

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 22nd April, 2022

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:00 A.M. on 22nd April, 2022 in the Conference Room.

2. The following were present:

- (i) Shri Iqbal Sing Lalpura, Chairman
- (ii) Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member
- (iii) Ms. RinchenLhamo, 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.

5. The Commission noted the leave of absence of Shri Kersi K. Deboo, Member and Shri Dhanya Kumar Jinappa Gunde, Member.

6. At the onset, the Commission welcomed Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, on his fresh appointment as Chairman of NCM.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 23.03.2022.

7. Confirmed.

- Regarding the book on different religion, it was decided to hire a professional through advertisement preferably a PHD holder on Inter-faith Religion or pursuing PHD in the same subject, for three months initially which can be extended. Information on Jews & Hindus may also be included in the book.
- Regarding the issue of study on socio-economic conditions of Jains, Chairman desired that initially information may be obtained from all States on different parameters (to be decided by Member (DJG)). Based on this basic information, the Commission will further decide to conduct the study.

- On the tour of Member (SS) to Bihar, Chairman desired to see the files in which letters were written to Government of Bihar.
- Regarding inputs to be forwarded to NCMEI, an interim reply may be sent informing that a Committee has been constituted in the Commission and material will be sent shortly.
- Regarding the file of Gurudwara Baba Buddha Sahib, Uttam Nagar, Chairman desired that D.O. letter may be sent to Minister of Road Transport & Highways, for considering the matter.
- An Iftar Party may be organized on 28.04.2022 evening. M(SS) will give the list of invitees to be called for the function which may include Vice Chancellor of Universities, Scholars, Religious leaders. Press will also be invited for the function.
- Regarding issuance of Minority Certificate, it was decided that Legal Consultant may discuss the issue with Secretary, NCM, to formulate a policy which may be recommended to all States. This may include mention of religion in the Birth Certificate or Aadhar Card. Accordingly, letter may be written to Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for implementation of this all over India uniformly.

Agenda Item No. 2: Work Procedure

8. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 3: Protocol for official tours

9. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 4: Annual Conference of State Minority Commissions

10. The Annual Conference of State Minority Commissions to be held in June-July, 2022. Hon'ble Vice President may be invited as the Chief Guest. Chairman desired that the function may be held one month prior to next election of Vice-President. All the States to be asked to give their Agenda points for the meeting one month before the meeting. Further details will be worked out.

Agenda Item No. 5: Rules and Procedures for tours in NCM.

11. Approved.

Supplementary Agenda No. 1: Tour Report of Ms. RinchenLhamo, Member to Leh District, UT of LehLadakh from 5th March, 2022 to 21st March, 2022.

Supplementary Agenda No. 2: Tour Report of Ms. RinchenLhamo, Member to Karnataka from 30th March, 2022 to 12th April, 2022.

12. Member (RL) was requested to submit the reports again after adding recommendations.

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

- 1) All Press Releases/Reports for Media to be released or published only after approval of Chairman. In absence of Chairman, approval of V.C or Secretary may be taken as the case may be.
- 2) Media Conference may be held once in every 15 days.
- 3) The Commission meeting will be held on 2nd Wednesday of every month. If, that day is a public holiday, then it will be held on the next working day. The next meeting will be held on 11.05.2022.
- 4) In the case of Shri Parvinder Singh, Himachal Pradesh, a D.O. letter may be written to District Magistrate for status and hearing may be arranged if necessary.
- 5) A D.O. letter to concerned authority in the Gyan Godri issue may also be issued.
- 6) All Members are requested to include recommendations in their tour reports.
