

**Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 03:00 P.M. on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 in the Conference Room.

The following were present:

- (i) Shri S. Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman
  - (ii) Shri Kersi Kaishushroo Deboo, Member
2. Shri Daniel E. Richards and Ms. A. Dhanalakshmi, Joint Secretaries assisted the Commission.
  3. In Attendance: Shri A. Sengupta and Shri Shariq Saeed, Under Secretaries.

**Agenda Item No. 1: Preparatory discussion to hold the Minority Rights Day on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

4. Shri Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary explained the importance of the Minority Rights Day to the Commission. After deliberation, it was decided to celebrate the Day on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 by inviting around 100-120 persons from minority communities. Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs may be the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Minister of State for Minority Affairs may preside the function. Hon'ble Chairman will meet Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. Thereafter, the venue and structure of the programme will be finalised. This will be half a day programme to be followed by lunch. Officials of Linguistic Minority Commission may also be invited in the programme. Vice-Chairman and Member(KKD) will look after all arrangements for the function.

**Agenda Item No. 2: Day to day functioning of the Commission.**

5. It was decided to allocate States among all Members once they join the Commission. Hon'ble Chairman decided to hold meeting daily at 12:00 Noon with VC, Member, Secretary and both Joint Secretaries to discuss important issues. Meeting of the Commission will be held once in a month.

**Agenda Item No. 3: Any other item with the permission of Chairman**

6. Hon'ble Chairman desired that a discussion may be held in future to finalise a research topic and possible research organisations to whom the task can be entrusted, as conducting research is one of the important function of the Commission.

7. Hon'ble Chairman also desired to see the files related to meeting of Akali Dal & RSS, Christian & Sikh Community during the tenure of Shri Tarlochan Singh to continue inter-community dialogue to sort out differences.

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