

# **THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES**

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## **RESOLUTION**

The National Commission for Minorities expresses serious concern at the rise of communal tensions and the sense of insecurity and fear being created amongst the minorities in the country. This has been widely reported in the media and brought to the Commission's notice through petitions and complaints. The NCM also condemns the communally charged statements attributed to prominent people in public life which are creating this atmosphere of mistrust and heightened tension. These happenings are violating the principles of the Indian Constitution and also the call given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister that there should be a moratorium on communal riots. It is for one and all to honour the words of the Prime Minister and spare no efforts in preserving peace and communal harmony in the country.

The Commission would appreciate a public statement from the Government to reassure all minorities that their constitutional rights of safety, security and equality before the law cannot be compromised at any cost. The Government needs to send a clear signal that it is committed to the protection and security of all citizens and that no attempt at creating an atmosphere of fear and mistrust will be tolerated. It needs to verify the media reports to prevent any further deterioration of the situation, especially in the politically sensitive regions where byelections are due. The Commission also appeals to civil society to work for inter-faith understanding and mutual respect among the various communities.

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