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PRESS NOTE

A meeting with the families of victims of 1984 anti-Sikh riots was held in National Commission for Minorities (NCM) today.

The gathering was chaired by Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities. Smt. Rinchen Lahmo, Member and Officials of NCM were also present, besides Joint Director, Ministry of Minority Affairs and aggrieved widows namely Nanki Bai, Kuldeep Kaur, Jasbir Kaur, Bhupinder Kaur, Surinder Kaur, Manjeet Kaur, Kamla Kaur, Meenu Kaur, Satnam Kaur, Harneet Kaur, Asha Kaur, Bhagwati Kaur, Nirmal Kaur, Satti Kaur and Sardar Kulwant Singh, Aman Singh, Deepak Singh, Sukhbir Singh, Santokh Singh, Sher Singh, President Gurdwara Shaheed Ganj, Tilak Nagar, Delhi.

The representatives shared their experience and plight of hardships encountered after the loss of their earning family member and other family members since 1984. They all expressed about the inadequacy of Government compensation received and the dismal educational conditions and poverty. Key demands were for provision of skilling, livelihood and educational facilities, ownership rights for the housing provided to the victims' families and health and power facilities.

The NCM has been undertaking for amelioration of the conditions of the 1984 Sikh riots families since 2021. It has been pursuing with the State Governments for identification of and provision of appropriate compensation and relief to the riot affected families in 11 States across India. The gathering expressed its gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for increase in the amount of the compensation by Rupees five lakhs.

After discussions, the Chairman, NCM assured the gathering that the Commission would take up the concerns of the victims' families with the appropriate authorities for resolution.
