

ACTION TAKEN MEMORANDUM ON THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES FOR THE PERIOD

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Recom menda tion	Chapter, Para and page of the Report	Text of the Recommendation	Action Taken
1.	2	3	15 4
2	Chapter 15, Para 15.2	The list of the Minority Concentration Districts should be reviewed by the Government of India, on the basis of the demographic profile of the minority population ion the basis of the 2001 Census and a new list of such districts prepared.	The dist of Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) is being revised on the basis of Census, 2001.
3	Chapter 15, Para 15.3	School textbooks should be scrutinized to see whether there is any material that creates hatred among the minorities. The textbooks should include basic information about all the religions in order to nurture secular outlook in the minds of the children.	The New National Curriculum Framework, 2005 addresses the concerns of the Commission and text books are being revised accordingly for several classes. The NCERT/CBSE has already introduced revised text books for Classes 1, III, VI, IX and XI.

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4	Chapter 15, Para 15.4	There should be independent investigating agency with the Union and State Governments to enquire into communal riots and there should be speedy trial of the accused on the basis of day-to-day hearing. Adequate protection should be	The Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005 which was introduced in Rajya Sabha in December, 2005 provides for establishment of Special Courts which shall conduct proceedings on day-to-day basis and also provide for adequate protection to witnesses.
		provided to the witnesses so that they do not turn hostile under pressure.	As regards independent investigation agencies with the Union and State Governments, this is already available in the form of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) with Central Government.
			Further, the Bill also provides for constitution of special Investigating Teams, as the State may think it necessary, where the State Government comes to the conclusion that the investigation of offences committed in any communally disturbed area were not carried out properly in a fair and impartial manner.

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5	Chapter 15, Para 15.5,	There should be proportionate representation of minorities in the Armed Forces and Police Forces.	Recruitment in the Armed Forces is based on merit and is open to every citizen of the country, including members of the minorities without any discrimination on the basis of their caste, creed, religion or region. Indian Armed Forces have an all India orientation in which each State contributes its fair share of manpower to the Armed Forces.  In so far as recruitment in the para-military forces are concerned, Central Para-Military Forces have been asked to ensure sufficient representation to minorities through making the minority community candidates aware of the employment opportunities and the incentives / prospects available in the Forces.  Further, the State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised that the state police forces should represent the social structure in their respective States so that the force retain their secular character.
7	Chapter 15, Para 15.7	Socio-economic and educational surveys should be conducted for minorities in all States.	(NCERT/National Institute of Education and Public Administration(NIEPA) conducts periodical surveys to bring out data regarding various aspects of education.
8	Chapter 15, Para 15.8	Encroachments to Wakf properties, should be removed and these properties should be exempted from rent control laws.	encroachments from Wakf properties including legal action. Similarly, the exemption of Wakf properties from Rent Control Laws also falls under the jurisdiction of the State Governments. The State Governments have been advised to take appropriate action in the matter.

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9	Chapter 15, Para 15.9	Suitable steps should be taken to increase share of minority communities in public/private employment.	There is no religion based reservation in appointment to posts/ services under the Government.  All public sector undertakings have been advised that wherever a Selection Committee/Board is constituted for making recruitment to 10 or more vacancies in Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts/ services, it shall be mandatory to have one member belonging to a minority community in such committees/boards. Administrative Ministries have been requested to direct the official directors in all public sector undertakings to ensure that interests of the minorities are taken care of.  The Prime Minister's new 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities focuses, among others, on an equitable share for the minorities in economic activities and employment and recruitment to state and central services.
10	Chapter 15, Para 15.10	Adequate flow of credit minority communities for nationalized banks for trade and business may be ensured.	All commercial banks, both in the public and private sector, have already been instructed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to ensure smooth flow of credit to minority communities so that these communities could secure benefits flowing from various Government sponsored schemes.  Recently, RBI has also issued directions to banks specifically to promote financial inclusion. Further, Reserve Bank also monitors the credit flow to minorities