

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 10th July, 2019

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:00 A.M. on 10th July, 2019 in the Conference Room.

The following were present:

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| (i) | Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi | Chairman |
| (ii) | Shri George Kurian | Vice Chairman |
| (iii) | Shri Sunil Singhi | Member |
| (iv) | Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare | Member |
| (v) | Shri Khurshed K. Dastoor | Member |
| (vi) | Shri Manjit Singh Rai | Member |
| (vii) | Shri Atif Rasheed | Member |

2. Shri Prashant Sukul, Secretary assisted the Commission.
3. In Attendance: S/Shri Daniel E.Richards, Joint Secretary, A.Sengupta and Shariq Saeed, Under Secretaries.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 12.06.2019.

4. Confirmed. On agenda Item No. 3 regarding Research Study on Bhoti Language, it was decided that the proposal may be sent to MoMA recommending the inclusion of Bhoti Language in the 8th schedule. A draft will be prepared by Member (SK). On Agenda No. 25(i) to cut down number of papers and photographs in the tour reports, M(MSR) suggested that few photographs of the tours may be incorporated with tour reports as these are important part of the report. The Commission agreed that if necessary, photographs may be placed but so as not to exceed addition of one page only.

Agenda Item No. 2: Follow up Action on the decisions taken in the Meeting of the Commission held on 10.04.2019

5. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 3: Tour Report of Shri Manjit Singh Rai, Member to Districts Faridabad and Narnaul, Haryana on 12th April, 2019.

6. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No.4: Tour Report of Shri Manjit Singh Rai, Member to District Kurukshetra, Haryana on 25th May, 2019.

7. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No.5: Tour Report of Shri Manjit Singh Rai, Member to District Kapurthala, Punjab on 27th May, 2019 to 28th May, 2019.

8. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No.6: Tour Report of Shri Khurshed K Dastoor, Member to Mumbai (Maharashtra) from 31stMay, 2019 to 11thJune, 2019.

9. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No.7: Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Kerala from 1st June, 2019 to 9th June, 2019.

10. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No.8: Tour Report of Shri Sunil Singhi, Member to Indore, Jaora, Sehore and Dewas (Madhya Pradesh) from 1st June, 2019 to 4th June, 2019.

11. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No.9: Tour Report of Shri Sunil Singhi, Member to Panchmahal and Koba near Ahmedabad (Gujarat) from 6th June, 2019 to 10th June, 2019.

12. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No.10: Tour Report of Shri Sunil Singhi, Member to Ahmedabad/Gandhidham, Nakodaji (Barmer Rajasthan) and Narmada, Surenranagar, Mundra Port (Kutch) (Gujarat) from 14th June, 2019 to 22nd June, 2019.

13. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No.11: Tour Report of Shri Sunil Singhi, Member to Jaipur, Rajasthan on 30th June, 2019.

14. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No.12: Tour Report of Ms Sulekha Kumbhare, Member to Nagpur (Maharashtra) from 21st June, 2019 to 25th June, 2019.

15. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Agenda Item No.13: Tour Report of Ms Sulekha Kumbhare, Member to Nagpur (Maharashtra) from 27th June, 2019 to 2nd July, 2019.

16. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission

Agenda Item No.14: Tour Report of Shri Atif Rasheed, Member to District Shamli, Uttar Pradesh on 20th June, 2019.

17. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No.15: Tour Report of Shri Atif Rasheed, Member to District Haridwar, Uttarakhand from 21st June, 2019 to 22nd June, 2019.

18. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Agenda Item No.16: Representation received from Shri Abhay Ratan Baudh dated 24.04.2019 regarding demand for amendment of Explanation-II under Article 25 of Constitution of India.

19. The Commission decided that the matter is outside its mandate and decided to file the representation.

Agenda Item No.17: Follow-up actions of Tour Reports.

20. Noted.

Agenda Item No.18: Receipt and Disposal Report of G&R Section from 10.06.2019 to 05.07.2019.

21. Noted.

Supplementary Agenda No. 1:

Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Chennai, Tamil Nadu, on 27th June, 2019.

22. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Tour Report of Shri George Kurian, Vice Chairman to Vellore, Tamil Nadu on 28th June, 2019.

23. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Tour Report of Ms Sulekha Kumbhare, Member to Mumbai, Maharashtra from 3rd July, 2019 to 4th July, 2019.

24. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission.

Inclusion of Pali language in UPSC (Main) Examination as an optional subject.

25. The Commission decided to recommend the matter through MoMA. The decision note of the hearing on this subject may include "DoPT is requested to consider the recommendation of Baswan Committee for inclusion of Pali language in the UPSC exam as optional subject."

Supplementary Agenda No. 2:

Tour Report of Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi, Chairman to Goa from 25th June, 2019 to 27th June, 2019.

26. Noted. The tour report was approved by the Commission and it was decided to send the recommendations to all concerned.

Chairman conveyed that he had received complaints from the Jain community in Goa. He directed that NCM may write to Government of Goa to provide adequate security during religious gatherings of Jain community and ensure their safety. Chairman also directed that NCM may write to the Goa Government for making provision for registration of Madarsas and for constitution of a Madarsa Board.

Any other item with the permission of Chairman:

i) The Commission raised the issue of non-implementation of schemes granted by MoMA at district level. The non-utilisation of funds given by Central Government at district level was also raised. It was decided that Secretary, NCM, will meet with Secretary, MoMA to seek a way out to identify the agencies to seek reports from them by Members during their tours to witness the implementation of schemes and grants made by MoMA. Secretary, NCM, will also have a meeting with Secretary, Skill Development so that there is a conceptual framework to ensure that facilities/schemes by the Ministry of Skill Development reach the minorities.

- ii) The issue of lack of awareness about the schemes being run for minorities and other facilities, in all States, was raised in the meeting. It was decided to write letters to DMs/Collectors of all Minority Concentrated Districts to furnish inputs in a format which may include the points like; (a) schemes being implemented for the welfare of minorities (b) decision of Government of India regarding self declaration of minorities for getting the benefits of the schemes (c) notified communities identified as minorities (d) regular meetings at district level as per Prime Minister's 15 Point Programme and (e) representation of all minority communities in the District Level Committee.
- iii) Member(AR) raised the issue of pending salary for teachers of Madrasas in the country. It was decided that the Commission will have a meeting with Minister for Minority Affairs in this matter.
- iv) The Commission desired that advertisements may be published in newspapers on the occasion of Minority Rights Day. The Secretariat will explore the requirement of funds for this purpose and if required, MoMA will be requested to seek additional budgets.
- v) Based on the observation of Member (MSR), the Commission decided to appoint two Drivers on contract basis in view of the temporary shortage of drivers in the Commission.
