

Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 19th April, 2023

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:30 A.M on 19th April, 2023 in the Conference Room of the Commission.

2. The following were present:

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

3. Shri Daniel E. Richards, Joint Secretary, assisted the Commission.

4. In Attendance: Shri Shariq Saeed, Under Secretary.

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 15.03.2023.

5. Confirmed. Regarding the issue of MoMA informing NCM about changes in the policy for the Minorities, Chairman desired that Secretary may be reminded to provide a response.

Agenda Item No. 2: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Panchkula, Haryana on 7th March, 2023.

6. Approved. It was informed by Chairman that besides the recommendation regarding low wages to Urdu readers, the issues of encroachment of land of Gurudwara and Qabristan also needed to be taken up with the state government.

Agenda Item No. 3: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Batala, Punjab on 12th March, 2023.

7. Approved.

Agenda Item No.4: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh from 21st March, 2023 to 22nd March, 2023.

8. Approved. It was informed by Chairman that there was a victim of 1984 Sikh riots who has not got the compensation, details of which may be taken from his office and matter may be taken up with concerned State authority.

Agenda Item No. 5: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Amritsar, Punjab on 25th March, 2023.

9. Approved.

Agenda Item No.6: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Patiala, Ropar (Punjab) from 1st April, 2023 to 2nd April, 2023.

10. Approved.

Agenda Item No. 7: Tour report of Shri Dhanyakumar Jinappa Gunde to Ankali, Shivamogga, Narsimha Raj Pura and Humcha (Karnataka) from 21st January, 2023 to 26th January, 2023.

11. Approved.

Agenda No. 8: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Hyderabad, Telangana from 6th March, 2023 to 13th March, 2023.

12. Noted.

Agenda No.9: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Gurugram, Haryana on 31st March, 2023.

13. Approved. It was informed to the Hon'ble Member that Commission has already taken up the recommendation of establishing a State Minority Commission with Govt. of Haryana.

Agenda No.10: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Telangana from 1st April, 2023 to 04th April, 2023.

14. Noted.

Agenda No.11: Tour report of Ms. Rinchan Lhamo to West Bengal from 19th March, 2023 to 22nd March, 2023.

15. Approved. Regarding the recommendation for Establishment of Buddhist University in North Bengal, the area of the land required may not be specified. Comprehensive letter may be sent to state government.

Agenda No.12: Tour report of Ms. Rinchan Lhamo to Mohali, SAS Nagar (Punjab) from 26th March, 2023 to 27th March, 2023.

16. Approved.

Agenda No.13: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Surat, Gujarat on 5th April, 2023.

17. Noted.

Agenda No.14: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh on 7th April, 2023.

18. Approved.

Agenda No.15: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Telangana from 8th April, 2023 to 12th April, 2023.

19. Noted.

Supplementary Agenda I

Agenda No.1: Tour Report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to Jammu, J&K from 15th April, 2023 to 17th April, 2023.

20. Approved.

Agenda No.2: Tour report of Shri Kersi K Deboo, Vice Chairman to Amritsar (Punjab) from 9th April, 2023 to 11th April, 2023.

21. Noted.

Agenda Item No. 16: Any other items with the permission of the Chairman:

- 1) An advisory may be issued to all Chief Secretaries with a copy to Department of Personnel & Training for holding timely meetings of the Monitory Committee of the Prime Minister 15 Point Programme, to discuss their issues.
- 2) Chairman informed that Annual Conference organized by NCM was a big success and he desired that all Gazetted officers upto the level of Under Secretary be given a letter of appreciation and staff of NCM involved in organizing the function be suitably appreciated.
- 3) On the issue of increasing the followership of NCM on social media, Chairman reiterated that following actions need to be taken:
 - (i) Short video clips of 2 minutes may be made by Members of their official visits which may be posted on social media.
 - (ii) Videos of success stories may be made obtaining feedback from the petitioner which may be posted on social media.
 - (iii) PS/PA of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members may be trained by the Media Consultant and the personal staff of the Members accompanying them on official tours may remind them to inform the State authorities and other Members of Minority communities about the work being done by NCM for their welfare.
- 4) Chairman desired that a letter of appreciation may be sent to Chief Secretary, Jharkhand regarding his role in the matter of Sammed Shikhar ji.
- 5) It was desired by Chairman that a separate list of Educationists be prepared from amongst the Panel of Community leaders appointed by NCM. A consolidated list of educationists of all the States may also be compiled.
