

Tour Report of Mr. M.S. Rai, Member to Amritsar (Punjab) and Chandigarh during November 17 & 18, 2017

I visited Sri Amritsar Sahib on 17 November 2017 to seek blessings of Sri Guru Ram Das Ji at Golden Temple and Durgiana Mandir . I also visited Jalian Wala Bagh to pay tribute to the Martyrs.

I had a meeting with the Administration of Amritsar i.e. Deputy Commissioner, District Welfare Officers and other officers of department of the welfare for Minorities and the representatives of Christian Community namely Mr. Jaspal Massy of all Indian Christian Marshy, Pastor Rajpal Massy, Pastor Deepak Mathew , Pastor Balraj, Pastor Vishal Gill ,Pastor Ameual Bhatti Bishap P.K. Symantha Rao and Shri Kamaldeep Singh Sangha Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Representatives of the Christian Community raised the following issues :-

1. The people belonging to Christian Community may also be issued backward class certificates;
2. They also raised the graveyard issue, which falls within the area of defense department and they have to bury their people at a long distance because the defense persons are not allowing to bury their people in the graveyard due to security reasons. Deputy Commissioner have fully acknowledged this and reminder should be sent to the defense ministry regarding this as well as to the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar;
- 3.They also raised the question of Pre-Matric and Post- Matric scholarship Schemes through online system.Most of the students are unable to avail of these benefits due to very limited time and overloaded Internet system. My suggestion is either this scheme be allowed through internet with sufficient time to the concerned students or manually;

4. I also enquired from Deputy Commissioner of Amritsar and other officials regarding the implementation Prime Minister's New 15 Point Program.

And then on the same day I visited Paradise Modern School with in area of Batala, Distt Gurdaspur.

There I met the students and parents of minority communities along with the general students and general parents. told them about the Prime Minister's New 15 Point program for the welfare of the minorities.

After that in the evening, I proceeded to Chandigarh.

On 18 November 2017 at U.T Guest House the Administration of Chandigarh was there and I presided over the meeting with all the departments including Police, Municipal Corporation, concerned welfare officers and other officials who belong to the Chandigarh Administration. I reviewed the status of the implementation of Prime Minister's new 15 Point Program for the welfare of the minorities;

Given below is the report regarding the implementation of Prime Minister's New 15 point program which is attached herewith for your kind perusal.

They have submitted their report up to 30/06/2017 and 30/09/2017 point wise in Enhancing opportunities for education.

1. Equitable availability of ICDS Services.
2. Improving access to School Education
3. Greater Resources for Teaching Urdu
4. Modernizing Madarsa Education.
5. Scholarships for meritorious students from minority communities.
6. Improving educational infrastructure through the Maulana Azad Education Foundation.

(A) Central Sponsored Scheme for Providing Quality Education In Madarsas.

(B) Equitable Share in Economic Activities and Employment .

7. Self-Employment and Wage Employment for the poor

(A) Implementation of Swaran –Jayanti Gram Swayrozgar Yojana (SGSY) [BDPO]

8. Upgrading of skills through technical training

9. Enhanced credit support for economic activities

10. Recruitment to state and central services

11. Equitable share in rural housing scheme

12. Improvement in condition of slums inhabited by minority Communities

13. Prevention and control of communal riots.

14. Prosecution for communal offences

15. Rehabilitation of victims of communal riots.

1. A copy of demands made by Minority Representatives is attached at

Annexure 'A'

2. A written Report submitted by Chandigarh Administration for the Implementation of Prime Minister New 15-point Program is enclosed as Annexure 'B'

3. The Photographs of meeting are attached with the report at **Annexure 'C'**

The officers further gave the suggestions as under :

1. **Income certificate:** To get benefit of these schemes income limit should be increased up to Rupees 5 Lacs and I suggest NCM should write to the concerned department.

2. The amount in one scheme pending with the authorities being not utilizing be allowed to be diverted to other community.

3. In Chandigarh the main problem at the time of issuing income certificates is time bound limitation. There must be 4 zones and special officers be appointed to issue such certificates. NCM may write to the Chandigarh administration to resolve above mentioned problems pertaining to issuance of income certificates.

After this I met the representatives of minority communities from Chandigarh, namely Mr. Hari Queshi and Amjad Chaudhary. Mr. Yunas and Mr. Admin Mashih also handed over memorandum regarding problems which their communities are facing .

1. Shia community don't have Imamabada in Chandigarh.
2. Waqf Board has not been constituted and this issue is in process for last 3 years. Without Waqf board Muslim minority community has been facing a lot of problems .
3. Hajj House is required in Chandigarh because a number of devotees depart from international Airport in Chandigarh for performing Hajj .
4. Minority Commission may also be set up in Chandigarh at the earliest.

And I observed that these issues need to be forwarded to the concerned authorities for implementation and to solve above mentioned problems.

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Member

December 4, 2017

Honourable Chairman