

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 13th September, 2023

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:30A.M on 13th September, 2023 in the Chamber of Hon'ble Chairman.

2. The following were present:

- i. Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman
- ii. Shri Kersi K. Deboo, Vice Chairman
- iii. Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member
- iv. Ms. Rinchen Lhamo, Member
- v. Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde, Member

3. Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, assisted the Commission.

4. In Attendance: Shri Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary, Shri Shariq Saeed, Under Secretary and Shri Suman Kumar, Under Secretary.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 23.08.2023.

5. Confirmed with direction to submit Tour Report by the Members with their observations/recommendations, otherwise tour does not reflect any substantive outcome and hence does not serve the very purpose. It was also directed that Members should also contribute in preparation of Agenda for the monthly meeting of Commission to make it more relevant.

Agenda Item No. 2: Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 8th July, 2023 to 10th July, 2023.

6. Approved with the observation that Members should invariably highlight all Govt. Schemes.

Agenda Item No. 3: Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to Athani, Karnataka on 1st August, 2023.

7. Approved. Member was advised to get the proposal for financial aid being sought by the agency. On receipt of the proposal, the request of Vimochana Kendra may be sent to State Government for consideration. As regards the the issue of development of Shrine of Remainings of Lok Manya Tilak Ji, it may be forwarded to Ministry of Culture.

Agenda Item No.4: Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to Bengaluru, Karnataka from 4th August to 5th August 2023.

8. Approved. This may be included in Success Story.

Agenda Item No. 5: Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to Chikodi,Varur, Belagavi,Shantigiri (Karnataka) and Kolhapur (Maharashtra) from 10th August to 19th August 2023.

9. Approved. A formal study needs to be done first before taking up the matter with States.

Agenda Item No. 6: Tour report of Shri Kersi K Deboo, Vice Chairman to Agra and Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh) from 20th July, 2023 to 23rd July, 2023.

10. Approved. Letters should be written to Agra Administration and Karnataka Administration respectively to get the formal Report.

Agenda Item No. 7: App for knowledge dissemination about minority institution.

11. Approved. The Agenda to develop a Digital Application for knowledge dissemination about minority institution data and various Govt. schemes for benefit of Minority Community has been approved by the Commission. It was also desired that project will be completed within three months after award of work through GeM.

Agenda Item No. 8: Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to Karnataka from 1st September, 2023 to 10th September, 2023.

12. Approved. Concerned Member was advised that proposal for financial assistance may be obtained, which may be forwarded to the concerned State Governments .Such information may be asked in a format which the office may propose as per requirement.

Agenda Item No.9: Any other items with the permission of the Chairman.

1. A letter may be written to Ministry of External Affairs calling a meeting between Secretary, MEA and Member, NCM, with respect to the issue of Indian baby girl taken into foster care in Berlin.
2. Member (RL) raised certain issues related to redressal of grievance of petitioner of Ladakh. Chairman directed to take it up with concerned authority/Agency.
3. Member (RL) also raised certain demand of Buddhist community related to All India Buddhist Forum, Bodh Gaya Bihar. A letter has been written to Govt. of Bihar. Chairman desired that a reminder may be sent.
4. Chairman thereafter reminded for some important matters related to States of **Odisha (Mangu Math), Kutch, Gujarat (Sikh farmers issue) and of Dehradun, Uttrakhand (Gyan Godri)** and desired that a VC meeting in Hybrid mode may be arranged with all such State Governments to get feedback on the ATRs of various authorities.
5. Chairman also desired that Members should visit all State headquarters to sort out State Level issues of Minority communities. They should go to universities/schools and also to meet with public and NGOs.
6. To explore feasibility of preparing Power Point Presentation on schemes of Ministry/Departments.
7. The meeting with NMDFC may be convened in hybrid mode in consultation with them though PPT for better understanding of welfare schemes for Minorities.
8. The issues of Qabristan, Gurudwara and Church lands availability and its unauthorized grabbing needs to be taken up.
9. Feasibility for formulation of trust for Parsi's property may be explored.
10. Problems being faced by Minority students in admission of Minority Institutions needs to be taken up.
11. Study on 45 years working of Commission should be undertaken.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.
