

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 23rd February, 2022

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

The following were present:

- (i) Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Officiating Chairperson
- (ii) Shri Kersi K. Deboo, 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 Dhanya kumarJinappa Gunde, Member.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 29.12.2021.

- 6. Confirmed.

Regarding the presentation on the technically qualified bids received on the Research Studies to be undertaken, the acting Chairperson desired that all the Members may also be invited during the Presentation to be held on 28.02.2022.

Regarding preparation of book on religious minorities, Members were again requested to provide material with respect to their religions within a month.

Regarding Grantee status to NCM, acting Chairperson stated that she would write to Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs.

Regarding interfaith meeting, it was decided to hold a meeting with spiritual leaders (2-3) from each Minority Community during the end of March, 2022. All the concerned Members were requested to suggest the names of religious leaders who can be invited for the meeting.

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

7. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 3 : Tour Report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Former Chairman to Ahmedabad, Kutch, Gandhinagar, (Gujarat) on 23rd December, 2021.

8. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 4 : Tour Report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Former Chairman to Ambala, Haryana, Punjab, Gurudwara, Kartarpur, Pakistan on 30th December, 2021.

9. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 5: Tour Report of Shri Kersi K.Deboo, Member to Alwar, Rajasthan on 28th January, 2022.

10. Noted. It was decided to ask the State Government to send the FSL Report, if received.

Agenda Item No. 6: Study on Socio-Economic conditions of Jains in India.

11. It was decided to take up the matter with MoMA before taking any further action.

Agenda Item No.7: Complaint against Ms. Mahua Moitra for passing derogatory comments against Jain Community.

12. The Commission decided not to take any action in the matter as it is a matter involving proceedings in Parliament.

Agenda Item No.8: Regarding protocol and standard operating procedure for functions of the Commission.

13. It was decided that all files should be approved only in presence of Chairperson/ Members in the office. In urgent matters, Hon'ble Chairperson/Member may issue directions over phone/message/e-mail in case he/she is out of station. Instructions will be duly recorded on file by concerned JS.

For petitions received in NCM, it was decided that matters which are sub-judice and matters such as intra-community issues may not be taken up.

It was decided that the file will be put up as per usual procedure to the concerned Member to whom the states are allotted. The Member concerned may take a call on consulting with the Member belonging to a particular religion in case of sensitive religious matters.

On petitions relating to complaints of corruption, the CVC guidelines should be strictly adhered to.

Supplementary Agenda No. 1: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Officiating Chairperson to Telangana from 21st December, 2021 to 28th December, 2021.

14. Noted.

Supplementary Agenda No. 2: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Officiating Chairperson to Telangana from 02nd January, 2022 to 19th January, 2022.

15. Noted.

Supplementary Agenda No. 3: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Officiating Chairperson to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from 02nd February, 2022 to 13th February, 2022.

16. Noted.

Any other item with the permission of the Chairman

17. Tour report of Buddhist Member to Leh Laddakh was not placed in the meeting. The same will be placed in the next meeting.

18. After detailed deliberation, it was decided that NCM may write to Ministry of Minority Affairs for consideration of posts of Investigating Officer and Legal Officer.
