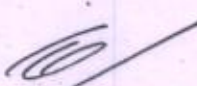


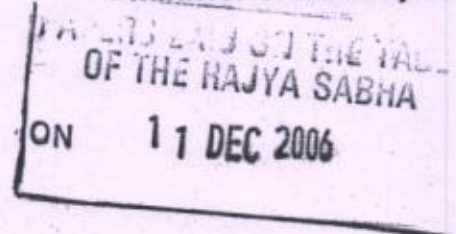
Reasons for delay in laying of the Tenth Annual Report of the National Commission for Minorities for the year 2002-2003

The Annual Report of the National Commission for Minorities for the year 2002-2003 was submitted to the Central Government on 30.05.2005. The Report contained, in all, 07 recommendations concerning the Central Government. The recommendations were forwarded to the various Ministries/Departments concerned for taking follow up action and submitting Action Taken Report on them. On the basis of the reports received, the Action Taken Memorandum in respect of each of the recommendations has been prepared and is being laid on the Table of the House.

2. The major reason for delay in laying the Action Taken Memorandum is that as the recommendations have wide ramifications, necessary consultation with all concerned was essential and thus took time.
3. The Tenth Annual Report of the National Commission for Minorities for the year 2002-2003, along with the Action Taken Memorandum, is hereby laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament.


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Review of the Annual/Audit Reports of Accounts of the National Commission for Minorities for the year 2002-2003.

The first Statutory National Commission for Minorities (NCM) was set up on 17th May, 1993 for a period of three years as per the provisions of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992. A fresh Commission is reconstituted after the expiry of the term of the outgoing Commission. Accordingly, the Members of the third Statutory National Commission for Minorities, including the Chairman & Vice Chairman demitted office between 23.01.2003 and 30.01.2003. The Fourth Statutory Commission was re-constituted on 07.02.2003 comprising the following:-

- i) Sardar Tarlochan Singh, Chairman
- ii) Dr. M.S. Usmani, Vice Chairman
- iii) Lt.Genl(Retd) A.M.Sethna, Member
- iv) Shri V.V.Augustine, Member
- v) Shri Ahmad Rashid Shervani, Member
- vi) Smt K. Santhaa Reddy, Member
- vii) Ven. Bhante Arya Nagarjuna Surei Sasai, Member

2. The Commission held eight meetings during the period of Report, i.e, from 01st April, 2002 to 31st March,2003 . The Commission toured different parts of the country to get first hand information on various issues affecting the minority communities.

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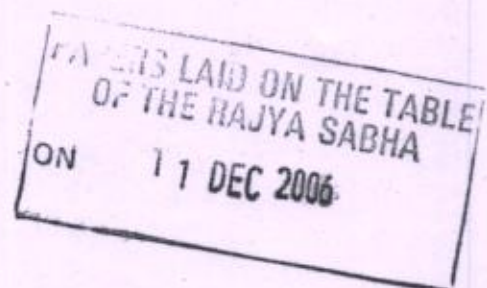
3. During the year 2002-2003, the Commission received a total number of 3416 representations. Out of these 1656 were received from different minorities organizations/institutions and 1760 were from individuals. The Commission took appropriate action on these representations. Some of these representations were taken up with the concerned State and Central Government/Departments.

4. The expenditure of the Commission is met out of the non-Plan budget of the Ministry. An allocation of Rs.263 lakhs was made in the Budget Estimates 2002-2003 and enhanced to Rs.303 lakhs in the Revised Estimates. The actual expenditure was, however, Rs.263 lakhs only. The accounts of the Commission have been audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

5. The Commission, in accordance with Section 12 of the NCM Act, 1992 and the NCM (Annual Statement of Accounts and Audited and Annual Report) Rules, 1995 submitted its Annual Report for the year 2002-2003 on 30th May, 2005.



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1	2	3	4
4	Chapter 13, Para 13.4, page-57.	Due representation of Minority Communities in the police forces of the Union and State Governments may be given. Police officers from minority communities may be deployed in sensitive areas.	<p>There is no reservation for minorities in the police forces of the Union and State Governments.</p> <p>Central paramilitary forces have been advised to ensure sufficient representation to minorities by making minority community candidates aware of the employment opportunities/recruitment programme and the incentives/prospects available in these forces. Recruitment Boards have also been advised to send special information to the minority community run institutions/organisations with a request to encourage candidates from these communities to apply for recruitment in Central para-military forces.</p> <p>State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised that the state police forces should represent the social structure in their respective States so that the state police forces retain their secular character. Since recruitment of police personnel is within the purview of State Governments / UTs, instructions have also been issued to include representatives belonging to minorities in the selection committees.</p> <p>Deployment of officers in sensitive areas depends upon the exigencies of the situation and operational procedure of the force concerned.</p>

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ACTION TAKEN MEMORANDUM ON THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE 10TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2002 TO 2003

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE
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ON 11 DEC 2006

Recom mendati on	Chapter, Para and page of the Report	<u>Text of the Recommendation</u>	Action Taken
1.	2	3	-4-
2	Chapter 13, Para 13.2, page-57.	There should be an Investigating Agency attached with the NCM as well as with the State Minorities Commissions as has been provided to the National Human Rights Commission and the National Commission for SCs/STs.	This is being considered in the context of giving constitutional status to the National Commission for Minorities. In so far as the State Minorities Commissions are concerned, the recommendation has been forwarded to all State Government Administrations for taking appropriate action and tabling an Action Taken Memorandum in the state legislature in accordance with Section 9(3) of the NCM Act.
3	Chapter 13, Para 13.3, page-57.	The Ministry of Home Affairs may be requested to send an advisory note to all the Departments of Government of India and the State Governments to give due attention to the recommendations made by the NCM as well as the State Minorities Commissions and implement their recommendations effectively. In case, it is not feasible to accept any recommendation suitable replies may be sent to the respective Commissions. (Chapter 3, para 3.5).	All the Departments of Government of India and the State Governments are being advised from time to time to give due attention to the recommendations made by the NCM. In addition, in accordance with Section 9(3) of the NCM Act, 1992 the recommendation has been forwarded to all State Governments, for taking appropriate action and tabling an Action Taken Memorandum in the state legislature in this regard.

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1.	2	3	4
5	Chapter 13, Para 13.5, page-58.	The differences between the majority and minority communities may be narrowed down by dialogue. In the process of dialogue, the religious leaders and intellectuals of all communities may be invited for short-listing the issues to remove the irritants. The religious leaders of all the communities may refrain from making provocative statements on sensitive issues. They may utilize the forum of NCM to resolve dispute on particular issues. (Chapter 3, para 3.5).	The Central Government issues advisories from time to time to the State Governments asking them to take steps to ensure that peace and communal harmony are maintained.
6	Chapter 13, Para 13.6, page-58.	The Government of India may take special steps for helping minorities in the Minority Concentration Districts. So far only 44 districts have been earmarked as per the 1981 Census. After the release of the latest data on various religions by the census authorities, this figure is likely to increase. Special steps in the Minority Concentration Districts may be taken for implementation of the 15-Point Programme of Prime Minister.	Government is in the process of revising the list of Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) on the basis of Census, 2001. Further, the Prime Minister's New 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, amended recently, focuses on enhancing opportunities for education, an equitable share in economic activities and employment and improving the condition of living of minorities and provides for earmarking, wherever possible, targets and outlay of at least 15% of funds for minorities in the schemes included in the programme.

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1.	2	3	4
7	Chapter 13, Para 13.7, page-58.	The Government of India may raise the existing limit of loans being given to the minority communities and may also impress upon the State Governments to reactivate the Margin Money Scheme of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation through RBI and nationalized banks.	The Government has constituted an Expert Committee to suggest an action plan for improving the strategy and operational performance of the National Minorities Development Finance Corporation(NMDFC).
9	Chapter 13, Para 13.9, page-58.	Kirpan being a religious mandate and sanctity for the Sikhs, Sikh passengers be allowed to carry 9" Kirpan in the domestic flights.	<p>It has been decided that kirpan may be carried under the following conditions:-</p> <p>(i) Kirpan may be carried only by a Sikh passenger, on his person, provided the length of its blade does not exceed 15.24 cms (6 inches); and the total length of a Kirpan does not exceed 22.86 cms (9 inches);</p> <p>(ii) It is allowed while traveling by air on Indian aircraft within India; and</p> <p>(iii) Kirpan is allowed only on domestic routes of fully domestic flights</p>