2019.

12. 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 Manjit Singh Rai, Member to District Sirsa, Haryana from 22nd July, 2019 to 23rd July, 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.11: Tour Report of Shri Manjit Singh Rai, Member to District Fatehabad, Haryana on 24th July, 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. 12: Tour Report of Shri Manjit Singh Rai, Member to District Nuh (Mewat), Haryana on 29th July, 2019.

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

Agenda Item No. 13: Tour Report of Shri Manjit Singh Rai, Member to District Garshankar, Punjab on 5th August, 2019.

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

Agenda Item No. 14 : Incorporation of TA/DA clause in the existing guidelines for internship Programme in NCM.

10. The Commission approved the revised guidelines for internship programme in NCM. It was also decided to add a point that the above condition(s) is/are relaxable at the discretion of the Chairman/Commission. Research papers prepared by the interns recently may be circulated to VC/Members.

Agenda Item No. 15: Follow-up actions of Tour Reports.

11. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 16 : Receipt and Disposal Report of G&R Section from 26.08.2019 to 13.09.2019.

12. Noted.

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 1 :Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Palai and Kottayam (Kerala)from 24th August, 2019 to 3rd September, 2019.

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

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 2 :Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to District Kandhamal, Odisha on 6th September, 2019

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

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 3 :Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to District Nayagarh, Odisha on 7th September, 2019.

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

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 4 :Tour Report of Shri Sunil Singhi, Member to Dungarpur and Banswara on 23rd August, 2019.

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

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 5 :Tour Report of Shri Sunil Singhi, Member to Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar(Gujarat) from 2nd September, 2019 to 5th September, 2019.

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

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 6 :Tour Report of Shri Sunil Singhi, Member to Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 7th September, 2019 to 8th September, 2019.

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

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 7 :Tour Report of Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare, Member to Nagpur, Maharashtra from 24th August, 2019 to 27th August, 2019.

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

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 8 :Tour Report of Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare, Member to Nagpur, Maharashtra from 29th August, 2019 to 1st September, 2019.

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

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 9 :Tour Report of Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare, Member to Nagpur, Maharashtra from 13th September, 2019 to 17th September, 2019.

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

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 10 :Tour Report of Shri Atif Rasheed, Member to District Nainital, Uttarakhand from 21st August, 2019 to 23rd August, 2019.

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

Agenda Item No. 16: Any other item with the permission of Chairman:

- (i) It was decided that the Annual Lecture, 2018 will be held in the third week of October, 2019.
- (ii) It came to the notice of the Commission that Annual Reports of NCM have not been laid in the Parliament after 2011. The Commission desired that Secretary, NCM should bring this to the notice of Secretary, MoMA and request to expedite laying of the reports in the Parliament.
- (iii) Chairman desired that a letter may be written to all Chief Secretaries requesting them to put up hoardings containing information about

Central/State schemes on minorities at all Collectorates in the State to promote awareness about the schemes of minorities among the people.

- (iv) Member (SS) raised the issue of credit facilities to the minorities by the banks. It was decided to write a letter to Secretary, DFS so that all the banks may be instructed to follow the guidelines of RBI in this regard.
- (v) Member (SK) desired that the Commission should hold a meeting in every State Capital so that the issues related to minorities can be discussed and sorted out easily. The Commission decided to look into the feasibility of the proposal depending upon fund availability under interval travel.
- (vi) VC desired that in future, the decision of the Commission in hearings should be vide a speaking order under the Heading of "**Order**". This is also as per the Supreme Court order dated 11.02.19 in the case of Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay and UOI & others. Legal Consultant will draft a standard format for this and to be shown to VC before finalising.

It was further decided that such matters which are subjudice should not be taken up by the NCM to avoid double jeopardy. However, if any member of minority community is falsely implicated by the police, Commission can take up the matter before the judicial proceedings start. The proforma seeking clarification from the petitioner in cases where hearings are to be heard that the matter is not sub-judice in any Court of India, may also be prepared by Legal Consultant. Chairman also desired that the Advocates representing the petitioners or respondents should present a Wakalatnama to Commission before the start of the proceedings.

- (vii) VC informed the Commission that based on the Hon'ble Madras High Court judgment (para 32) dated 13.08.2019 on WP 15145/2019 and WMP 15129 & 15130/2019 that girl students studying in coeducational Christian institutions are not safe, an open letter was written by him which was published in the media on 19.08.2019. Subsequently, the controversial para of the judgement was withdrawn on 20.08.2019. The Commission applauded his personal effort.
