

**Record Note of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting (2024-25) of the National Commission for Minorities held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2025**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities (2024-25) was held at 11:00 A.M on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 in the Chamber of Hon'ble Chairman in the presence of the following:-

- (i) Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman
- (ii) Shri Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary
- (iii) Shri Rajeev Mohan, Under Secretary (Admn.)
- (iv) Shri Sunil Kumar Singh, Under Secretary (G&R)
- (v) Shri Miraj A Khan, Legal Consultant.

- I. **Agenda Item No.1:** Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 14.01.2025.

The record notes of the meeting were confirmed.

- II. **Agenda Item No.2:** Action Taken Report on Minutes of the previous Meeting dated 14.01.2025.

The Commission approved the Action Taken Report on Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 12.02.2025.

The Commission has directed that a revised letter may be sent to Chief Secretary, Punjab and Secretary, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) to construct Sports Complex in Government College in Village Sathiala, District Amritsar. The same may be established on the occasion of 350<sup>th</sup> Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadar Ji, which will be celebrated in the month of November 2025.

The Commission has directed that all States/UTs Governments may be advised to (i) conduct Sarv Dharm Samvad meetings periodically with representatives of social workers/ NGOs, Educationists, Religious community leaders/Priests etc. and (ii) organise Sarv Dharm Sadbhav events periodically in each District in which Religious leaders, District Administration, Police and Community leaders from all community may be represented.

It has been decided that VC meeting with Uttar Pradesh and Delhi may be organized in the month of March, 2025.

- III. **Agenda Item No.3:** Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Ajmer, Rajasthan on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

Recommendations:-

1. Appoint Members of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Sikh Welfare Board, Rajasthan to help in preservation of Sikh historical culture. We may write to the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan.
2. Petition received from Bhartiya Jain Milan Adinath, Ajmer which is enclosed herewith for appropriate action.

Decision:-

Recommendation No.1: It was decided to write a letter to all States/UTs to take necessary action to preserve Sikh historical culture and representative of Sikh community may be appointed in the concerned Board in their State/UT.

Recommendation No.2: It was decided to write a letter to Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs to consider the request of Bhartiya Jain Milan Adinath, Ajmer to increase the age limit of children belongs to minority communities for eligibility for scholarship and education loan.

- IV. **Agenda Item No.4:** Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Patiala, Ropar (Punjab) and UNA (Himachal Pradesh) from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

Recommendation: Baba Singh Bedi requested for early election to the SGPC as the term of present has expired in 2016. We may request to the Home Ministry.

Decision: It was decided to write to Ministry of Home Affairs.

- V. **Agenda Item No.5:** Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Hyderabad (Telangana), Bidar (Karnataka) from 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 to 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

Recommendations:- Letter to be sent to the concerned departments regarding the following issues:-

1. There are 44 Gurudwaras in Telangana where one Granthi (Pujari) and two Ragis (Kirtan singers) who lead the prayers every morning and evening. They requested for the remuneration of Rs. 7500/-each a month to Granthi & Ragi.



2. Requested for the land to build a Gurudwara and Sikh Cultural Centre in Hyderabad.
3. Regularization of land and playground of Guru Nanak High School at Attapur, Hyderabad
4. Allotment of category number to Sikh Minority Community of District Bidar, Karnataka to enable them to avail benefits of minorities.

**Decision:**

1. It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, State Government of Telangana to consider providing remuneration of Rs. 7500/-each a month to Granthi & Ragi.
2. It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, State Government of Telangana to consider providing land to build a Gurudwara and Sikh Cultural Centre in Hyderabad.
3. It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, State Government of Telangana.
4. It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, State Government of Telangana that as per NCM Act, 1992 there were six notified minority communities. The Chief Secretary may be directed to allot category number to Sikh Minority Community of District Bidar, Karnataka to enable them to avail benefits of minorities.

**VI. Agenda Item No.6:Review of the decisions taken in NCM previous meetings.**

- (a) Hiring of an event management agency in NCM.
- (b) Establishment of Research and Data Analysis Division and National Clearing House for Data Collection & Management in NCM.
- (c) Introduction of Young Professionals.
- (d) Hiring of Printer/DTP (Desk Top Publishing) Services.

**Decision:**

- (a) Hiring of an event management agency in NCM

The Commission appreciated the fact that hiring of an event management agency for handling all works related to NCM events and meetings may not be economically viable and also that most Government venues like Ambedkar Bhawan Auditorium, Scope Complex Auditorium, Vigyan Bhawan had their own in-house agencies. However, it was decided that the proposal may be examined on file in consultation with new Secretary, NCM and placed before the Commission in its next monthly meeting for consideration.

(b) & (c) Establishment of Research and Data Analysis Division and National Clearing House for Data Collection & Management in NCM and Engagement of Young Professionals

The Commission observed that Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) of Department of Expenditure has already been approached to conduct the work study of NCM Secretariat. Hence, it was decided to wait till the completion of work study by SIU and securing adequate manpower in place in NCM Secretariat as per SIU recommendations. The establishment of new Divisions viz. Research and Data Analysis Division (RADA) and National Clearing House for Data Collection & Management (NCHM) and proposal for engagement of four Young Professionals in NCM be taken up after that.

(d) **Hiring of Printer/DTP (Desk Top Publishing) Services**

The Commission approved that the printing work in NCM may continue to be done through GeM which is in conformity with the Government instructions for procurement of goods and services.

VII. **Agenda Item No.7: Significant Court Judgment.**

Noted.

VIII. **Agenda Item No.8: Pendency Status on CMS portal from 01.01.2025 to 31.01.2025.**

Noted.

IX. **Agenda Item No.9: Status of CPGRAM Grievances.**

It was noted that there is no pending grievance more than 3 months.

X. **Agenda Item No.10: Any other item with the permission of the Chairman**

It was decided that the Conference of State Minority Commission may be organized in the month of March 2025.

The 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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