

**Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on
29th December, 2021**

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:00 A.M. on 29th December, 2021 in the Conference Room.

The following were present:

- (i) Shri S. Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman
- (ii) Shri Atif Rasheed, Vice Chairman
- (iii) Shri Kersi K. Deboo, Member
- (iv) Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member
- (v) Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member
- (vi) 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.

5. The Commission noted the leave of absence of Sh. Deboo. However, Hon'ble Chairman directed that absence of Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Members may be intimated to the Commission at least 3 days before the meeting unless it is a medical emergency.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 26.11.2021.

6. Confirmed as amended in today's meeting.

Agenda Item No. 2: Tour Report of Shri Kersi K. Deboo, Member to Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 3rd December, 2021.

7. As the Member was not present, it was decided to postpone till next meeting.

Supplementary Agenda No. 1: Joint Meeting related to Education of Minorities

8. Commission was informed that the meeting is tentatively scheduled on 10.01.2022 which will be chaired by Minister of State (Education). It was decided that Secretary, NCM or Joint Secretary could attend the meeting. The Commission would be informed about the outcome after the meeting.

Supplementary Agenda No. 2: Drawback in the present system of Minority education

9. The Commission was informed that 2 studies are proposed to be carried out viz. (i) Comparison of schemes under M/o Social Justice & Empowerment and M/o Minority Affairs (ii) Educational Development of Minorities. Files are being put up in this regard. The matter of low income limit for parents for different scholarship schemes was also discussed. Due to the low income limit, students belonging to Jain, Sikh and Parsis are not getting benefits of the schemes. The Commission decided that Ministry may be requested to revisit the income limit of parents under different schemes as well as bring them at par with similar schemes of other Ministries.

Supplementary Agenda No. 3: Preparation of book on Religious Minorities

10. The Commission was informed that a book containing details of all religions will be published by NCM containing 30-35 pages of each religion. This would consist of history, belief and rituals of all religions. The Members were requested to gather material with respect to their religion in this regard and provide to the Commission for further necessary action.

Supplementary Agenda No. 4: Grantee Status for NCM

11. Secretary, NCM explained the background behind Grantee Status of NCM. It was decided that the Commission will soon meet Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs in the matter regarding continuation of status of the present staff.

Supplementary Agenda No. 5: Tour Report of Shri Atif Rasheed, Vice-Chairman to Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur, UP from 21st December to 24th December, 2021

12. Noted.

Supplementary Agenda No. 6: Tour Report of Shri Atif Rasheed, Vice-Chairman to Aligarh, UP on 25th December, 2021

13. Noted.

Supplementary Agenda No. 7: Status of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members at Central and State levels

14. It was informed that though there is a 1978 Government order regarding status of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Commission during their tours to different States. However, in practicality many States do not follow the laid down order and proper protocol/ security is not provided to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members as in recent instance of appropriate protocol not being provided to Vice-Chairman during his visit to Aligarh, UP. Secretary, NCM informed that he would take up the matter with concerned Chief Secretaries. It was also decided that a letter may be written to PMO and MHA with a copy to MoMA so that an advisory may be issued to all States regarding the status of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Commission, reiterating the status given in 1978 order.

Tour Report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde, Member to Belagavi, Karnataka, from 24th to 28th December, 2021

15. Noted

Any other item with the permission of Chairman

16. The Commission was informed that a Inter-faith meeting with Sikh and Christian leaders is being proposed to be held in January, 2022. It was directed that fresh invitation to all invitees may be put up to Secretary, NCM.
