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## NCM Statement

NEW DELHI – 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007 –The National Commission for Minorities has viewed the contents of an inflammatory and anti-social compact disc released by the Bhartiya Janta Party as part of its election publicity in Uttar Pradesh. It contains offensive depiction of the Muslim community and is calculated to incite hatred, disturb communal harmony and lead to communal polarization. Even though the compact disc is said to have been withdrawn, its contents have been published and broadcast by the media.

The Commission has noted the action taken by the Election Commission of India in the context of the election process currently underway. Given the wider ramification of the matter, however, the Commission urges the Central and State Governments to take serious note of this development and of its grave implications for communal peace. The circulation of such material, coming in the wake of similarly provocative leaflets surfacing in different parts of the country, offend the basic values of tolerance and social harmony and thus constitutes a threat to public order. This calls for swift and stern action against those who violate the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

In the final analysis, communal harmony is also the responsibility of the civil society. The Commission calls upon all citizens and civil society groups to join forces to deter and defeat elements promoting disharmony and hatred.

  
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