

**Record Note of the Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023**

A meeting of the National Commission for Minorities was held at 11:30A.M on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 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 and Shri Suman Kumar, Under Secretaries.

**Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the record notes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 12.07.2023.**

5. Confirmed with the direction that action needs to be taken to streamline the tours of Chairman/Members and to prepare a report on improving the functioning of the Commission.

- The Chairman desired that the letter to Training Institutes imparting training to IAS, IPS and other organized Gr A services including ISTM, may be sent so that lecture on Minorities issues may be included in their training curriculum.

**Agenda Item No. 2: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to District Karnal, Haryana from 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 to 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2023.**

6. Approved.

**Agenda Item No. 3: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Chandigarh (U.T) and District Jalandhar, Punjab from 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023 to 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.**

7. Approved.

**Agenda Item No.4: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Bareilly, Aonla, Shahjahanpur, Badaun, Uttar Pradesh from 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 to 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.**

8. Approved.

**Agenda Item No. 5: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to District Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023.**

9. Approved.

**Agenda Item No. 6: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Chandigarh (U.T.) and Ropar, Punjab from 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 to 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.**

10. Approved.

**Agenda Item No. 7: Tour report of Ms. Rinchen Lhamo to Sankisa, Uttar Pradesh from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 to 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.**

11. Approved.

**Agenda Item No. 8: Annual Statement of accounts of NCM for the year 2022-23-reg.**

12. Annual Statement of accounts of NCM for 2022-23 was laid before the Commission. Commission was informed that CAG has requested for approval of the Commission for the accounts of Financial Year 2022-23. These accounts were already audited by Chartered Accountant and the same were sent to O/o C&AG. The Commission approved the Annual Statement of accounts for the year 2022-23.

**Agenda Item No.9: Tour report of Ms. Rinchen Lhamo to U.T. of Ladakh from 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.**

13. Approved.

**Agenda No. 10: Tour report of Shri Kersi K Deboo, Vice Chairman to Surat, Navsari (Gujarat) and Daman (UT) from 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 to 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.**

14. Noted.

**Agenda No.11: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Narayanpet and District Hyderabad, Telangana from 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 to 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023.**

15. Noted.

**Agenda No.12: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District LakhimpurKheri, Uttar Pradesh from 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 to 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.**

16. Approved with the modification that 'PM's New 15 Point Programme' may be rectified as Central/State Government Schemes.

**Agenda No.13: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Hyderabad, Telangana from 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023.**

17. Noted.

**Agenda No.14: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.**

18. Noted

**Agenda No.15: Tour report of Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Member to District Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 to 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.**

19. Approved with the modification that 'PM's New 15 Point Programme' may be rectified as Central/State Government Schemes.

**Agenda No.16: Tour report of Ms. Rinchen Lhamo to U.T. of Chandigarh on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.**

20. Noted.

**Agenda No.17: Regarding streamlining the functioning of the Commission.**

21. Chairman desired that SoP may be developed on the functioning of the Commission which should include following points:-

- (i) What action has been taken & relief given and proposed course of action on sensitive issues viz. 1984 riots, anti-Muslim riots etc.
- (ii) Considering setting up of a Research wing for carrying out Research Studies which are scientific, positive in nature and the Govt. should be benefitted from such studies.

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**Agenda No.18: Any other items with the permission of the Chairman.**

1. With regard to the tours, Chairman gave the following directions:-
  - (i) Meetings should be held with State Government Authorities also.
  - (ii) Care must be taken to see if the States have been visited earlier or not. The intent being to visit States which have so far not been visited.
  - (iii) Before visit, report on issues from State Authorities may be called for.
  - (iv) No Member should be on tour beyond 15 days in a month and within a month, no Member should be in his/her Home State for more than a week.
  - (v) Recommendations/Observations must be recorded in the tour report.
  - (vi) During visits all the welfare schemes of the Govt. may be shared.
  - (vii) With regard to the issue of Minority Certificates, the position given by MoMA & self-declaration certificate may be informed.
2. With regard to the Hearings, Chairman directed that cases be legally vetted & evidences called for, before holding a Hearing.
3. Functions/Seminars & Inter-faith meetings of all religions should be conducted frequently.
4. Next meeting may be held on 13<sup>th</sup> of September, 2023 (Wednesday).

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