Record Note of the 1st Meeting (2025-26) of the National Commission for Minorities held on 08th April, 2025

The 1st Meeting of the National Commission for Minorities (2025-26) was held at 11:00 A.M on 08th April, 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 12.03.2025.

Noted.

III. Agenda Item No.3: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Ajmer, Rajasthan on 23rd February, 2025.

Recommendations:

1. We may write to the Chief Secretary/Secretary of Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission regarding shifting/removing the electric Transformer from the Gurudwara premises.

Decision:

Recommendation No.(1): It was decided to write to the Chief Secretary/Secretary of Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission regarding shifting/removing the electric Transformer from the Gurudwara premises.

IV. Agenda Item No.4: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Kochi and Kottayam (Kerala) from 3rd March, 2025 to 5th March, 2025.

Recommendation:-

1. All the issues raised by the minority communities of Kerala State may be taken up with the concerned authorities by NCM.

(Petition enclosed).

Decision: It was decided to write to the Chief Secretary, regarding the petitions.

- V. Agenda Item No.5: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Ropar, Hoshiarpur (Punjab) from 7th March, 2025 to 9th March, 2025.
- 1. Letter may be written to the Ministry of Civil Aviation for the direct Flight service from Amritsar to Toronto at least twice a week.
- 2. Regarding the Representative a request letter may be sent to the concerned authority.

Decision: Recommendation No.(1): It was decided to write to Ministry of Civil Aviation. Recommendation No.(2): It was decided to write to the Ministry of External Affairs to send a representative of Sikh Community to visit countries with large Sikh population for informing the Community about the efforts and initiatives undertaken by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for the Sikh community.

VI. Agenda Item No.6: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Kalma, Anandpur Sahib, District Ropar, Rajpura (Punjab) from 16th March, 2025 to 17th March, 2025.

Recommendation:-

1. Letter may be written to the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab to start the awareness of schemes to promote education in minority communities in the State.

Decision: Recommendation No.(1):- It was decided to write to the Chief Secretary, Punjab to conduct awareness programmes about schemes of Govt. of India, minority certificates, etc.

VII. Agenda Item No.7: Tour report of Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities to Bhubaneswar, Puri (Odisha) from 26th March, 2025 to 27th March, 2025.

Recommendations:-

- 1. Two petitions received from Faith foundation: A letter may be written to the concerned authorities.
- 2. Petition received from Sri Digamber Jain Samaj: A letter may be written to the concerned authority.
- 3. Letter may be forwarded to the Chief Minister, Chief Secretary for the establishment of Sri Guru Granth Sahib at Mangu Math Gurudwara

- 4. A letter may be written to the concerned department for the research of Family of Bhai Himmat Singh who was the one of the Panj Pyara who offered head to Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji, 10th Sikh Guru;
- 5. A letter may be written to the concerned department for the Research about the contribution of Maharaja Ranjit Singh towards Bhagwan Sri Jagannath Temple i.e repair of the west end gate and providing security to the Bhagwan Jagannath ji Temple from Lahore to promote the Hindu Sikh unity.

Decision: Recommendation No.(1):

- (i) It was decided to write to Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha for organising awareness workshop for Christian Minority Community Institutional Stakeholders.
- (ii) It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, Odisha for development and empowerment of minority communities in Odisha.

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

Recommendation No.(3): It was decided to write to the Chief Secretary, Odisha for the establishment of Sri Guru Granth Sahib at Mangu Math Gurudwara.

Recommendation No.(4): It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, Odisha.

Recommendation No.(5): It was decided to write to Chief Secretary, Odisha.

VIII. Agenda Item No.8: Pendency Status on CMS portal from 01.03.2025 to 31.03.2025.

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

The Hon'ble Chairman sincerely appreciated the exceptional work, dedication, guidance, and support extended by the Officers and Staff of NCM throughout his tenure.

The 1st meeting of the Commission ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
