

**Government of India**  
**National Commission for Minorities**

**Dated : 27.09.2024**

**Press Note**

A Meeting with representative of Jain Community was held on 27.09.2024 in National Commission for Minorities(NCM) Conference Hall. Hon'ble Minister of State for Minority Affairs, Shri George Kurian was the Chief Guest. Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman, Shri K.K. Deboo, Vice Chairman, Shri Dhanyakumar J. Gunde, Ms. Syed Shahezadi, Members of the Commission and Officials were present besides Members of the Jain community Shri Sharad Jain, Shri Shanti Jain, Shri Mahendra Jain, Shri Sanjay Papriwal, Shri Kamal Jain, Ms. Meenu Jain, Shri Hasmuk Rane, Shri Mahendra Parakh, Ms. Shasha Jain, Shri Kamalveer Jain, Shri Praduman Jain, Shri Bhavchand Jain, Shri Jivendra Jain, Shri Rajesh Jani, Shri Rajendra Jain, Shri Ravi Kumar Jain, Ms. Sunanda Jain, Dr. Jeevan Prakash Jain, Shri Prabhash Jain, Shri Anil Jain spoke on behalf of the issues faced by the Jain community.

The Hon'ble MoS assured the consideration of all the petitions of the community and the continued support of the Government to the community. The community raised the issues of sanctity around the Shri Sammed Shikhar Ji Hill, access to worship at the 5<sup>th</sup> Tonk at Girnar Junagarh, identification, maintenance and upkeep of Jain Temples, safety and security for Jain Sadhus during their Padyatras, improvement in transportation access to pilgrimage sites, support for Prakrit Language and establishment of Jain University.

Hon'ble Chairman informed that the NCM had already taken on several key issues and would take up the remaining ones with the concerned authorities at the earliest.

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