

**Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022**

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:00 A.M. on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022 in the Conference Room.

2. The following were present:

- (i) Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Officiating Chairperson
- (ii) Shri Kersi K. Deboo, Member
- (iii) Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member
- (iv) Shri Dhanya kumar 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 23.02.2022.**

5. Confirmed.

Regarding the book on Religious Minorities, all the Members were again requested to provide the material for the same. They may also recommend names of historian/academician for this purpose who can be contacted by the NCM.

Regarding the study on Socio-economic conditions of Jains, it was decided to send a reminder to MoMA.

Regarding the complaint against Ms. Mahua Moitra, it was decided to forward the petition to Hon'ble Speaker for necessary action.

**Agenda Item No. 2: Tour Report of Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member to Leh and Kargil District, UT of Leh Ladakh from 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 to 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.**

6. Noted.

**Agenda Item No. 3: Tour Report of Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member to Sikkim from 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022 to 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.**

7. Noted.

**Agenda Item No. 4 : Tour Report of Syed Shahezadi, Officiating Chairman to Bihar from 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022.**

8. Noted. The Officiating Chairperson desired that letters on issues related to Bihar may be sent.

**Agenda Item No. 5: Tour Report of Syed Shahezadi, Officiating Chairman to Telangana from 23<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.**

9. Noted

**Agenda Item No. 6: Joint meeting of NCM and NCMEI held on 28.01.2022**

10. Members were again requested to send inputs which can be forwarded to NCMEI.

**Agenda Item No.7: Regarding demolishing Gurudwara Baba Budha Saheb Uttam Nagar.**

11. Commission decided that in view of report of IIT and submission of NHAI, file may be closed.

**Agenda Item No.8: Tour Report of Shri Kersi K.Deboo, Member to Mumbai, Maharashtra from 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022.**

12. Noted.

**Supplementary Agenda No. 1: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Officiating Chairperson to Jharkhand from 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.**

13. Noted. The Officiating Chairperson desired that a letter may be issued to Government of Jharkhand regarding the pilgrimage issue of Sammet Shikherji in Jharkhand. For pending salary of teachers of Madrasas, letters may be written to Minister of Education for salaries upto 2017-18 and to Minister of Minority Affairs for salary from 2018-19 onwards.

**Supplementary Agenda No. 2: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Officiating Chairperson to Chhattisgarh from 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 to 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.**

14. Noted.

**Any other items with the permission of the Chairman:**

15. It was decided that Mahavir Jayanti and Ambedkar Jayanti may be jointly celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at 12.00 Noon. Member (DJG) will recommend the name of spiritual leaders from Jain community. It was also decided to host Iftar Party during Ramzan. The date will be decided by the Officiating Chairperson.

16. Member (DJG) informed the Commission that in the State of Karnataka, only Rs.50 crore budget has been allocated for Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, out of total budget of Rs.780 crore. The Commission may write for increasing the budget for these three Minority communities, to Government of Karnataka.

17. Member (DJG) requested that MoMA may be requested in writing for extension of date for scholarships/financial aid application.

18. It was decided to write to all State Governments for issuance of Minority Certificate to persons from Minority communities.

19. The NCMEI does not insist for number of minority students as an eligibility criteria. It mandates only that the Institute management should consist of minority religion. Same procedure be adopted by the concerned States also. In the alternate, Member (DJG) raised the issue of minimum requirement of number of minority students for declaration of a particular institution as Minority. It was decided to issue a National Advisory to all the States to decide the minimum number of students to decide whether an institution is minority or not, should be in proportion to the population of the particular community in the State.

20. It was informed by the Officiating Chairperson that many PMJVK schools in States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana display the portrait of Chief Minister only. As the projects are jointly funded by the Central Government, they should also display the portraits of Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. It was decided to write a letter to MoMA, for taking up the matter with all States while allocating funds under PMJVK projects.

21. Member (RL) has mentioned that the Buddhist monks in Karnataka monastery does not have a pucca road around the monastery. A letter may be written to Chief Secretary Karnataka for paving a pucca road around the monastery.

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