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CHAPTER

SUCCESS STORIES

- 5.1 The Commission took up a matter with the Ministry of Civil Aviation in a letter dated 4.10.2022 regarding arrangement of an Air India chartered flight for taking Shri Guru Granth Sahib from Lucknow to Melbourne, Australia. In response to this, the Ministry of Civil Aviation informed the Commission that after working on the modalities, Shri Guru Granth Sahib was sent to Melbourne from Lucknow on 16.11.2022 through a chartered flight.
- 5.2 Prof. Surjit Singh, Department of Pediatrics, PGIMER, Chandigarh had submitted a petition alleging discrimination and denial of appointment to the post of Dean (Research) at PGIMER. After intervention of the Commission, he was appointed as Dean (Research) from the date of assumption of the charge and he assumed the charge as Dean (Research) w.e.f 07.10.2022.
- 5.3 Andhra Pradesh Christian delegation submitted a memorandum to the Commission for reopening the Jerusalem Prayer House (Church) at Kurnool District. After intervention of the Commission, Tahsildar, Kurnool Urban Mandal withdrew the order under Section 145 Cr. P.C. issued by Revenue Divisional Officer, Kurnool Urban Mandal on Jerusalem Prayer House (Church).
- 5.4 The matter with regard to a petition received from Shri Sunil Babu Jain, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, stands resolved. The contention of the petitioner was regarding the non-payment of the pension after retirement. The Commission took a serious view of inaction on the part of the Department to deny petitioner's lawful claims for a long time. A Hearing was held in the matter on 23.09.2022. Taking cognizance of the matter within 15 days, the respondent made the payment to the petitioner including arrears and leave encashment and retirement benefits. The petitioner also informed the Commission that his pension payment has been initiated.
- 5.5 The Commission took cognizance of the issue faced by Mrs. Mousumi Biswas, W/o Faruque Ahamed, Distt South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, in getting an admission in the PhD programme in Education in the University of Kalyani, West Bengal in 2021-2022 session. The matter was reconsidered by the University of Kalyani, who arranged a special interview for admission to PhD programme. The complainant appeared for the interview and also got admission in the PhD programme in Education on 14.7.2022.

The Commission took notice of the issue regarding the students belonging to the Sikh community who are facing problems in wearing and carrying Kadha and Kirpan (a metallic object) while appearing in examinations. The Commission issued an advisory to all the States on 27.9.2021 to take the following steps in this regard:

- (i) Reporting time of examination should be the same for all the candidates irrespective of their religion.
- (ii) Not to discriminate between the Sikh candidates and others on the basis of their articles of faith.
- (iii) Screening may be done through a door frame metal detector for reducing time and ensuring proper security procedure.

Another advisory was again issued on 6.5.2022 to all the Chief Secretaries of the States. The Directorate of Education (DOE) has written to all schools that "Sikh students should not be discriminated against on the basis of their articles of faith". The order was based on the advisory of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) to protect the interests of the community and prevent discrimination.

The Commission took suo-moto cognizance of Print Media news dated 4.5.2022 regarding lynching of two men on the allegation of cow slaughter. A report was sought from the Director General of Police, MP, who has informed that action in the matter has been taken and FIR against 12 unidentified persons and 6 identified persons has been registered and a total of 13 persons have been arrested under SC/ST (POA) Act for this incident. 8.25 lakh rupees and a job as compensation have been granted to the dependent member of each deceased person.

The Commission took cognizance of the representation of Shri Jigmet Dolma from Ladakh, regarding the issue faced in the appointment in Ladakh Police. A report was sought from the AIG (Personnel), Additional Director General of Police, Leh, who has informed that Ladakh Police will issue notification for recruitment for outstanding sports persons.

The Commission took cognizance of the representation dated 16.3.2021 of E.A.S. Sarma, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, regarding misrepresentation of facts in a medical

book about Tablighi Jamaat that could hurt the sentiments of a religious community. After intervention of the Commission, the Publisher of the Book immediately withdrew the book and removed the offending references and released a new re-print. The publisher also tendered a public apology on 17.3.2021.

The Commission took suo-moto cognizance of a representation regarding the conversion of eight people including women at Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. Taking cognizance of the matter, SSP, Meerut, informed that the action in the matter has been taken and all the accused have been arrested and produced before the Court.

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- 5.11 The Commission took cognizance of the complaint received from Mrs. Talia Sartaj, about delay in error rectification in her admit card by Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB). A report was sought from DSSSB in this regard. The Board informed that the issue raised by the complainant has been resolved as due rectification has been done. The petitioner also informed over phone that her problem has been resolved.
- 5.12 The Commission sent a letter to Central Waqf Council for conducting a survey of Waqf properties in Uttar Pradesh. Taking cognizance of the matter, the Uttar Pradesh Government issued an Order to the district magistrates to conduct a "good intentioned" survey of properties managed by Sunni and Shia Central Waqf Boards in the State and submit details of such Waqf properties within a month.
- 5.13 It has come to the notice of the Commission that hotels/restaurants in Uttarakhand are serving halal meat only which is banned in Sikh Religion. The matter was taken up with Govt. of Uttarakhand on 26.12.2022. The Government of Uttarakhand informed that disclosure of the category of meat in the hotels and restaurants in Uttarakhand have been made mandatory. Concerned officers have been instructed to do the needful.
- 5.14 The Commission took cognizance of the representation received from Shri Girdhari Lal regarding request to bring back mortal remains of his son to India from Saudi Arabia. The matter was taken up with MEA, New Delhi on 31.10.2022. Subsequently, the MEA informed that mortal remains of late Shri Gaurav Sharma has been transported to India on 10.11.2022.
- 5.15 The Commission took cognizance of the representation regarding setting up of New RCC Unit at Niraq village at the centrally located Nimo-Padum-Darsh road to have speedy development in construction of Nimo-Padum road and also to provide benefit to the local people of that area by engagements under the Unit. The matter was taken up with Director General, Border Road Organization. Taking cognizance of the matter, the Border Road Organization (Yojak Project BRO) has taken positive action by setting up of a RCC BRO Unit. After setting up of these RCC Units, the BRO started hiring the services of the local people thereby creating employment opportunity and generating income of the local people.
- 5.16 A representation was received from South India, Ladakh Student Association (SILSA) that many students were not getting the NSP scholarship facilities. After intervention of the Commission, the concerned authority released all the scholarship dues to the students.
- 5.17 It came to the notice of the Commission that though the status of Minority is being given to Jains both by Centre and State of Karnataka, the concerned revenue officials were issuing the Jain Minority certificates to Jain Digamber people only whereby the Jain Shwetambers were deprived.



was taken up with Government of Karnataka. After continuous efforts by the Commission, the Shwetamber Jains are also incorporated for the purpose of issuance of notification and a notification dated 12.8.2022 was issued.

- 5.18 The Commission took cognizance of the representation by Dr. Surjeet Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Education, University of Kashmir regarding appointment as Director/Co-coordinator as he was discriminated as he belongs to Minority community. The matter was taken up with the Registrar, University of Kashmir, who has informed that University is in the process of appointment of full time Director and an advertisement to the effect shall be floated soon and Dr. Surjeet Singh would be considered for the same.
- 5.19 It came to the notice of the Commission that every year "All India Mushaira" was organized by the Maharashtra State Urdu Sahitya Academy, Minority Welfare Department, Maharashtra at the Gateway of India in Mumbai on "Republic Day", but no Mushaira was held for the last two years. The Commission took cognizance of the matter and instructed the Principal Secretary of the Minorities Welfare Department, Maharashtra that "All India Mushaira" should be organized on Republic Day this year. Accordingly Maharashtra State Urdu Sahitya Academy, organized the Mushaira on 26th January 2023.
- 5.20 The National Commission for Minorities took suo-moto cognizance of the news item dated 03.01.2023 published in the newspaper 'The Indian Express' regarding vandalism of Church in Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh, which hurt the sentiments of the Minority community. In response to this, a report was received from the Chief Secretary, Chhattisgarh on 22.03.2023 informing that action in the matter has been taken, multiple FIRs have been registered in the above matter in Narayanpur Police Station, a total of 18 accused have been arrested, presented before the Court and kept in judicial remand. Investigation has been done in the case and search for others who were involved is in process.
- 5.21 On receiving a representation to bring back Indians including those from Minority communities stranded in Libya, Commission took up the matter with Ministry of External Affairs. Thereafter, with the help of MEA and Embassy of India in Tunisia, all twelve Indians were successfully brought back from Libya.
- 5.22 The Commission received various representations from the Jain community regarding conversion of Jain pilgrimage site Shri Sammed Sikhari Hill into an eco-tourism zone by the Govt. of Jharkhand and Government of India. Matter was taken up with all concerned. Subsequently, Ministry of Environment & Forests, GoI has issued an OM dated 05.01.2023 to the State Government to immediately stop the implementation of the process related to tourism and eco-tourism in the notification of the Eco-sensitive Zone of Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary. The Ministry has also directed the State Government to take all necessary steps in this regard. Govt. of Jharkhand, assured the Commission that they were taking action for preservation of sanctity of the sacred Jain site.