

Record Note of the 12th Meeting (2024-25) of the National Commission for Minorities held on 12th March, 2025

The 12th Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities (2024-25) was held at 11:00 A.M on 12th March, 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 Manoj Kumar Singh, Deputy Secretary
- (iv) Shri Rajeev Mohan, Under Secretary (Admn.)
- (v) Shri Sunil Kumar Singh, Under Secretary (G&R)
- (vi) 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 12.02.2025.

The Commission approved the Action Taken Report on Minutes of the previous Meeting dated 12.2.2025.

The Commission directed that a revised letter may be sent to Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs to take necessary steps to preserve and promote the Sikh language, history, and cultural heritage, appointment of representative from Sikh community to the relevant Board to include their perspectives, and establishment of Sikh Development Board.

The Commission has also directed that a letter may be issued to Ministry of Home Affairs for early election of SGPC.

III. Agenda Item No.3: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Chandigarh (UT) on 29th January, 2025.

Recommendations:

1. Request to start a Train route from Chandigarh (UT) to Takht Sri Damdama Sahib (Bhatinda) Via SirhindRajpura.
2. Teaching of Punjabi Language in Schools/Colleges of Chandigarh.

Decision:

Recommendation No.(1): It was decided to write to Railway Board.

Recommendation No.(2): It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, Chandigarh.

IV. Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to District Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh on 6th February, 2025.

Recommendations:

1. The Sikh Community requested for allotment of land to construct the Gurdwara and School to teach Punjabi to their children. They also demanded security during religious processions on Gurupurab days.
2. Christians demanded safety for their Church as there is a dispute on the Church land.
3. Jain community was earlier getting some financial help from Jeevadhara bonds which has been stopped.

Decision: It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh on all three above recommendations.

V. Agenda Item No.5: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Amritsar & Gurdaspur (Punjab) on 11th February, 2025.

No recommendations mentioned in the Tour Report.

Decision: It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, Punjab to take necessary action to protect Sikh historical monuments of Khalsa Raj.

VI. Agenda Item No.6: Pendency Status on CMS portal from 01.02.2025 to 28.02.2025.

Noted.

VII. Agenda Item No.7: Status of CPGRAM Grievances.

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

VIII. Supplementary Agenda No.1- Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on 22nd February, 2025.

Recommendation: We may write to the Chief Minister/Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh for construction of double sided road from village Saifpur Karamchandpur to National Highway No.34.

Decision: It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh.
