

**ACTION TAKEN MEMORANDUM ON THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE 9TH
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES FOR THE PERIOD
FROM 2001 TO 2002.**

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1. RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that the Department of Culture should make suitable budget provisions in the budget for setting up a panorama in Delhi.

ACTION TAKEN

The National Council of Science Museum (NCSM) has included a proposal in their 11th Five Year Plan for the development of an interfaith panorama in Delhi.

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2. RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that entry to the places of worship of all Minority Communities should be exempted from any entry fee.

ACTION TAKEN

Under the existing policy of the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) regular worship is allowed at all places, if such places were under worship at the time of protection by the ASI. No entry fee is charged in such cases. In other places, where religious worship takes place on specific days in a year, the practice is to grant exemption from payment of entry fees only on such days.

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3. RECOMMENDATION

Recommended to the major recruiting agencies in the country like DOPT, UPSC, SSC; Banking Recruitment Board etc that no examination should be fixed on occasions of festival of any minority community and recurrence of such things should be avoided by all concerned.

ACTION TAKEN

The recommendation has been accepted by major recruiting agencies like Railways and Banking Division of Ministry of Finance and suitable instructions issued.

Further, Union Public Service Commission does not schedule examination/tests on Gazetted Holidays/Restricted Holidays or on occasion of a festival of any minority community, which is declared as such, in the list of Government Holidays issued by the Department of Personnel & Training.

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4. RECOMMENDATION

Recommended to Union Ministry of HRD for making arrangements and issuing necessary directions for introducing in page software in School curriculum for Computer Education.

ACTION TAKEN

National Curriculum Framework-2005 recognizes the effectiveness of the computer and computing technology in shaping modern society. It stresses on the need for creating an educated public that can utilize such technology most effectively for the betterment of society and humankind. There is a growing realization of the need to have a place for these domains of knowledge in the school curriculum.

Accordingly, the Government has included computer education in the present curriculum and syllabus prepared on the basis of NCF-2005.

Chapter -15 Para No. 15.5

5. RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that Afghan Nationals of Indian Origin who had to leave their country need to be dealt with in a more sympathetic manner and, if necessary, in relaxation of the provisions of the Foreigner's Act, all of them may be given amnesty as regard passports and other documents.

ACTION TAKEN

Year - to - year extension to stay in India has been granted to Afghan nationals. Present extension of stay is up to 30.6.2007.

Chapter -15 Para No. 15.6

6. RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that Afghan Hindu Sikh Welfare Society C 128, Greater Kailash –I, New Delhi may be considered as a representative organization of Afghan refugees of Indian origin by the Ministry of Home Affairs. They may be authorized to authenticate the names of all refugees.

ACTION TAKEN

It has been verified that this organization does not exist at the given address.

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7. RECOMMENDATION

The Commission recommended to the State Government of Maharashtra/ Govt. of India after Malegaon riots that:-

- (i) The State Govt. should immediately announce and pay a relief package to the riot victims which should include compensation to the next of the kin of those killed to the tune of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per death, payment for treatment of all those injured in police firing, compensation against loss of property and immediate rehabilitation of poor and small shopkeepers who lost their livelihoods due to riots.
- (ii) The State Govt. of Maharashtra should immediately announce a package of economic, social and economic reforms, with a view to improving the economy and industrial development, upgrading the status of the Municipality to a Corporation, which would help in the creation of better infrastructure.
- (iii) Malegaon should be declared as an independent district and provided with civic and police officers of the required status.
- (iv) The State Govt. should get all the religious places, mosques and temples repaired at State expense without any delay.
- (v) The district administrative should take an initiative to ensure that the persons living in villages surrounding Malegaon should quickly be given assistance for their rehabilitation.
- (vi) The government should take steps to restore the eroded confidence of the Muslim minority in the police. The proportion of Muslims in the police is negligible and, therefore, it is advisable to post some officers/ policemen belonging to the Muslim minority community in Malegaon. At the same time, it is necessary to ensure adequate recruitment of minority communities in the police in various ranks.

ACTION TAKEN

Relief and rehabilitation of victims of communal violence is a State subject. Accordingly, the State recommendation has been forwarded to the Maharashtra State Government for taking appropriate action in the matter, in accordance with Section 9 (3) of the NCM Act, 1992.

Further, the Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation and Victims) Bill, 2005 was introduced in Parliament and the report of Standing Committee on Home Affairs has been presented to Parliament on 13.12.2006. This bill, *inter-alia*, provides for compensation to victims of communal riots, institutional arrangements for relief and rehabilitation, establishment of special courts, protection of witness etc.

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8. RECOMMENDATION

The Commission recommended to the State Government of Gujarat/ Govt. of India after Gujarat riots that:-

- (i) Utmost importance be given to the restoration of confidence amongst the minorities, particularly Muslims, in the administrative machinery especially in the police force.
- (ii) Expressing its unhappiness over the spate of transfers of officers who had taken action to protect the interest of the minorities, the Commission directed that these officers should be posted back.
- (iii) Officers who had done excellent work in protecting the lives and properties of the minority community should be recognized /honored and rewarded.
- (iv) The amount of compensation to all those who had been killed should be restored to Rs. 1,00,000/- (One lakh) apart from the amount announced from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.
- (v) The State Govt. should rebuild 293 dargahs and 202 mosques that were destroyed by the rioters.
- (vi) The policy of political transfers that was being indulged in was contrary to the norms of good governance in a civil society that needs to be stopped immediately as this would further destroy confidence in the Government machinery.
- (vii) The Commission reiterated the need to bring both the communities together through joint peace committees in the Mohallas, holding of meetings with religious leaders and other community leaders.
- (viii) The officers belonging to minority communities should be given the so-called 'sensitive' assignments so that they can play a more useful role and also provide a healing touch.

The Commission recommended and reiterated that the Enquiry Commission appointed by the State Government headed by a sitting Judge of Supreme Court.

ACTION TAKEN

Relief and rehabilitation of victims of communal violence is a State subject. Accordingly, the recommendation has been forwarded to the Gujarat State Government for taking appropriate action in the matter, in accordance with Section 9 (3) of the NCM Act, 1992.

Further, the Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation and Victims) Bill, 2005 was introduced in Parliament and the report of Standing Committee on Home Affairs has been presented to Parliament on 13.12.2006. This bill, *inter-alia*, provides for compensation to victims of communal riots, institutional arrangements for relief and rehabilitation, establishment of special courts, protection of witness etc.