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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES TAKES SERIOUS NOTE ABOUT NON-ISSUANCE OF MINORITY CERTIFICATES

The second meeting of the newly constituted National Commission for Minorities was held at the Commission's office at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi on 22nd June, 2017. The Chairperson, Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi, Members, Shri George Kurian, Shri Sunil Singhi, Ms. Sulekha Kumbhare, Shri Dastur Khurshed Kaikobad Dastoor and Commission's officials attended.

The Commission in its meeting took serious note of several complaints from the members of Jain community from different States regarding non-issuance of minority caste certificates by the local administration of the respective States. A letter has been issued from Secretary, NCM to Chief Secretaries of all States requesting them to advise all the District Magistrates/Deputy Commissioners to instruct the local administration to issue minority caste certificates to all the minority communities, especially Jain community.

The Commission also felt that the minority communities may be made aware that the Commission is mandated to look into the matters regarding the Constitutional Safeguards for the protection of minority rights. Accordingly, the Chief Ministers of all States have been requested to publicise up to Panchayat level that the Commission is available as a forum for the rights of minority communities.

The Commission also discussed the tour report given by Shri George Kurian, Member about his visit to Kerala during 2nd to 6th June, 2017 and Kerala and Pondicherry from 15 to 19 June, 2017. Further, the tour report given by Shri Sunil Singhi, Member to Meerut and East Delhi from 11 to 12th June, 2017 was also discussed.