

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 15th March, 2023

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:30 A.M on 15th March, 2023 in the Conference Room of the Commission.

2. The following were present:

- (i) Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman
- (ii) Shri Kersi K. Deboo, Vice Chairman
- (iii) Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member

3. Ms. Rinchen Lhamo and Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde, Members were granted leave of absence.

4. Shri Shri Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary, assisted the Commission.

5. In Attendance: Shri A. Sengupta and Shri Shariq Saeed, Under Secretaries.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 15.02.2023.

6. Confirmed. Regarding the Committee to be formed on scholarship issue, Hon'ble Chairman desired that Vice-Chairperson may head the Committee and submit a report in time bound manner. NCM may also write letters to all States/UTs whether RTE is implemented there or not and the drop-out rate after withdrawal of scholarships to minorities.

Agenda Item No. 2: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, to Chandigarh from 21st February, 2023 to 22nd February, 2023.

7. Approved. It was informed that UT of Chandigarh has already implemented Anand Marriage Act 1909.

Agenda Item No. 3: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, to Anandpur Sahib, Ropar from 24th February, 2023 to 26th February, 2023.

8. Approved.

Agenda Item No.4: Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to Ankali, Shivamogga, Narsimha Raj Pura and Humcha (Karnataka) from 21st January, 2023 to 26th January, 2023.

9. As M(DJG) was not present, it was decided to take up the Tour Report in the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on 16th February, 2023.

10. Approved.

Agenda Item No.6: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Hapur, Uttar Pradesh on 20th February, 2023.

11. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 7: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh on 22nd February, 2023.

12. Approved.

Agenda No. 8: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Hyderabad and District Medak, Telangana from 24th February, 2023 to 2nd March, 2023.

13. Noted.

Agenda No.9: Success Story with respect to visit of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Maharashtra from 08th January, 2023 to 11th January, 2023.

14. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 10: Any other items with the permission of the Chairman:

- 1) NCM may again write letters to all States/UTs requesting them to implement PM's New 15 Point Programme and give a status report to NCM. State Governments may also be asked to provide information on Welfare Schemes for Minorities being implemented by State Governments.
- 2) The proposed book on all religion may be completed at the earliest. It was informed that material from Buddhist, Jain and Parsis have only been received by the office.
- 3) Hon'ble Chairman desired that all Members may suggest name of 2 scholars residing in Delhi/NCR from their community so that meetings can be held with them.

- 4) It was decided to write to MoMA to inform NCM about any changes in the policy for the minorities so that the Commission can be apprised of the matter in time.
- 5) It was decided that the following topics may be selected for the Annual Conference to be held on 29th March, 2023:
 - i) Role of minorities in the development of the country
 - ii) Role of administration to mitigate the problems of the minorities
- 6) Hon'ble Chairman wished in advance to all Parsis for the upcoming Parsi New year.
- 7) It was decided to issue Advisory to States to provide for traffic regulation for pedestrian Sadhus/Monks in earmarked routes.
