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FOREWORD



The West Bengal Minorities' Commission is a Statutory body under Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department. The Commission, since its inception in 1994, has been working as apex body in this State for the redressal of Minorities' grievances. The Annual Report, containing a brief account of the functions of the Commission during the financial year 2014-15, has been finalised and approved in the 97th meeting of the Commission held on 29/09/2015. This Annual Report is therefore forwarded to the State Government and MIC of MA&ME Department for kind perusal and consideration.

Dated: 29th September, 2015

Place: Khadya Bhawan,
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Alhaj Intaj Ali Shah,
M.A., L.L.B., W.B.H.J.S.(Retd. Judge)
Chairman,
West Bengal Minorities' Commission





I. DETAILS OF THE COMMISSION

A. List of Members

CHAIRMAN



Alhaj Intaj Ali Shah,
(M.A., L.L.B., W.B.H.J.S. (Retd. Judge))

VICE CHAIRPERSON



Prof. Maria Fernandes,
(M.A., M.Phil (History), P.G.B.S.)



Sri N.F. Tankariwala,
Member (Parsee)



Sri Derek O' Brien, MP,
Member (Christian)



Shri Lakbindar Singh,
Member (Sikh)



Sri Ashok Turakhia,
Member (Jain)



Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery,
Member (Muslim)



Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan,
Member (Muslim)



Sri Bikash Barua,
Member (Buddhist)



Syed Md. Nizamuddin Ali,
Member (Muslim)



Syed Marshood Ali Al-Quadri,
Member (Muslim)



Mr. Sahidul Islam, IAS,
Ex-Officio Member,
(upto 09.03.2015)
Secretary, MA & ME Department



Sayeed Ahmed Baba, IAS,
Ex-Officio Member,
(from 09.03.2015) Principal
Secretary, MA & ME Department



Shri Shakeel Ahmed,
WBCS(Exe.) Ex-Officio
Member Member, Secretary & Ex-
Officio Joint Secretary

B. Details of Staff Strength

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Sanctioned Post	Existing Post	Vacant Post
1.	Member Secretary (in the Rank of Joint Secretary)	1	1	0
2.	Assistant Secretary	1	0	1
3.	Personal Assistant	3	2	1
4.	U. D. Assistant	2	1	1
5.	Typist	2	2	0
6.	Accountant	1	0	1
7.	L. D. Assistant	1	0	1
8.	Peon	4	2	2
	TOTAL	15	8	7

II. NATURE OF COMPLAINTS/ GRIEVANCES

The West Bengal Minorities' Commission is a statutory body constituted under West Bengal Minorities' Commission Act 1996.

This body while discharging functions enshrined u/s 4 of West Bengal Minorities' Commission Act 1996, also functions as apex body in the State of West Bengal for the redressal of Minorities' grievances.

- In the year 2014-15, 294 numbers of complaints/ grievances from the petitioners were received.
- Out of which 248 nos of complaints have been redressed with due satisfaction to the petitioners.
- 46 no. of petitioners relating to 2014-15 are under process.

The petitions formally received by this Commission are 294 and Suo-Moto Cognizance are taken for 15 cases from News clippings of Esteemed News papers.

Those complaints broadly fell under the following categories:-

- (i) Inaction or non- cooperation with minorities by different departments.
- (ii) Non-action on the complains of minorities by Police authority.
- (iii) Encroachment to the land of graveyard/ mosque/ Idgah. Even if harrasement to the house owners whose house is situated in majority area.
- (iv) Discrimination in service matters, selection and appointment procedures, educational matters including scholarship discrimination and other kind of deprivation.
- (v) Delay in getting OBC/ ST Certificates/ Passport from the competent authority.
- (vi) Haj related/ Wakf related matters.
- (vii) Non-recognition, financial help in the SSK/ MSK schools/ Madrasahs- Mid-day meal & dress etc.
- (viii) Apprehension of Communal flare up on the occasion of Eid-Ud-Zoha/ Muharram and not allowing to perform Quarbani.
- (ix) Various types of personal disputes and land disputes.

On receipt of complaints, the contents of petitions are examined and if there is prima-facie evidence of discrimination or preferential treatment to the minorities, a report is sought from the concerned department. The reports, received, are again examined and if seemed satisfactory to the Commission, the copy of the same is communicated to the petitioner for feedback.

Most of the matters are favourably solved at the first intervention of Commission. But, there are

few occasions where the petitioner is not satisfied with the outcome of the matter. In that case, the commission constitutes a bench for hearing of the matter with all sides.

Following are the cases which were resolved by resorting to hearing and passing reasoned order:-

1. Anzarul Hoque Pathan & Ors Vs. Local Administration dt. 27.04.2014
2. Arif Sardar & Ors. Vs. Meghnad Saha Institute dt. 28.04.2014 & 31.10.2014

A. An Account of Disposal of Complaints

2013-14			2014-15		
No. of Complaints received.	No. of Complaints taken for Action.	No. of Complaints disposed.	No. of Complaints received.	No. of Complaints taken for Action.	No. of Complaints disposed of.
277	277	ALL	294	294	248

B. Number of Meetings with Date:

Sl. No. of Meeting	Date
86 th Meeting	02/05/2014
87 th Meeting	20/06/2014
88 th Meeting	31/07/2014
89 th Meeting	25/09/2014
90 th Meeting	30/10/2014
91 st Meeting	10/12/2014
92 nd Meeting	20/01/2015
93 rd Meeting	20/02/2015
94 th Meeting	30/03/2015

III. AN ACCOUNT OF HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE BENCH OF THE COMMISSION**A. Hearing of The Petition of Dr. Anzarul Hoque Pathan**

Hearing regarding Construction of Mosque at Chandrakona Road, Paschim Medinipur

Dt. – 27th April, 2014 Time:– 2-00 P.M.

Place:– Conference Room, West Bengal Minorities' Commission, Khadya Bhawan

The Bench is comprised of :

- i. Shri Intaj Ali Shah, Hon'ble Chairman, WBMC.
- ii. Shri N. F. Tankariwala, Member, WBMC.
- iii. Syed Md. Nizamuddin Ali, Member, WBMC.

The case No.MC/C-90/2014 dated 28.03.2014 of the Complainant/Petitioner Dr. Anzarul Hoque Pathan was taken up for hearing. The Petitioner Dr. Anzarul Hoque Pathan appeared before this Commission along-with his other three members of Masjid-E-Omer Masjid Committee. Mr. Bishwa Ranjan Mukherjee, DOMA; appeared on behalf of District Magistrate, Paschim Medinipur. The Officer-in-Charge Hirak Biswas appeared on behalf of Superintendent of Police, Paschim Midnapore. Mr. Tapan Kumar Manna, Deputy D.L. & L.R.O; appeared on behalf of D.L.&L.R.O, Paschim Midnapore. The matter was taken up for hearing at 2-00 p.m.

Heard the Petition of Dr. A.H.P. Mr. Abu Sale, Secretary of Masjid Committee, is too much vociferous for construction of Mosque and he cited some examples as the then Minister Susanta Ghosh of Paschimanchal had given one Order. At his behest local Panchayat had given one permission in writing for construction of a Prayer Hall on Chandrakona road but that Prayer Hall has not yet been constructed. In the meantime, certain developments took place in this area.

The Officer-in-Charge Hirak Biswas had cited some episodes which took place on 26.07.2010 that one Arun Mishra lodged one complaint with them against the Mosque Committee. He also stated before this Bench that he had submitted charge sheet against the accused persons and the cases are pending before the Ld. Court for trial.

The Ld. Deputy Collector, B. Mukherjee stated before this Bench that the Ld. A.D.M.(L.R.), Paschim Midnapore, had given one vivid report before Ld. D.M. on 12.08.14. He also relied upon the report of Ld. SDO dated 8.8.2014. Mr. Hirak Biswas, Officer-in-Charge, had given emphasis upon Section-3 of West Bengal Religious Buildings & Places Act, 1985.

The Petitioner Dr. A.H.P. and Mr. Abu Sale had tried to convince this Bench that there is no disharmony between two communities in the said particular area. No communal tension or no religious insinuation took place ever since 2010. He had shown some snaps before the Hon'ble Members of this Bench as there is good harmony and amity between two communities. The Muslim people used to offer Prayer in the corridor of the temple and they also used to break their fasting during the month of Ramzan adjacent to Shiv temple, Kali temple of the market place and there is no disharmony. The ambience in the

nearby Mosque or temple is too much congenial since years together between both the communities.

There are juxtaposition of Mosque and temple are rampant in our country like in Banaras, Kolkata and several other places. It is best known to the vested interested persons of particular community why they are standing on the way of Minority people for construction of a Mosque/Masjid on their own purchased mutated land.

Two Members of the Bench also expressed their anxiety as how long the Minority Muslim people will offer prayers on the courtyard and open places during rainy season or winter season or during scorching heat in Summer. They also opined that some disgruntled guys/elements used to make some certain religious insinuation between two communities. Mr. Hirak Biswas, Officer-in-Charge; has tacitly or very innocuously admitted before this Commission that they have to provide Police picketing in the said area for avoiding communal tension till now.

Mr. Abu Sale, Secretary of Masjid Committee had tried to convince this Bench that it is a fantasy of the administration and they are tacitly encouraging Members of other groups. Mr. Biswas, O.C., Paschim Midnapore, had narrated before this Commission that Police picketing is in force or is in existence in the nearby area of the said Mosque/Masjid even now.

The crucial question involves whether the people of Minority Communities like the Petitioner can offer daily congregation 5 times in a day in the said highly Minority Dominated Bazar like Chandra Kona or not.

It is a fact that Ld. D.M. and District Collector is the competent authority to grant permission for construction of any Religious Buildings in any place but the Ld. D.M. did not divulge the real epithet. He had shirked his responsibility upon the Deputy Collector Bishwa Ranjan Mukherjee and S.P. had shirked her responsibility upon O.C. Hirak Biswas of Garbeta P.S. They ought to have given certain workable suggestion so that no untoward incident may take place in near future and/or to rouse the good senses of vested interested people of that area.

Now, the moot question of the Hearing centres round whether in the present changing scenario and the present development in the particular area this Commission can direct or compel the D.M. to pass any Order then that would be redundant. This Commission cannot do that as because Statute itself has empowered the competent person like D.M./Collector to pass the Order under Religious Building Act..

This Bench has got every sympathy for the people of Minority Communities, who intend to raise or construct Masjid/Mosque on Chandra Kona road. It is a fact that they are offering daily congregation in open field or sometime in market field during the time of rainy season or during the time of winter season so it would not be highly impediment upon any party if one workable order be passed by the Ld. Collector, Paschim Midnapore, in pursuance of Section 3/5 of said Act in conformity with Article 25 of the Constitution of India. Merely on apprehension of communal violence the Administration cannot seat tight years together. Rather, the Administration like Ld. Collector and S.P. can negotiate the matter with the local people's representatives of both the communities. They should not adopt the policy like "Dog in the

Manager Policy”.

This Bench, further, opined that the Ld. D.M./Collector and the administration must mull twice and to take a decision so that cohesion must be prevailed upon two communities despite certain inhibition. The Bench also, further, opined that the competent authority, Ld. D.M. can consult/consider with the local people/ Gram Panchayat Pradhan or the Panchayat Samiti Sabhapati, Zilla Parishad Sabhadhipati and Members so that the Ld. D.M. can give his credence to the concerned plan of the local body.

Xerox copy of the Order of this Bench be served upon the Petitioner Dr. Anjarul Haque Pathan as well as to the Ld. District Magistrate, Paschim Midnapore; the Superintendent of Police, Paschim Midnapore; the D.L.&L.R.O, Paschim Midnapore, for their information and good consideration.

Thus the instant file be not disposed of at present.



(Syed Nizamuddin Ali)
(Member,
West Bengal Minorities'
Commission)



(N.F. Tankariwala)
(Member,
West Bengal Minorities'
Commission)



(Intaj Ali Shah (W.B.H.J.S(Retd.)
(Chairman),
West Bengal Minorities' Commission)

B. Hearing of the Petition of Arif Sardar vs. Meghnad Saha Institute of Technology

The Hearing held on 28.04.2014 at 2-00 P.M.

Place:- The Conference Room, West Bengal Minorities' Commission, Khadya Bhawan

The Bench of this Commission is comprised of:-

- i) Mr. Intaj Ali Shah, WBHJS (Retd.), Hon'ble Chairman, WBMC.
- ii) Prof. Maria Fernandes, Vice-Chairperson, WBMC.
- iii) Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, Member-Secretary, WBMC.

The Petitioner, Arif Sardar, C/o. Abdul Gaffar Sardar, Vill. Sappukur, P.O. & P.S. Haroa, Dist. North 24 Pgs. along with 4 other Petitioners appeared before this Commission for hearing at 2-00 p.m. Mr. Subhas Basu, General Administrator, appeared before this Commission on behalf of the Principal of Meghnad Saha Institute and Md. Sahid Alam, Ld. General Manager appeared before this Commission on behalf of M.D., W.B.M.D.F.C. on time. The file No. MC/C-214/2013 dated 18.09.13 is taken up for hearing at 2-00 p.m.

Heard the Petitioner Arif Sardar along with other Petitioners. It is a fact that that the Petitioner Arif Sardar along-with 4 other Petitioners had availed of W.B.M.D.F.C. Scholarship from 1st semester but they applied before their College authority Meghnad Saha Institute of Technology for West Bengal Free-ship Scheme (W.B.F.S.) for extending the benefit of full and half tuition fee Waiver to meritorious students from economically weak backgrounds.

Md. Sahid Alam, General Manager of W.B.M.D.F.C. very innocuously submitted during the time of hearing that they have already granted cheques but due to ensuing Parliamentary election the cheques have not yet been transmitted to the Petitioners.

The Petitioner Arif Sardar along-with 4 other Petitioners further submitted before the Commission during the time of Hearing that they were very much inclined to take W.B.F.S. facilities since the very first day of their 1st semester of their courses in the said college.

General Administrator Mr. Subhas Basu of Meghnad Saha Institute of Technology, submitted before this Commission that they have got no objection to give that scholarship to the incumbents along with other 4 Petitioners. But their motto or their intention is to give the scholarship to the more economically weak background students as because these Petitioners are availing of the scholarship under W.B.M.D.F.C. In view of Minority Affairs Department's Notification the students of economically weak section can avail of Scholarship or eligible to get the same form any one place.

General Administrator Mr. Subhas Basu of Meghnad Saha Institute of Technology, further, submitted that in pursuance of the Central Government direction scholarship holders will not avail any other scholarship/stipend for pursuing the course. It is eligible criteria for availing of scholarship for loan from the Government. Mr. Subhas Basu along with other Office Assistant very innocuously submitted that they have got no objection if the Petitioner/incumbent to give undertaking before this Commission that

they will not avail of scholarship from W.B.M.D.F.C. then there will not be any hindrance or any obligation upon the college authority to provide

Scholarship under W.B.F.S. to them. The incumbents are very much interested to give the undertaking before this Commission as well as to the College authority that they will not further receive or accept scholarship from the W.B.M.D.F.C. as they are eager for scholarship of W.B.F.S. Whatever scholarship they have until received for their respective semesters that cannot be adjusted. Henceforth, the College authority must provide scholarships as per norms of W.B.F.S. to the incumbents without any hindrance or without any further direction or anything else.

It is a fact that students and College authority have got heavenly relation that cannot be ascertained by money alone. It is prima-facie evident that the petitioners to some extent have been discriminated. It would be prudent to note here that henceforth the College authority to provide scholarship under W.B.F.S. that it will not be any impediment upon the college authority to provide or succour to economically weak students of that college.

The cheque which was issued by the W.B.M.D.F.C. that can be transmitted to the incumbents and the college authority be directed to accommodate the incumbent students from the current financial year so that their fees or other facilities else be adjusted from the current semester.

Mr. S. Basu, G.A of M.S.I.O.T. reiterated before this Commission that this Order may be affected from this financial year but the incumbents/Petitioners submitted before this Commission that it was the duty of the College authority to initiate/provide the said scholarship from the 2nd Semester. But the college authority did not provide them as because they are availing of the scholarship from the W.B.M.D.F.C.

For the ends of justice one Workable Order may be passed to that effect so that the College authority must accommodate the previous arrears of the students since the 2nd semester if the amount which they receive from the W.B.F.S. and the demand of the College authority be mitigated that also can be accommodated reasonably so that the incumbent/students may not face any hardship or financial stringency during the course of education in the 3rd semester of their academic session.

Copy of this Order be served upon the college authority of Meghnath Saha Institute of Technology, the Managing Director of W.B.M.D.F.C. and the incumbents accordingly for their strict compliance and guidance.

Thus the instant case be disposed of in the above manner.



(Member-Secretary)



(Vice-Chairperson)



(Chairman)

IV. INTERVENTION OF THE COMMISSION ON SOME IMPORTANT COMPLAINTS

A brief Account of Important Complaints & Commission's Successful Intervention

Sl. No	File No. with Name & Address of the Petitioner	Grievance	Intervention by the Commission	Status
1.	MC/C-106/2014 Mr. Habibur Rahaman, Vill- Balley, P.O.- Rajendrapur. P.S.- Basirhat, North 24 Parganas	The petitioner appealed for renewal of his Job as NPA Recovery Agent at the Zonal Office, Allahabad Bank, Barasat.	Zonal Manager, Allahabad Bank, Barasat was asked to look into the matter	The service of the petitioner has been renewed as Recovery Agent by the Bank
2.	MC/C-119/2014 Ayesha Sultana Vill- Uttarbar, P.O.- Khetpur, P.S.- Daspur, Paschim Medinipur	The petitioner had applied for OBC certificate in the office of SDO, Ghatal, but has not got the Certificate yet	A report was sought for from the S.D.O. Ghatal, Paschim Medinipur	The petitioner has got the OBC-A Certificate
3.	MC/C-120/2014 Rafikul Islam, Vill.- Mastarpara, P.O.- Katlamari, P.S.- Raninagar, Murshidabad	The petitioner had been expelled from job by his employer, Quick & First Courier Service. He has prayed so that he can join the work again	A report was sought from the Deputy Labour Commissioner, Murshidabad	Deputy Labour Commissioner, Murshidabad has assured that the petitioner will be offered a job on the basis of seniority from the list prepared by Station Manager, Raninagar Customer Care Centre & Divisional Manager, WBSEDCL
4.	MC/C-209/2014 Md. Jamil Akhtar Seikh, Vill.+P.O.- Handinopara, P.S.- Purbasthali, Dist.- Burdwan, PIN- 713 513	The petitioner had applied for OBC certificate on 15.09.2013 at the Purbasthali-2 BDO office but has not got the Certificate	D.M, Burdwan & S.D.O., Kalna was requested to cause an enquiry and send action taken report	OBC-A certificate in favour of Md. Zamil Akhtar Seikh has been issued
5.	MC/C-241/2014 Sahabuddin Khan, Vill.- Uttarbar, P.O.- Khetpur, Ghatal, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, PIN- 721 148	The petitioner had applied for OBC certificate online and submitted papers at the Daspur-2 BDO office but has not got the Certificate	S.D.O., Ghatal was asked to enquire into the matter and send a status report.	OBC Certificate (No. - WB1504OBC201402677) has been issued in favour of Sahabuddin Khan

Sl. No	File No. with Name & Address of the Petitioner	Grievance	Intervention by the Commission	Status
6.	MC/C-243/2014 Md. Raibul Haque, Vill- Nilapur, P.S.- Jangipara, Dist.- Hooghly, PIN- 712 706	Complained against some local people for doing illegal activities and vandalism inside the premises of a Mosque.	A report was sought from the Superintendent of Police, Hooghly	The enquiry reveals that the accused persons had a grudge on the petitioner from an earlier incident. However, the alleged persons have been warned by the local Police not to disturb the petitioner in any way
7.	MC/C-248/2014 Bazlur Rahaman Mondal Vill.- Baranaldaha, O.O.- Chotonaldaha, P.S.- Tehatta, Dist- Nadia, PIN- 741 156	The petitioner, an assistant teacher of Baranaldaha Colony Primary School, is Seeking arrear of his salary which was due to him as the school got recognition	D.I. of school (primary), Nadia and the Chairman, Nadia District Primary School Council were asked to submit an action taken report after enquiring the incident.	It reveals from the letter by the Chairman, Nadia District Primary School Council, that Mr. Mondal has been credited an arrear amount of Rs. 71,670/- vide cheque no. 087829 dt. 26.09.2014
8.	MC/C-283/2014 Md. Alamgir Khan, Vill+P.O.- Dabuk, P.S.- Mayureswar, Dist.- Birbhum, PIN- 731 216	The petitioner had applied for OBC Certificate in office of SDO, Rampurhat on 12.10.2010 through BDO, Mallarpur, but has not got his Certificate yet	S.D.O., Rampurhat was requested to look into the matter and send a status report to this Commission	The Petitioner has got his OBC Certificate
9.	MC/C-284/2014 Sk. Jiyaaur Rahaman & Ors, Carry Road Pir Saheb Para, P.S.- Botanical Garden, Dist- Howrah, PIN- 711 104	The petitioners have complained that some local people threatened them while they were cleaning the Id-gah at Carry road where they pray Namaz for decades. The petitioners were preparing the place for Namaz during Muharram	A report was sought from the D.M., A.D.M. (L.R.) & S.P. of Howrah	From the Police Report, it was learnt that one Jayed Ali Mondal of 67 Carry Road objected the cleaning process claiming to be the owner of the land. However, he failed to produce any document in support of his claim. Jayed Ali Mondal has also lodged an GDE in the AJC Bose B Garden P.S. against the petitioners. At present, both the parties are kept in peace and sharp vigil is maintained over the situation

Sl. No	File No. with Name & Address of the Petitioner	Grievance	Intervention by the Commission	Status
10.	MC/C-331/2014 Kazi Mokaddesa Khatun, Vill+P.O.- Akuna, P.S.- Chanditala, Dist.- Hooghly, PIN- 712 701	The petitioner applied for the Passport to go to Haj but the Passport office turned down her petition declaring that the applicant was not actually a citizen of India	A report was sought from the Kolkata Regional Passport Office	The Passport (No.- M6773377) has been issued in favour of Kazi Mokaddesa Khatun and has been despatched by the Passport Office
11.	MC/C-332/2014 Basira Khatun, Vill+P.O.- Akuna, P.S.- Chanditala, Dist.- Hooghly, PIN- 712 701	The petitioner applied for the Passport to go to Haj but the Passport office turned down her petition declaring that the applicant was not actually a citizen of India	A report was sought from the Kolkata Regional Passport Office	The Passport (No.- M7289758) has been issued in favour of Basira Khatun and has been despatched by the Passport Office
12.	MC/C-09/2015 Sk. Aminuddin, Secretary, Abdul Aziz Khan Wakf Estate, Malda, 3/3 Hyderpur, P.O.- Malda, P.S.- English Bazar, Dist.- Malda, PIN- 732 101	The petitioner has requested to take necessary action to start the Construction of English Medium Government High Madrasah at Malda	A status report was sought from the D.M., Malda after enquiring the matter	From the report of Superintendent Engineer, PWD, it is learnt that the construction was halted for the time being as considerable time was lost designing a special type of foundation (pile foundation), which was required, as the construction land was filled up with humus and garbage. The revised estimate was sent to Chief Engineer (North Zone), PWD for necessary technical sanction and tender process.
13.	MC/C-16/2015 Md. Hossain & Ors., Bhel Bhutia Masjid lane, P.O.+P.S.-Sankrail, Dist.- Howrah, PIN- 711 313	The petitioners have complained that the members of Sibaji Sangha are trying to construct a Puja Bedi besides their Mosque, Sankrail Jama Masjid and thus trying to create disharmony between the two religious groups	D.M., Howrah was requested to conduct an enquiry and send a status report to this Commission	The report revealed that the Masjid Committee and members of Shibaji Sangha have come to an agreement that no construction will be made without informing each other. Presently there is no communal tension between the two parties.

Sl. No	File No. with Name & Address of the Petitioner	Grievance	Intervention by the Commission	Status
14.	MC/C-40/2015 Sahidul Mistri, Vill+P.O.- Mina Kha, P.S.- Mina Kha, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, PIN- 743 441	The petitioner has complained that he and his family members are facing problems during Police Verification for issuing Passport as they do not have any birth certificate	Passport Officer, Regional Passport Office, Kolkata was asked to enquire into the matter and submit an action taken report to this Commission	The report from D.S.P, DIB, North 24 Parganas states that Passport Verification Report in respect of the petitioner and his family members has been sent to the Regional Passport Office as 'clear P VR' by DIB Office, North 24 Parganas
15.	MC/C-54/2015 Sharim Rashed Quraishi, 1H 11Aga Mehdi Street, P.O.- Park Street, P.S.- Taltala, Kolkata- 700 016	The petitioner has complained that she was a victim of discrimination as she was facing problem obtaining OBC certificate	Backward Classes Welfare Department was requested to look into the matter and send a status report to this Commission	The Report of District Welfare Officer revealed that the petitioner has already got her OBC certificate (No.- WB1701OBC201500721)
16.	MC/C-69/2015 Secretary, Bagnan Teachers' Training College, Vill.+P.O.- Mugkalyan, P.S.- Bagnan, Dist.- Howrah, PIN- 711 312	The petitioner complained that their institute has not got Minority Status despite appealing to Higher Education Department in 2013 and National Commission for Minority Education Institutions	A status report was sought from the Joint Secretary, Higher Education Department	The Higher Education Department has passed an order awarding Minority Status to the Bagnan Teachers' Training College. The copy of the order has been forwarded by this Commission to the incumbent

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V. AN ACCOUNT OF SUO-MOTO COGNIZANCE

West Bengal Minorities' Commission is a high powered statutory body empowered by West Bengal Legislative Assembly to monitor working of rights and safeguards provided in the Constitution and Laws of the country for the Minorities, and to look into specific complaints regarding deprivation of such rights and safeguards by exercising "all powers of a civil court". During the Reporting year 2014-15, there were some matters for which the West Bengal Minorities' Commission took Suo-Moto cognizance or made special intervention and tried to mitigate the grievance as quickly as possible. A summary of such interventions is given below:-

1. A Headmaster Loses his Job for Raising Voice against Corruption in Mid-day Meal Programme

Jahurul Islam Sardar, the Headmaster of Niyamat Laskarpara Free Primary School at Bhangarkhali, South 24 Parganas, is facing the consequences for protesting against the corruption against the Mid-day meal programme of his school. He has been transferred to a school 100 km away from his earlier school but he has not been given any release order and as a result he has not been able to join the new school and has not received his salary too.

Intervention by the Commission

The news was brought to the attention of this Commission by Mr. Jahurul Islam Sardar during the study tour of Hon'ble Chairman to South 24 Parganas. The news was also published in the English Daily Newspaper, The Statesman on 10/02/2014. A detailed report was sought for from the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas and D.I. School, South 24 Parganas.

Redressal

No report has been received from either District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas or D.I. School, South 24 Parganas. Reminders were issued repeatedly for default of non-submission of Report.

2. Muslims solidly behind Mamata this time

A reporter from the Hindustan Times, named Arindam Sarkar, wrote a column with the heading 'Muslims solidly behind Mamata this time' where he quoted Imam Eidayin Maulana Fazlur Rahaman, Imam of Nakhoda Masque Maulana Mohammed Shafique and some Urdu speaking peoples saying that, this State Government has not done enough for them, and whatever has been done is for the Bengali speaking Muslims whereas Urdu speaking Muslims are still largely being deprived. They also claimed that the Muslims have been behind this Government all the time but all their expectations are still unfulfilled.

Intervention by the Commission

It came to the notice of this Commission from the paper clippings of the daily newspaper, Hindustan Times dt. 31/03/2014. The observation of Hon'ble Chairman of this Commission about the report was sent to the Reporter, Sri Arindam Sarkar and the Editor-in Chief, Hindustan Times and Asked

for explanation of publishing such report several times. It has also been informed that if the delinquent reporter fails to furnish report within stipulated time, the matter would be referred to the Chairman, Press Council of India for taking proper steps.

Redressal

No response either from the reporter, Sri Arindam Sarkar or Editor-in- Chief, Sri Sanjay Narayan has been received so far but the controversy gathered dust within a few days.

3. Communal tension at Charak Puja at Jamserpur, Karimpur-1, Nadia

During the Charak puja on 14.4.2014, a communal tension took place at the disputed land of Bagchi family at Jamserpur, Karimpur and some houses of local Muslims were burnt to ashes by the local Hindus because they demanded for passing prohibitory u/s 144 Cr.PC in the area. The male members of the local Muslims ran away from the house. The situation was somewhat settled by the intervention of the BSF, but still, the persons who ran away have not returned home. The children and female members of the Muslim families are living in great fear. Police has prevented any political or religious organization from entering the area. It has also been complained that no rescue mission or safety measures has been taken so far.

Intervention by the Commission

The news came to the attention of this Commission through the Print media "Mizan" dt. 04/05/2014. A report was sought for from the District Magistrate & Superintendent of Police, Nadia.

Redressal

Police took over the control very quickly. Fire Brigade was called and the fire was extinguished immediately. 14 people were arrested and a BSF camp was deployed at Jamsherpur G.P. Office. The police made lists of the culprits and made extensive raids to capture them and took appropriate action against the arrested persons.

4. Murderers of Sk. Rahim, a BJP supporter, are still not arrested at Ilambazar, Birbhum

Jafarul Islam, Supervisor of District Public Health and Environment, Birbhum, and 35 others allegedly Trinamul Congress supporters were charged for the murder of Sk. Rahim by his family members. The accused persons, specially, Jafarul Islam, being intimate to Anubrata Mondal, District Sabhadhipati, has not been arrested by the police. The role of West Bengal Minorities' Commission & West Bengal Human Rights Commission in this respect has also been questioned by Shameek Bhattacharyya, a BJP Leader.

Intervention by the Commission

This news was published in the Bengali daily Newspaper, Anandabazar Patrika on 09/06/2014 and also broadcasted on Radio. Hearing the News on Radio, Hon'ble Chairman of this Commission immediately contacted DOMA, Birbhum to get a detailed report on the matter. Being unsatisfied with the

information provided by DOMA, Birbhum, a detailed report was sought from the Superintendent of Police, Birbhum by the West Bengal Minorities' Commission.

Redressal

It is known from the report of the SP, Birbhum, that it was a hot altercation between two rival political parties which led to the death of Sk. Rahim. 9 of the accused persons have been arrested. Search for the others are still on. Offending weapons have also been recovered from the custody of the arrested peoples.

5. Obstruction in Burying a dead body at Bhagwanpur

Some Hindu community people obstructed the Muslims of Benudia village of Bhagwanpur P.S. from burying the dead body of lady, Rashida Bibi, claiming that there was no burial ground on the plot. It led to a hot altercation between the two communities. Sometime later, Hindu Community people blocked the Egra-Bohkul Road near the Nimtala Bus Stand and after being driven away by the police from there, they started to block the road at Bar Bhagwanpur area where they hackled the relatives of the deceased. This led to another hot altercation and brick-batting by which some police personnel also got injured. Some Buses and one motorcycle were severely damaged or set fired by people from both communities. The police force was reinforced further as the situation was going out of control.

Intervention by the Commission

The news was published in the Bengali Daily Newspaper, "Kalam" on 18/06/2014. A report was sought for from the District Magistrate, & Superintendent of Police, Purba Medinipur by the Commission.

Redressal

The Police from Bhagwanpur P.S. immediately arrived at the place at the moment they were informed and tried to calm down the people from both the communities. But the situation got aggravated, as stones were thrown to each other by people from both the communities, and the police had to resort to blank fire to disperse the mob. Police also helped the injured persons to get them medical attention. The burial of the lady was done properly under the presence of the Police force. Twenty persons from both the communities were arrested. RAF was deployed and they are patrolling the area all the time. Through search is on for the other accused persons and communal tension is on at the area.

6. Obstruction in Burying a Dead Body at Gangeshnagar

People from different religions protested against the burial of dead body of a 50-year old Muslim, Sk. Kaoser Ali at a graveyard at Gangeshnagar under Dashghara G.P. of Dhanekhali, Hooghly. This lead to a hot discussion between the two parties and Police had to intervene. The people from Muslim community people blocked the local Station-Bazar area in demand of burying the dead body. However, the dead body was buried near the house of the deceased person, as, even police could not restrain the protesting mob from other religious Community. Later, it came to the light that a tension is going on for a long time regarding the construction of boundary wall of the graveyard on the disputed land. Regarding this, several

complaints have been received by the Commission of late.

Intervention by the Commission

The Commission came to know about the incident through the Bengali daily newspaper, Kalam dt. 02/07/2014. Hon'ble Chairman, Sri Intaj Ali Shah expressed his great concern over the matter and a report was immediately sought for from the D.M. & S.P., Hooghly. Information was also sought for about the expenditure status of Rs. 10 lac, received from Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education Department in 2010 for construction of Boundary wall of the Graveyard. Instruction was given to the concerned authority to look after the process of construction of boundary wall of the graveyard.

Redressal

D.M., Hooghly personally intervened into the matter and a meeting was called for involving representatives from all the communities and it was possible to find a solution which satisfies all the parties and will help maintain communal harmony in the area in future. The issue of demarcation of the Graveyard on the disputed land was resolved by the A.D.M., Hooghly, SDO, Hooghly Sadar and A.S.P., Hooghly and the construction of Boundary Wall is underway.

7. A Trained Zari worker was lynched to Death by the Students at NRS Hospital

Korban Shah, a trained Zari Worker at NRS hospital from Uluberia, was lynched to death allegedly by the junior doctors on 16/11/2014 on the suspicion of a mobile theft. The brother of the victim claimed that Mr. Korban Shah was not a thief but a mental patient.

Intervention by the Commission

The news came to the notice of this Commission through various print and electronic media on 19.11.2014. A detailed report on the mishap was sought for from the Commissioner of Police several times.

Redressal

From the report of the Police Commissioner, Lalbazar, it was known that on receiving an anonymous call over telephone, Officers from Entally Police Station rushed to the Students' hostel of NRS Hospital and released an unconscious person of early thirties from the binding and took him to Emergency ward where he was pronounced brought dead. Post mortem report revealed that the death was due to the effect of ante-mortem injuries, homicidal in nature. On 22/12/2014, the control of further investigation was taken over by Homicide squad, Detective Department. During the course of investigation, seven persons namely, Jasiuddin, Karthik Mondal, Rabi Andia, Arijit Mondal, Yusuf Mondal, Javed Akhtar and Anurag Sarkar were arrested for their direct involvement in the case. The investigation is still under process.

8. Minority Woman was taken away forcibly and tortured heinously by Suri Police

A 22-year old Muslim Minority Community woman, named Hytunnesha Bibi, from Sattor, Birbhum, was taken away forcefully by police of Bolpur & Ilambazar P.S. and was tortured brutally. The

accused police officers slashed her fingers and rubbed nettle leaves on her private parts. The husband of the injured woman, Sk. Sabur, lodged an FIR against the police officers, including the O.C., Bolpur to Parui P.S. only to be surprised to know that the name of the police officers has been omitted from his FIR.

Intervention by the Commission

The Commission came to know about the incident through various print media dt. 20/01/2015 and 21.01.2015. A report was immediately sought for from the Superintendent of Police, Birbhum and Burdwan.

Redressal

The woman was admitted in severely injured condition to the Burdwan Medical College Hospital. Hon'ble Chief Justice of Hon'ble High Court took cognizance over the incident and the erring Police personnel had been closed/ suspended under the intervention of the DGP of State. CID, West Bengal has taken over the investigation for unearthing the truth.

9. Over a Hundred Adivasi's were allegedly forced to change their Religion to Hindu at Rampurhat, Birbhum

A police complaint was lodged against Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader, Praveen Togadia in Rampurhat Police Station on Thursday by one Bhim Murmu regarding the alleged forceful conversion of religion of over a hundred of local adivasi Christians to Hinduism. The Complaint was referred to a speech delivered by Mr. Togadia in a meeting of VHP workers nearby.

Intervention by the Commission

The news came to the attention of this Commission through various print & electronic media on 29/01/2015. A report was immediately sought for from the Superintendent of Police, Birbhum.

Redressal

According to the report from Superintendent of Police, Birbhum, a complaint against the incident was received and a case has been started (Rampurhat PS Case No. 18/15 dt. 29.01.15 undersigned 153/153A/295(A)/298/505(2)/508 IPC. During investigation, five FIR named accused persons have been summoned under section 41 Cr.PC. Investigation is still in progress.

10. All Muslims have come from Shiva & Parvati: claimed by Mufti Ilias

Mufti Ilias from U.P. claimed that Shiva & Parvati are the original father & mother of all Muslims and thus undermined the original Islamic & Isai faith.

Intervention by the Commission

The News was published in the daily Urdu Newspaper, Akbar-e-Mashriq, on 20/02/2015 under the heading, "Mufti Ilias Pagal Ho Gaya". Hon'ble Chairman made observations on the insane statement of Mufti Ilias and the observation was sent to the Chairman, State Minorities Commission, U.P. with the

request to recommend the nearby Superintendent of Police to bring the Said Mufti Ilias under section 295A and 153A of IPC. Copy of the observation of Hon'ble Chairman has also been forwarded to various Urdu newspapers for publishing.

Redressal

The Commission is in dark about the action taken against Mufti Ilias by the State Minorities Commission, U.P.

11. Muslims, heading for prayer, were insulted by BSF by spreading colours of Holi

Some BSF jawans, in excitement of the Festival Holi, spread the colours over some Muslims who were proceeding for their weekly Friday prayer in Islampur, Uttar Dinajpur.

Intervention by the Commission

The Commission became aware of the fact through the news under the heading, "Namajio Par B.S.F. Jawano Ke Holi Ka Rang Fekne Se Islampur Ke Chopra Mein Qashidgi" published in the daily Urdu Newspaper "Akbar-e-Mashriq" on 9th March, 2015. A report was sought for from the District Magistrate & SP, Uttardinajpur.

Redressal

The matter is believed to have been settled.

12. Vandalism, Robbery and sexual assault of an old nun in Ranaghat Convent Jesus & Mary High School

Some unknown miscreants entered the premises of Ranaghat Convent Jesus & Mary High School on Friday night. They robbed the place, desecrated the holy place, looted cash and valuables, amounting Rs. 5 lac approx., and allegedly raped a 71 year old nun.

Intervention by the Commission

This horrible News came in front through all the local newspapers on 15th of March, 2015. A report was sought for from the District Magistrate & Superintendent of Police, Nadia. Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, Prof. Maria Fernandes and Shehnaz Quderi, member of this commission visited the school and met the local administration on 17/03/2015. They also met the assaulted sister in hospital and enquired about her health from the medical board.

Redressal

The assaulted nun was immediately admitted to the Ranaghat S.D. Hospital for best possible medical care available locally. A case was lodged in this connection at Gangnapur Police Station. The image of the miscreants was obtained by the police from the CCTV footage, installed in the school premises. The images have been circulated widely via print & electronic media all over India. The police authority has detained 15 persons in suspicion of involvement with the incident.

13. Armed procession by Hindu Jagaran Mancha & Bajarang Dal at Baruipur, RAF Deployed

Kachhari Bazar area of Baruipur got heated when the members of Hindu Jagaran Mancha and Bajarang Party came out armed in a procession on Ramanavami and started to give ovation in the name of Sri Rama and Mother India in front of the Kachhari Bazar Town Masjid. Thousands of people came down to the streets in protest of the incident and they blocked the rail and highway demanding justice of the accused persons.

Intervention by the Commission

The news published in the Bengali daily Newspaper, Kalam on 29/03/2015 under the heading, "Sasastra Michhil, Baruipur-e Namlo RAF". A report was sought for from the District Magistrate & Superintendent of Police, South 24 Parganas.

Redressal

No report from, either, District Magistrate or Superintendent of Police, South 24 Parganas has been received. Reminders have been issued for submission of report.

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VI. A REPORT ON STUDY TOURS

Brief Account of the Study Tours of West Bengal Minorities' Commission during 2014-15

Functions of West Bengal Minorities' Commission is provided under section 4 of West Bengal Minorities' Commission Act 1996. A part of functions includes the evaluation of implementation of policy and programmes of State Government and the Central Government being implemented for the socio-economic & educational development of the Minorities. In order to assess the impact, West Bengal Minorities' Commission undertakes Study Visits to the districts of West Bengal which comprises two sessions- one each in both halves. Administrative meetings are held with entire District Administration and in the second session, Sensitization Camps are held to generate awareness amongst six religious Minorities.

During the reporting year 2014 -2015, the Commission undertook Study Tours to the following districts:

Synopsis of Study Tours

	Date	Places/District	Team Comprising
1.	27.05.2014 & 28.05.2014	i. Darjeeling (Sadar) & ii. Kalimpong (Sub-Division)	Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. N. F. Tankariwala, Mr. Bikash Barua
2.	24.06.2014	North 24 Parganas (Barasat)	Hon'ble Chairman, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, Member-Secretary, Sayed Nizamuddin Ali, Jaidul Islam Khan
3.	11.08.2014 & 12.08.2014	i. Kakdweep (Sub Division), & ii. South 24 Parganas (Sadar)	i. Hon'ble Chairman, Member-Secretary, Syed Md. Nizamuddin Ali, Mr. Ashok Turakhia ii. Hon'ble Chairman, Member-Secretary, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, Bikash Barua
4.	27.08.2014 & 28.08.2014	i. Tehatta (Sub Division), & ii. Nadia (Sadar)	Hon'ble Chairman, Md. Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Jaidul Islam Khan
5.	16.09.2014 & 17.09.2014	i. Rampurhat (Sub Division), & ii. Birbhum (Suri)	i. Hon'ble Chairman, ii. Hon'ble Chairman, Member Secretary
6.	16.10.2014	Burdwan	Hon'ble Chairman, Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Shri Ashok Turakhia, Shri Lakhbindar Singh

7.	28.10.2014	Coochbehar	Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, Mr. N. F. Tankariwala, Bikash Barua
8.	29.10.2014	Jalpaiguri	Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, Mr. N. F. Tankariwala, Bikash Barua
9.	29.10.2014	Purba Medinipur	Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. N. F. Tankariwala, Md. Jaidul Islam Khan
10.	30.10.2014	Paschim Medinipur	Hon'ble Chairman, Mrs. Shehnaz Quadri, Md. Jaidul Islam Khan
11.	25.11.2014 & 26.11.2014	i. Islampur (Uttar Dinajpur) & ii. Uttar Dinajpur (Sadar)	Hon'ble Chairman, Md. Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Syed Marshood Ali Al-Quadri
12.	09.12.2014	Howrah	Hon'ble Chairman, Md. Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Mr. Ashok Turakhia, Mr. Lakhbindar Singh, Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan
13.	22.12.2014	Bankura	Hon'ble Chairman, Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Mr. Marshood Al-Qadri, Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan
14.	23.12.2014	Purulia	Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Mr. Marshood Al-Qadri, Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan
15.	30.12.2014	Malda (1 st Half)	Hon'ble Chairman, Member-Secretary, Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery
16.	30.12.2014	Dakshin Dianjpur (2 nd Half)	Hon'ble Chairman, Member-Secretary, Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery
17.	28.01.2015	Murshidabad	Hon'ble Chairman, Member-Secretary, Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Mr. N. F. Tankariwala
18.	18.02.2015	Hooghly	Hon'ble Chairman, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery, Mr. Ashok Turakhia, Mr. Bikash Barua, Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan
19.	11.03.2015	North 24 Parganas (Barasat)	Hon'ble Chairman, Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, Syed Marshood Ali Al-Quadri, Ms. Shehnaz Quadery

District wise visit Report**A. Darjeeling**

Report relating to the Study Tour and/or evaluation of Government Plans & Projects in the District at Darjeeling in view of Commission's 86th Meeting dated 2nd May, 2014.

The team comprising of the undersigned Hon'ble Chairman and two other Hon'ble Members, namely, Mr. N. F. Tankariwala and Mr. Bikash Barua. The said team arrived at Darjeeling Circuit House at about 6-30 p.m. None of the District Officials had received the team of the Minorities' Commission. The Officer namely Mr. Arindam Babu who used to look after the minority affairs at Darjeeling District who conspicuously remained absent. He did not give his mobile No. to the office of Commission. But the Officer of Pilot van had somehow collected the mobile No. at about 7-30 p.m. on 26th May, 2014. Thereafter, the undersigned made ring to him then the said Officer had replied that he left for Kolkata on yesterday as his ligaments of hands had been torn out. Thereafter, he had provided the mobile No. of Mr. Animesh Verma who is In-Charge of Minority Affairs, Darjeeling District in his absence. In his absence he came to see me at Circuit house in the night.

It is very surprising and curious enough that the tour Programme of this Commission had been communicated to the Officer-in-Charge as well as other dignitaries of District about a fortnight ago. But the Officer-in-Charge of Minority Affairs deliberately left the station only to avoid hazards for giving queries relating to IMDP fund of this District as well as other schemes and projects.

However, the first session of the meeting took place at the Conference hall of District Magistrate Office, Darjeeling. A very few Officers had attended the meeting. The Senior Officer like Superintendent of Police Mr. Akhilesh Chowdhury remained present and one Additional D.M. Mr. Lama and others merely 13 Officers remained present during the 1st session meeting. The Ld. D.M. Mr. P. Yadav also conspicuously absent but it is reported that he left for Kolkata for the meeting of Hon'ble Chief Minister at Town Hall.

One representative of M.L.A. Northern Lama of Kurshiong remained present. One Executive Officer of G.T.A. (Gorkhaland Territorial Administration) remained present. The Officer-in-Charge Mr. Animesh Verma reported to us that out of 9 Officers only 2 Officers have been discharging their duties and they are looking after various departments. During the time of 1st session meeting the Deputy C.M.O.H. had attended after receiving telephonic call of meeting. The undersigned had enquired how the Integrated Minority Development Programme (I.M.D.P) had been implemented and how many Anganwadi Centres were constructed. They gave the reply altogether – 2143 Anganwadi Centres were constructed and 167 Health Centres were constructed but no Indira Abas Yojana or I.C.D.S. or Health S.C.P.S.C. Projects were implemented.

There are 4 (four) sub-divisions in Darjeeling District. The Sadar sub-division SDO Mr. S. Mondal only had attended the 1st half meeting. On query of the undersigned how many OBC Certificate he used to grant on each month. He reported to me that since his joining before Parliamentary election in the month

of February. He had granted altogether 300 certificates.

On my further query how many Gorkha Certificates used to grant by the Competent Officer in the district. They replied that such certificate used to grant within a day and they had granted 1735 Certificates to that effect. SDO Mr. S. Mondal, further, stated before the undersigned that he has got certain reservation for granting Gorkha certificates to Christian Gorkhas.

On query of the undersigned the Executive Officer of Gorkha Territorial Administration reported that no direct communication took place between Government and G.T.A. but each and every communication be made through District Magistrate, Darjeeling.

On further query of the undersigned it is reported to me by S. Samden Dolepa, Executive Director of Minority Affairs, Siliguri, reported to the undersigned that students are facing problem for obtaining scholarship cheques from the W.B.M.D.F.C. as because the cheques issued by the said W.B.M.D.F.C. during the time of winter session of the schools at Darjeeling district.

It is, further, reported by the Officer concerned on the query of the undersigned that altogether 290 M.S.K.(Madrasah Siksha Kendra) are situated in Darjeeling district. Social Welfare Officer and D.P.O. reported that most of the schools are getting midday meal. He also further reported that there are sanitary facilities in 80% of schools. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that Rs. 5 lakhs were granted for boundary wall of the graveyard. They reported regarding pension related widow that non-GTA 549 widows were granted pension and GTA 1031 were granted.

Similarly, physically challenged persons 444 non-GTA persons and 816 GTA-persons were granted. There is no scheme in this District under M.W.E.P. (Minority Women Empowerment Programme). Similarly, there is no Self Help Group in this district for the empowerment of women.

On my further query the Officer-in-Charge of Minority Affairs Mr. A. Verma in non-GTA area like Siliguri Milangar High Madrasah 39 lakhs were sanctioned. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt within G.T.A. area or within Darjeeling and Kurshiong one Anjumanara Wakf Estate is facing problem like litigation of civil cases. Two groups are at logger heads so one status quo order was granted by the District Judges Court, Darjeeling.

On my further query Officer-in-Charge of Minority Department informed that the Term Loan, Cluster Loan, Post-Metric and Pre-Matric Scholarship beneficiaries are 27,000 in this District. The said Officer could not provide any data relating to Prime Minister's new 15-Point Programme for the welfare of Minorities, 2006. There are 15- point agenda but the Officer-in-Charge could not give any satisfactory reply to that effect. The Social Welfare Officer also could not give any data whether they have got any library fund or any fund from Sarba Siksha Abhijan. They also could not furnish any data relating to salary of Para teacher. The SDO Sadar gave the reply on query of the undersigned whether Right to Information Act had been properly disposed of within the stipulated period or not. The A.E.O., Siliguri reported that she easily disposed of 8/10 applications on each month and Sadar SDO reported that he used to dispose of 4/5 applications.

The CMOH did not turn up during the time of 1st session meeting but the Deputy CMOH rushed to the meeting on the verge of closure that there is no restriction on behalf of the Minorities relating to sterilization and the said District did not receive any B.R.G.F. (Backward Region Grand Fund).

It is a fact that a huge number of people in the hill are enjoying the facility of S.C. & S.T. The authority concerned did not know about the pros and cons of N.R.H.M. But they tacitly admitted that the Janani Suraksha Yojana (J.S.Y.) and Janani Sishu Suraksha Karjokaran) are in vogue. The Officer-in-Charge Mr. A. Verma submitted that they used to transmit the amount in the name of the conceived mother under the scheme of Pre-natal benefit and Post-natal benefit.

On my further query it is learnt from A.D.M.L.R. Mr. Lama that they had availed of 27 men days under the Scheme of M. Narega. The rate of literacy in this district is 55%. On my further query from the Superintendent of Police that the rate of heinous crime is very low. Relating to children and women trafficking a lot of gangs are at Kharibari .

On my further query S.P. Mr. A. Chaturvedi submitted that under the Child Labour Prohibition Act one case was started. No Committee has yet been constituted in this District under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate or Superintendent of Police along-with the Executive Member of GTA in three hill sub-divisions and Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad along with Panchayat Samiti's Sabhapati of the said sub-division.

The A.D.M.L.R. Mr. Lama had furnished one list at the verge of closure of the 1st session meeting over the Scheme of N.G.N.B. (Nija Bhumi Nija Griha) within the Financial Year 2013-14. Total patta was given to 3,869 persons out of which Muslim community 120 persons got land about 5.80 acres total area measuring about 50.10 acres had been given to the deserving persons. The said list to be marked as "Annexure-A".

On my further query it is learnt that there was no separate water treatment plant in each sub-division. But they had availed of spring water and they had made one project styled as "Balason". After the 1st session meeting the undersigned intends to visit the Minority Bhawan in this district for whom our Government had sanctioned Rs.78 lakhs. At the threshold of the said Bhawan it is found a huge garbage had been staked and water soaked near to the gate though the plaque for inauguration of the said building had been installed in the last part of January, 2014 by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

No officer or staff of the Minority Affairs has yet been taken possession of the said building within 5 months. The floor of the room within 5 months to some extent had been damaged to some places. There is no proper vigilance by Ld. D.M. or the Officer-in-Charge of the Minority Affairs though the said building is adjacent to D.M. administrative building.

It is nothing but the lackadaisical attitude of the head of this district as well as indifferent attitude of the Officers of Minority Affairs. There is no scheme in this district like Janani Suraksha "Sabala" under the NCCF but they reported to me that in non-GTA area 8,000 Kanyasri applications have been made under "Kanyashri-1" and 8900 Kanyasri applications have been made under "Kanyashri-2".

The first half session ends at 1 p.m. The overall figure of the Minority Affairs in this District is not so cogent. The attendance sheet of the assembled officers and dignitaries is marked as “Annexure-B”.

The 2nd session of sensitization came held at Gorkha Ranga Mancha Bhawan, Darjeeling. It is a very sordid incident that the Officer-in-Charge of Minority Affairs could not arrange any sound system in such type of big hall like Gorkha Ranga Mancha. The Officer-in-Charge A. Verma remained present. Altogether 53 distinguished persons of different communities like Buddhist, Tamangs, Christians, Muslims, Jains, Sherpas and their respective leader remained present.

The undersigned had elaborately apprised of them about the West Bengal Minorities’ Commission, what is the right and duties and how the Minorities’ rights can be statutory and constitutional rights be ensured that was discussed in details. Several Minority group leaders raised question and the undersigned had given the ex-tempo reply to all of them.

The 2nd half session was most meaningful and congenial for all the assembled persons there. Some of them had submitted 3/ 4 Petitions. After returning from Darjeeling on 29.05.2014 the undersigned had opened files for the said complaint and the order was passed on each file after perusing the notes of Memsber-Secretary on 30.05.2014. One A. Hossain raised one point on Anjuman Wakf Estate but one statuesque order was granted by the Civil Court and that episode was within the knowledge of Mr. A. Verma, Officer-in-Charge of Minority Affairs, Darjeeling District.

One Serpa raised one sentimental point during the time of interaction session. He asked before the undersigned that several Ministers of West Bengal Government had been to the house of missing girl Chanda Gain. Nobody took any honest attempt and/or to give any solace to the Members of family of one Serpa who was accompanied by Chanda Gain.

The undersigned had convinced him that is not the lacking of Government. But the Government had taken initiative for searching out of the missing persons by their utmost sincerity.

However the second session of Sensitization Camp ends at 4-30 p.m. The attendance register be marked as “C”. That on 28.05.2014 the undersigned along with the team of Minority Commission had been to Kalimpong and one sensitization camp took place at Gandhi Ashram School 6th miles at Kalimpong.

It is a very sordid incident that the Ld. SDO Mrs. Radhika remained present in the station. But she did not dare to attend the said sensitization camp nor she ever made any courtesy visit with the undersigned and the team of this Commission. He sent one designated BDO to the Circuit house to receive us and that designated BDO being a Minority community he was accompanied by the undersigned and attended the sensitization camp at the said Ashram.

The father of the said school had arranged for one violin orchestra with the children of their school and the sensitization camp started at about 11-30 a.m. Several groups of Minorities attended. The undersigned had convinced them about the rights and duties of Minorities’ Commission and had given one option to them for interaction. Several groups of Buddhist, Tamangs, Jains and Muslims participated in

the said interactive session and the undersigned resolved their queries as ex-tempo. The said sensitization camp started at 1-30 p.m.

Thereafter, on invitation of Lepcha communities and one sub-divisional head of Lepcha gave invitation to the undersigned to attend their function and Kalimpong Town Hall wherein their convention was proceeding. It was raining cats and dogs at that time, in spite of that the undersigned had been to Town Hall and met the President of Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board (M.L.L.D.B.) and others. The President of the said Association as well as the Awardee of Banga Bibhuban Sonum Lepcha remained present. The Secretary and the President had handed over one memorandum to me. After returning from Darjeeling on 29.05.2014 the undersigned had given direction to office for opening file and after perusing the note of Member-Secretary those files had disposed of on 30.05.2014.

Thereafter, on 28.05.2014 the undersigned and his team had been to Siliguri an invitation of Jain Swetambar Terapati Sabha and one function or meeting took place at Terapati Bhawan at 7-00 p.m. The undersigned had been to the said Bhawan and had elaborately discussed about the rights and duties to Minority Commission with the assembled persons. More than 100 Jain Swetambar remained present and they enquired about their rights. They gave emphasis for issuance of Minority Status Certificate as well as for running Minority Institution and Health Care Centre in their respective areas. They gave one memorandum to the undersigned. The undersigned had attended the said function as Jains are one of the Minority groups of West Bengal Minorities' Commission.

This is above all the evaluation report of said tour and the instant report be placed in the next 87th Meeting of the Commission by Member Secretary and copy of this report be circulated among the members one week ahead of the said meeting.

Copy of this report be transmitted to the Hon'ble MIC and Hon'ble MOS, Ld. Secretary MA&ME Department for their kind information and the same copy also be transmitted to the Ld. District Magistrate, Darjeeling and S.D.O. Kalimpong for their information and necessary action.

Be it noted that this day i.e. on 02/06/2014 at 12.00 O'clock the Health Department of Darjeeling had furnished one report relating to pregnant women, new borne baby, Janani Suraksha Yojana (J.S.Y.) This report be marked as "Annexure-D".



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Chairman,
West Bengal Minorities' Commission

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B. North 24 Parganas**The Study tour of the West Bengal Minorities' Commission at North 24 Pgs. on 24.06.2014 relating to Socio-Economic Development of Minorities**

This Study team comprising of the undersigned, Hon'ble Chairman; Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson and two Members, namely, Sayed Nizamuddin Ali, Jaidul Islam Khan and the Ld. Member-Secretary of the Commission.

The District authority had arranged the administrative meeting in the first session at "TITUMIR HALL" of Zilla Parishad Bhawan. The first session started at 11-25 a.m. The presence of the District Officials were very meagre. Only one A.D.M. (Treasury) and Additional S.P. turned up. Thereafter, when the undersigned enquired about the D.M. and the Superintendent of Police turned up after a few minutes later. At the very outset the laws and order crime rate issues were discussed in presence of two Senior Police personnel.

The Undersigned had taken up some burning issues like human trafficking & children trafficking and asked the S.P. whether any Committee had been constituted in his District relating to any surprise raid to any nearby station or vulnerable places. On my query the S.P. had replied that no communal violence took place in his District but whenever any religious insinuation or any religious fomenting took place any corner of this District then Police authority had controlled the same with firm hand. The undersigned had enquired about the prognosis of the case of Rinky's brother Rajiv or incident at Kamduni or at Ichapur or Naihati and other parts of the District. The S.P. had replied that on their part they had submitted charge sheets within stipulated period of time.



Hon'ble Members of the Commission at the Sensitization Camp

It is a fact that whenever the aforesaid matters are sub-judice or within the session of the court then no comment should be made to that effect. The undersigned also enquired from the S.P. whether they had initiated any case against the Child Labour Prohibition Act but they could not give any satisfactory answer. No case has yet been started to that effect.

Similarly, no women trafficking cases or any proper measure has yet been taken up or initiated or any prosecution case against the offenders for women trafficking & children trafficking in his District. But it is a fact that a huge number of women used to traffic through Basirhat sub-division- Itinda ghat. The S.P. and Additional S.P. left the meeting with leave of myself as they have got some urgent meeting elsewhere. But someone should represent the Police Authority.

The Ld. D.M. Mr. S. Bansal conspicuously remained absent initially.. However, after the departure of S.P. the Ld. D.M. entered the venue and had replied the query of the undersigned. The undersigned had exchanged good wishes and reminded him that it is the second visit of the undersigned in his District and the first time the undersigned came to his District on 15.01.2013.

The Ld. D.M. had opined in the previous meeting that one Polytechnic college at Vabhla under Basirhat sub-division and one I.T.I. college at Haroa be materialized soon. But during the gap about one and half year that has not yet been materialized. But it is a very sordid incident that the District Officer for Minority Affairs could not ensure the presence of all S.D.Os and S.D.P.Os and Commissionerate of Barrackpore during the 1st session meeting at Titumir Bhawan. The Zilla Sabhhipati Mrs. Rahima Mondal remained present and a few Panchayat Sabhapatis attended the meeting but there are 22 Blocks in this District. Only one M.L.A. of Amdanga Mr. Rafiqul Islam participated and one representative of M.I.C. Mr. Jyotipriya Mallick and another representative of MLA Rathin Ghosh remained present. But no other MLAs or representatives turned up to the said meeting.

It is a fact that assembly session is going on. That is why the Hon'ble MLA could not attend the same. But it is constrained to mention here that the C.M.O.H., D.I. of Schools, D.R.D.O., Social Welfare Officer were also initially not turned up. During my intervention they had attended the meeting in a belated stage. However, the undersigned had enquired about the MSDP Scheme like Indira Abas Yojona (IAY); ICDS, Sub-Health Centre (SHC); Angwan Bari Centres (ABC). The District Officers of Minority Affairs had prepared one format from which it reveals that they had released the fund for construction of :

Angwan Bari Centres	345
Health Sub-Centres	36
Indira Abas Yojona	2222
Primary construction of Angwan Bari Centres	211
ICDS for the year 2013-14	211
Sub-centres of Health	22
Under the scheme of MSDP Arsenic free tube wells sunk about.	113

The District Social Welfare Officer had furnished one chirkut in hand written relating to widow pension had shown 2698, out of which Minorities obtained 442. Disability Pension total 2612, out of which Minorities obtained 462, Old age pension 6471, out of which Minorities obtained 1035.

On my query the Ld. D.M. had given the figure for construction of 6 hostels were approved, out of which 3 for boys and 3 for girls. Out of those Hostels only one hostel has been completed at Rampurhat and other hostels are on-going process that would be completed very soon which was opined by the Ld. D.M.



Audience at the Sensitization Camp at Titumir Hall, North 24 Parganas

From the State Plans 45 lakhs fund had been released for a new Boys' Hostel like Hajrat PIR, 55 lakhs were sanctioned for Haroa P.G. Hostel for the year 2013-14. The amount utilized & U. C. filed. The Minority Officer- in-Charge

Ld. D.M. (Treasury) also furnished the figure of Girls' hostels' Work order receipt. One Girls' hostel was completed and others 2 have not yet started among 3 Girls' hostels.

Under the I.M.D.P. Scheme in three Blocks Bangaon, Sandeshkhali and Barrackpore-II regarding ITI and Polytechnic college have been done by KMDA. For Amdanga and Barasat Work is going on in Haroa Block. Work had started in Basirhat Block-I. They had also furnished the figure relating to Geetanjali Scheme that all units were completed. Destitute women's Housing Scheme were completed. In 2012-13 & 2013-14 boundary walls of the graveyards were completed for 47.

The Ld. D.M. had opined that among 9 (nine) hostels 6 (six) hostels for boys and 3 (three) hostels for girls were completed. On the query of the undersigned the Ld. D.M. or the A.D.M. and newly appointed DOMA Manirul Islam could not give any figure relating to the Wakf property. But with regard to the query of undersigned

W.B.M.D.F.C. had given term loan	542
Pre-Matric Scholarship	1,53,000 students
Post-Matric Scholarship	16,112 students
Merit-cum-Means	684
Haji Mohsin Scholarship	15

On my further query the SDO Sadar and Barrackpore submitted that they used to grant 3000 OBC Certificates per month. On my further query they replied that they used to provide mid-day meal to all

schools and Madrasas. All Schools & Madrasas have cent percentage sanitary facilities.

Under the scheme of Nija Griha Nija Bhumi they had allotted 3175 houses, out of which 112 for Minorities. Chief Medical Officer and Health initially was not present but his Deputy CMOH remained present. He arrives in the mid hour of the meeting. I asked them whether they have faced any resistance for immunization coverage in their area or not. They had submitted one figure marked “Annexure-1”. Chirkut of Social Welfare Officer marked as “X for Identification”.

The Format report for District North 24 Pgs. furnished before the undersigned during the time of 1st session by the Ld. ADM (Treasury) which is marked as “Annexure-B”.

On query of the undersigned two Sub-Divisional Officers (Barrackpore & Barasat) reported to the undersigned that no application is pending under Right to Information Act, 2005. But they further submitted that they used to grant OBC certificate 2000/3000 per month. On query of the undersigned the DOMA could not furnish any figure relating to National Child Labour Project. How many Sishu Siksha Prkalpa were there. No figure can be furnished. I have already mentioned that the CMOH had attended the meeting at the fag end of the 1st session. The Deputy CMOH had submitted that they used to transmit the Government perquisites under the scheme of Janani Suraksha directly to the beneficiaries or stake holders in their Accounts.



Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. Intaj Ali Shah is Giving Speech

Similarly, the Child Welfare Scheme and Sabala Scheme are also in progress of the said District. The Ld. D.M. had answered on the query of the undersigned that there are “K-1” applicants about 1,53,000 and “K-2” applicants about 9,800 under “Kanyasri”. After the departure of S.P. & Add. S.P. the undersigned had enquired from D.M. whether North 24 Pgs had constituted any District Level Committee in collaboration with the Sabhapatis of Panchayat Samitis or SDPOs of 4 sub-divisions.

Article 23 of the Constitution of India provides for prohibition of human and children trafficking. Though the Ld. D.M. had opined that there was a committee but the Superintendent of Police innocuously admitted that no such Committee has yet been formed. On my further query whether any case has yet been started against any factory owner or any hazardous endanger Mechanical Institute for prohibition of

employment of children under Article 24.

The D.I. of Schools initially was not present. While the undersigned put the queries to the Ld. D.M. what is the rate of drop out students after Class-VI or Class VIII. The Ld. D.M. very innocuously submitted that there was drop out about 14,142 in the year 2012 and he gave me assurance that the drop out students be “0” within this year i.e. 2014. But Social Welfare Officer opined that they used to provide mid-day meals and school dresses to all the Schools and Madrasahs of this District.

Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) 84% women’s delivery used to make institutionalized. Those who used to make delivery in the house through skilled dhatri and they used to provide pre-natal and post-natal service to the conceived mother. They also gave the figure that 2 Sub-Health Centres had been constructed in this District after receiving the central fund. Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Palta Water Plant used to provide water to the Municipalities and the public.

On the query of the undersigned the S.P. and Add. S.P. could not give the figure how many under-trial prisoners are languishing in this District without trial but the S.P. himself opined as they had submitted the charge sheet on time in a sensitive case like Kamduni and Pinky’s brother Rajiv case but the conviction rate is too low. On further query



A distinguished guest is delivering speech

of the undersigned regarding N.C.P.C.R. (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights) the S.P. opined that no case has yet been started by the Police personnel of 24Pgs.

On further query of the undersigned how many pattas were granted to the beneficiary of the Minority Communities. The D.M. had given figure from his mobile i.e. about 6,550.

On further query of the undersigned the Ld. D.M., North 24 Pgs. had opined that they used to get fund like Basti Services Urban Poor (BSUP) and he also further opined that J.N..N.U.R.M. was maintained by K.M.D.A. The Ld. D.M., further, opined that his District is not under Backward Region Grand Fund. Lastly, the Minority Officer-in-Charge ADM (Treasury) had given the figure that 2,493 Imams got their allowances from the Wakf Board up till May, 2014.

Similarly, 1,919 Mohazzins got their allowances up till May, 2014. No Nodal Bank Officer had

attended the said 1st session meeting. They have got certain vital roles for providing different kinds of loan and opening of accounts on 'O' balance for the students of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric etc. The District Officer for Minority Affairs Mr. Manirul Islam who is not conversant with such type of meeting. But it is a fact that he is in this District under Barrackpore sub-division for certain period. He or the Officer like ADM (Treasury) who was In-charge of Minority Affairs in this District did not make any wild circulation and/or to ensure the presence of Officers and representatives of 22 Blocks like Sabhapatis of Panchayat Samitis nor even the Pradhan of respective Gram Panchayets in this District.

It seems to me that the District Administration is to some extent indifferent for the visit of Commission. They should not know it is statutory body. Lastly I like to say that the other persons of this Commission who were Members of the team, they had been treated by District authority Shabily. They have been asked to use common latrine in the circuit house besides parlour in the ground floor.

One Vice-Chairperson Ms. Maria Fernandez raised the issue to me before taking launch. Thus the 1st half session ends at 1-30 p.m. During the 1st session how many persons remained present. The attendance sheet has been handed over to the Member-Secretary that may be marked as "Annexure-C".

The second half session like sensitization camp inaugurates at the same venue. DOMA Manirul Islam had given introduced the team. Thereafter, the Chairman had conducted the said meeting and delivered speech and apprised of the audience about the "Rights & Duties of Commission" in details. One of our Members Syed Nizamuddin Ali also delivered his speech relating to the Commission. Hon'ble M.P. Idrish Ali had attended the said sensitization camp. He also delivered his speech and praised the activities of the Commission under the proper guidance and control of the undersigned. He also expressed that Hon'ble C.M. is also satisfied with the activities of the Commission.

3 (three) Professors had participated at the interaction session and they put certain questions and the undersigned had solved their problems ex-tempo. One lady Rinku also raised some points that was discussed in details. One Supervisor, one Assistant Controller of Examination, Barasat College also participated in the interactive session. The second half session ends at 4-00 p.m.



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C. South 24 Parganas

The report on Sensitization camp of W.B.M.C. held at Sundarban Mahavidyalaya, Kakdwip, South 24 Pgs. under the leadership of Chairman, Mr. Intaj Ali Shah dated 11.08.2014.

During the second tenure in this Commission the undersigned had started Study Tour along with Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, Member-Secretary of this Commission and Syed Md. Nizamuddin Ali and Mr. Ashok Turakhia, Hon'ble Members of this Commission at Kakdwip Sundarban Mahavidyalaya's Conference hall on 11.08.2014 at 1-30p.m. While the undersigned along-with team of this Commission had entered into the said auditorium the said hall was full to the brim by the enthusiastic people of 16 Blocks under Kakdwip, Diamond Harbour and three Blocks of Baruipur. On behalf of the administration of South 24 Pgs. the Ld. A.D.M. Mr. Barua; SDO Amit Kr. Nath of Kakdwip; DOMA (District Officer for Minority Affairs) Md. Noki and one Deputy Magistrate N. Bhattacharjee and SDPO, Kakdwip along with other Police personnel remained present during the time of sensitization camp.

Welcome address was given by DOMA Mr. Noki. Thereafter he performed like offering Bouquet etc. to the Members of the Minorities' Commission. Thereafter, the undersigned had delivered his valedictory speech for more than one hour and apprised of the assembled persons about the pros and cons of the Minorities' Commission and it's function, duty and



Hon'ble Chairman at Conference Room of South 24 Parganas (Alipore) meeting with the District Administration

performances since it's inception. The undersigned had also given option to the audience for half an hour interaction session. The undersigned had replied the queries of spoke persons in ex-tempore.

The Hon'ble Member of this Commission Syed Md. Nizamuddin Ali also delivered his speech and had tried to convince the audience about the activities of the Commission for the last three years under the guidance of the undersigned. He also spoke on humanism and he also gave emphasis on education of the Minority Commission.

A large number of people were gathered in the said auditorium. Our Member-Secretary Mr. Shakeel Ahmed also spoke on the said occasion and he stated before the audience what is the right and duty of the Minority Commission.

During question hour one Gram Pradhan of Pathar Pratima Block, namely, Parveen, raised one point that in her Gram Sabha the Muslim minority people used to send their girls to the said Madrasah for avoiding hazardous in the nearby co-education school. She also submitted that the said Madrasah can get the benefit from the Government like other recognized Madrasahs. Otherwise, some of the teachers used to go to Kolkata and other places for Zakat fund and other donation from different provinces.

Out of a few hundreds assembled persons only ten persons raised questions on different points that the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric cheques used to provide to the School authority through the Field Supervisor of the WBMDFC in a very belated stage while the cheques had been produced then the same had been bounced by the Bank authority.

One Zulfikar Sikha Bandhu who narrated his plights. He had been to the Office of District Officer, Minority Affairs, Alipore, for 16 times. But the cheque of the student has not yet got corrected by the authority. It seems to the undersigned that there is certain communication gap in between the Field Supervisor of the WBMDFC and the District Official for distribution of the said

cheques. This anomaly is not only in Kwakdip Sub-division of South 24 Pgs. but it is the common grievances of beneficiaries in almost all the Districts. Thus the co-ordination and collaboration will be in between WBMDFC and the office of DOMA. There is no cohesion in between the two Offices, but there is



A pictorial view of the Meeting with the District Administration



Hon'ble Chairman and other representatives from the Commission at the Sensitization Camp

inhibition.

Other 8 (eight) participants raised their grievances against the West Bengal Minorities Development & Financial Corporation and Directorate of Madrasah Education. Some of these Speakers claimed that mid-day meal and dresses also be provided to the unregistered Madrasah.

The said Sensitization camp ended at 4 p.m. The Ld. ADM, Mr. Barua had given the Vote of Thanks and the said Awareness Camp ended at 4-15 p.m.

Let this report on Sensitization camp dt. 11.08.2014 be kept with the file of South 24 Pgs., another copy also be transmitted to the M.A.&M.E. Dept., Nabanna and also other copies be served upon the Members of this Commission during the next meeting.

The report on Administrative Meeting over the socio-economic development of W.B.M.C. at Zilla Parishad Bhawan, South 24 Pgs, under the leadership of - Chairman, Mr. Intaj Ali Shah on 12.08.2014. in the 1st phase from 11 a.m. to 1-30 p.m.



Audience at the Sensitization Camp

The team was comprised of Hon'ble Chairman along-with Hon'ble Members Mr. Nizamuddin Ali and Mr. Bikash Barua held in two phases. The first meeting took place at 11-00 p.m. at the Conference Hall of Zilla Parishad. The Ld. D.M., S.P., A.D.M., SDOs of Diamond Harbour, Kwakdwip, Baruipur, Canning & Alipore Sadar and SDPOs, MLAs, Sabhadipati of Zilla Parishad and Sabhapatis of 13 Panchayat Samities.

Welcome address was given by DOMA Mr. Noki. Thereafter he performed like offering Bouquet etc. to the Members of the Minorities' Commission. The monitoring meeting regarding socio-economic development of minorities in the district of South 24 Pgs. took place after introduction of the participants . In the first half of the meeting the M.S.D.P. (Multi Sectoral Development Project) funds were discussed under the scheme of ten units.

Against the queries of Hon'ble Chairman regarding Polytechnic Colleges at Baruipur and at Diamond Harbour DOMA had reported that one Polytechnic college has started at Baruipur, another Polytechnic college has not yet started at Diamond Harbour as water is logging at the threshold of

Diamond Harbour. The first visit of Hon'ble Chairman took place on 11.04.2012 at Diamond Harbour. Two years had already elapsed but no Polytechnic college has yet been started in this District. They demanded money for 2nd instalment from the Central Government but they have not received the same as yet. So they cannot complete the Polytechnic college in Baruipur. The Sabhadipati of Bhangar Mr. Arabul Islam told that they have given land from BLLRO by survey for LT.I College Status of construction of Polytechnics

<u>Sl.</u>	<u>Block Name</u>	<u>Fund Received</u>	<u>Fund Utilised</u>
01	Baruipur	1356.5	1315.86
02	Diamond Harbour	1356.5	1230.00
03	Magrahat-II	392.7	294.97
04	Canning-1	239	239
05	Joynagar-II	225	145

Angwan Bari Centers- Against the queries of Hon'ble Chairman D.M. told that 251 Angwan Bari Centers under MSDP have completed in 29 Blocks. Before 2013 they have received amount from Government but after 2013 they have not received any amount from Government. There are total 29 Blocks. Between 29 Blocks 22 Blocks are minority populated, rest 7 Blocks are not minority populated. DOMA told that they have received Rs.6,90,000/-. It would be distributed in 22 Blocks.

No. of schemes implemented under MSDP under Baruipur Sub-division.

01.	Kulti	05
02.	Sonarpur	04
03	Joynagar-1	07
04	Joynagar-11	15
05	Bhangore-1	26
06	Bhangore-II	24
07.	Baruipur	13

No. of schemes implemented under MSDP under Diamond Harbour.

01.	Diamond Harbour-1	09
02.	Diamond Harbour-II	08
03	Falta	16
04	Kulpi	06
05	Magrahat-1	11

06	Magrahat-II	25
07	Mandir Bazar	08
08	Mathurapur-I	07
09	Mathurapur-II	09

No. of Schemes implemented under MSDP under Kakdwip & Canning

01.	Namkhana	04
02.	Kakdwip	03
03	Patharpratima	03
04	Canning-I	21
05	Canning-II	21
06	Basanti	21

Sub-health Centre- In each Gram Panchayat one Sub-health Centres remains, even most of the Gram Panchayats more than one Sub-health Centres remain. Hon'ble Chairman informed how may Sub-health Centers are constructed in your District. 74 Sub-health Centers have completed.

Arsenic Free Tube Well - There are total 133 drinking water out of 29 Blocks. They have received Rs. 85 lakhs in 1st instalment from Government fund and already UC submitted. They will receive Rs.1,27,000/- (Rupees One lakh Twenty seven thousand) in 2nd instalment from Government Fund.

Synopsis for Scheme approved in 68th EC meeting

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Share ratio</u>
IAY (Indira Abas Yojona)	5163	0.70	75:25
ACR (Add. Class room)	177	4.29	75:25
Girls' toilets	252	0.62	50:50
AWC (Angwan Bari Centers)	544	6.90	100:50

Additional Class Room (ACR) have done by Sarba Siksha Mission.

Arsenic Belt Zone – out of 229 Blocks, 133 drinking water are arsenic belt zon. Rs.1,27,000/- are spent for repairing. 2nd instalment has not received yet.

The District Officers of Minority Affairs (DOMA) had given one figure in a map relating to minority concentrated districts. The District, South 24 Pgs falls under category of "A" of minority concentrated Districts. The population data of the District as per 2001 census 69,06,689, out of which

22,95,967 are Muslims i.e. 33.24% among the total population; Christians 52,835 i.e. 0.76%; Sikhs 1680 i.e. 0.02%; Buddhists 1,799 i.e. 0.00 %; Parsees are nil and Jains are also nil.

1) Sector 1 construction of IAY (Indira Abas Yojona).

Gitanjali Housing, Nija Bhumi Nija Griha per unit rate Rs.35,000/- , total 5,000 units @ Rs.35,000/- each and Rs.45,000/- each were given to :-

i) Sadar Alipore	210 & 315
ii) Baruipur	719 & 1079
iii)Diamond Harbour	346 & 967
iv) Kakdwip	66 & 100
v) Namkhana	359 & 539.

The total units sanctioned and disbursed ratio 75:25, Indira Abas Yojona disbursement status:-

Bishnupur	60 & 90 each Rs. 35,000/- and Rs. 45,000/- respectively.
Bishnupur II –	16 -24
Budge Budge I-	65-98
Budge budge II-	20-30
Thakurpukur Maheshtala	49-73

At the same ratio Kultuli, Sonarpur, Jainagar I & II, Bhangar-I & II, Baruipur, Diamond Harbour I & II, Falta, Kulpi and Magrahat I & II, Mandir Bazar, Mathurapur I & II, Namkhana, Kwakdwip and Pathar Pratima. The said Indira Abas Yojona was also brought under B.R.G.F. (Backward Regions Grand Fund) wherein Canning I & II, Basanti and other Blocks were also given ratio 75:25, Canning II and Basanti 359 & 539 respectively that special scheme under BRGF in other 5 Sub-divisions proposal was given by the DOMA 1838 and 439. Similarly, other 7 blocks out of 25 total Sub- Indira Abas Yojona proposal 1838 and 439.

Under Gitanjali scheme of 2156 houses were given among 16 Blocks wherein destitute Muslim women be provided in the said scheme and proposal was received from them i.e. 120 and proposal sent for 120.

2) Lab room, Lab. equipment

45 out of total 90 were provided. The total computer purchased and installed school 256, rest computer to be purchased 344.

Construction of Health Sub-Centers.

i) 74 construction- 50% works have been completed.

- ii) ACR Primary Construction of AWC 70 -30's working.
- iii) ICDS 77 and 85 running.
- iv) Health SCPSC 74.

3) Drinking Water

- i) Big Project is situated at Dakhin Raipur.
- ii) Sub-Health Centers 350.

4) Additional Class Rooms.

Unit 70- cost @ Rs. 3.64 lacs. Work computed for Additional Class Rooms 11, Working Progress 76. Work have not yet started 13. In total 7 sub-divisions under District South 24 Pgs. 600 units @ Rs.2,00,000/- per unit. Similarly, Block Bishnupur I & II, Budge Budge I & II and Thakurpukur I & II, similarly total 29 Blocks were shown in the aforesaid manner.

5) Health

- a) Sub-Centres of Health 74, the Utilization Certificate granted for 38 work in progress of 36 under 5 sub-divisions. MSDP 700 construction of additional class rooms total approved units 60+ 100. Units executed and completed by DPO 87. The total units completed 687 and rest 13 are under construction.
- b) Anwan Bari Centres total 251 and completed 66. Work Order issued 185, under construction 185.
- c) Working in progress 36.

6) Under the scheme of A.C.R., Lab room equipment computer plan

A plan has been taken up to provide 100 tube wells @Rs.1,70,000/- in arsenic prone zone of the District total amount of Rs.1.70 crore.

7) ITI & Poly Technique

Two ITIs and two Poly Techniques will be established in the District. Be it noted here that in ITI Industrial Training Institute the standard of Education would be Class VIII. In Poly Technique College standard of education would be 10 Pass or Madhyamik. The work is yet to be started.

OBC Certificate

Regarding OBC Certificate SDO of Baruipur and Alipore Sadar and Diamond Harbour had got no pending application. They used to grant those certificates average 3,000 certificates in a month. The SDO Canning and Kakdwip are to some extent lagging behind for granting OBC Certificates.

It is admitted by the District Officer that no scheme has yet been started under Nija Bhumi Nija Griha in the 5 sub-divisions, namely, Sadar Alipore, Baruipur, Diamond Harbour, Kwakdip and Canning of District South 24 Pgs. Similarly, I.M.D.P. (Integrated Minority Development Programme) what amount has been spent for the said scheme i.e. not yet been divulged by the Project Officer.

No C.M.O.H. (Chief Medical Officer of Health) was present during the time of evaluation or monitoring meeting at Bauipur on 06.09.12. The National Assessment Accreditation Council has yet been implemented or not. Most projects questions' used to answer by C.M.O.H. but he was conspicuously absent on that day. Though Ld. D.M. had stated before the Undersigned that about 25 children were affected by Polio in South 24 Pgs. due to non-immunization of Polio by the ignorant parents of those children. No satisfactory result was given by the DOMA where the employees of Health Department had been to the doors of those vulnerable areas of the respective Block or any proclamation was made through mike in the respective areas or not.

Scheme of A.R.H. Belt Zone

No satisfactory answer was given how many arsenic hit belt zones are in the sub-divisions of South 24 Pgs. District.

Under the scheme of M.S.W. (Master of Social Works) D.P.O (District Project Officer) and another Officers stated before the undersigned that as per the report of District Programme Officer (D.P.O) through Integrated Child Development Service (I.C.D.S. Scheme) Mid-day meal used to provide through this scheme.

How the I.C.D.S. Centres are running in the District that was not vividly described by D.P.O. I.C.D.S. scheme of South 24 Pgs. in all 31 Blocks had been initiated.

No Child Welfare Committee (C.W.C.) is in existence in South 24 Pgs. Reproductive & Child Health (R.C.H.) - How Pre-Natal and Post-Natal benefits were provided to the mothers & child?

Now, we discuss about Prime Minister's New 15-Point Programme for the welfare of minorities as amended in October, 2009.

- a) Enhancing opportunities for education.
- b) Equitable shares in economic activities and employments.
- c) Improving living conditions of minorities.
- d) Prevention and control of Communal Harmony.
- e) Re-habilitation of persons after Communal Riots.

Enhancing opportunities for education:-

- i) Equitable availability of I.C.D.S. services.
- ii) Improving access to social education.

- iii) Greater resources for teaching Urdu.
- iv) Modernizing Madrasah Education.
- v) Scholarship for meritorious students from Minority Communities.
- vi) Improving educational infrastructure through Maulana Azad Educational Foundation.
- vii) Self-employment and wage employment for the poor.
- viii) Up-gradation of skills through Technical Training.
- ix) Enhanced credit support for economic activities.
- x) Recruitment to State and Central services.
- xi) Equitable share in Rural Housing Scheme.
- xii) Improvement in conditions of slums, bastis inhabited Minorities' Communities.
- xiii) Prevention of communal existence.
- xiv) Prosecution of communal offence.
- xv) Rehabilitation of victims of communal riots.

No actual figure has yet been projected by the DOMA. How many groups of Minorities had been absolved in the State and Central Government.

Office within District 24 Pgs. in the last financial year. He has merely shown the percentage of employment in this District as of 2.4% only though in this District the Muslim population is more than 34%.

It is projected by the DOMA that they had forwarded 1,531 applications for Imam's bhata and 194 applications for Majjins' bhata. But the Imams and Majjins of different Mosques used to make complaint to the Minorities' Commission that they are not getting their scholarship or bhata regularly.

OBC Certificate

The people like "Thander" caste made complaint at Metiaburuz area that the "Thander" surname used to get the OBC Certificate but the people used to reside at Bankra. Some surname "Thunder" are not getting the same. The undersigned had asked during the meeting with the S.D.Os and D.M.

Electricity

Several villagers of South 24 Pgs. used to reside in the respective houses without electricity. The administration of the said District be directed to take proper steps so that electricity can be given to all persons of the Districts, to all the villagers as early as possible. Otherwise the students of Minorities will be deprived from filing "On Line Format" for Post Matric Scholarship Form. Even if it is reported to the undersigned that a few dozens of computer are lying idle at the Head Office due to non-availability of electricity in a few schools of South 24 Pgs.

Loans

In the previous year Term Loan Application Forms were to be furnished once in a year but that has been relaxed by the intervention of West Bengal Minorities' Commission before the West Bengal Minorities' Finance Development Corporation and applications have been invited for round the year for Term Loan up to Rs.1,00,000/-. The Government employee need not be guarantor, one Tax Payee Qualified Person, Doctor or Engineer also be the guarantor of the said loan.

Welfare Directorate

Distribution of sewing machine to the self-help group. Similarly, widow pension or disability pension were 333 and 370 respectively.

Another Central Scheme for assistance to civilian victims of terrorist communal and naxal violence (Maobadi).



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D. Nadia

The Study visit by the West Bengal Minorities' Commission at Nadia District, The administrative meeting took place at Conference hall of the Ld. D.M., Nadia on 28.08.2014.

The team is comprising of the undersigned along-with other two Hon'ble Members Md. Syed Nizamuddin Ali and Zaidul Islam Khan. The said Administrative Meeting took place just at 11 a.m. Altogether 35 dignitaries remained present during the 1st session of the Administrative meeting.

At the outset of the said meeting the Ld. D. M. P. B. Salim had welcomed the undersigned and his team. Thereafter, the undersigned had guided the meeting and after giving Parliamentary short speech the assembled dignitaries were introduced to the undersigned.

It is a fact that this District Nadia is Governed under Multi Sectoral Development Programme as because the Minorities population in this District is 26.64 %. There are 17 Blocks in this District, out of which 10 Blocks are highly Minority Dominated Blocks and 7 Blocks are less than 20% Minorities people.



Hon'ble Chairman arrives at the D.M.'s Office

Be it mentioned here that among the assembled dignitaries the Ld. D.M., Add. D.M. ,S.P., Deputy D.P. & D.D.O. and Sabhadipati of Zilla Parishad Bani Kumar Roy and a few Sabhapatis of Panchayat Samities, one M.L.A. Samartendra Nath Ghosh, one Shyama Charan Chowdhury, representative of MLA, Mr. Kallol Khan, D.I. of schools remained present along-with D.P.O., 2 S.D.Os, DRDC, ADM of Zilla Parishad, DOMA Naved Aktar. Ld. SDO of Tehatta and Kalyani remained absent. Their representatives had attended the meeting. The SDO, Ranaghat Mr. Suparna Kumar Roy Chowdhury and SDO Sadar Maitri Ganguly remained present. The Attendance Registrar will depict the names of dignitaries remained present in the said meeting dtd 28.8.2014 at the Conference hall of Ld. D.M. The same is marked as "Annexure-I".

The District Officer for Minority Affairs (DOMA), Nadia Mr. N. Aktar had prepared one report containing what sorts of work they have done. From the said demography data of DOMA it is evident to me that the total population in this District is Rs.46,04,827/- (Forty Six Lakhs Four Thousand Eight

Hundred Twenty Seven only).

Minority population is	12,26,574 i.e. 26.64%.
Muslim population is about	11,93,888.
Christian population is about	31,162.
Sikh population is about	1,525.

Under MSDP Scheme the Central Government Programme is implemented through the State Government. There are 6 units or Centres on the said MSDP scheme. As for example- construction of Angwanwari Centres.

On query of the undersigned DOMA had reported that 193 Angwanwari Centers had been constructed and only two Sub-Health Centers had been constructed. 5,500 Indira Abas Yojona had been constructed.

For Minority I.A.Y construction-	457
AWC-	130
ICDS-	94

As per the report of Ld. DOMA tube wells were sunk for drinking water total- 242. Construction of additional class rooms were made 130. Thereafter, the undersigned had enquired about the status of OBC Certificate granted by the Ld. SDOs of 4 Sub-Divisions. SDO Sadar Ms. M. Ganguly reported to the undersigned that since August, 2013 till the last part of August, 2014 she had granted 8,000 OBC Certificates.

The Deputy Magistrate on behalf of SDO, Kalyani reported to the undersigned that since January till this day he had granted 4,000 OBC Certificates. On behalf of SDO, Tehatta his Deputy Magistrate Giasuddin Molla reported that they had granted 1,000 OBC. SDO, Ranaghat, did not send any representative nor had he furnished any figure.



Hon'ble Chairman is Giving Speech

Be it mentioned here that the Ld. SDO, Tehatta conspicuously remained absent while the undersigned along-with the team of Minorities' Commission had been to his Sub-Division of Tehatta on 27.08.2014. He also remained absent during the Administrative meeting on 28.08.2014 at Conference Hall of Ld. D.M., Nadia. The best reason is known to him what is the cause behind his absent whenever his Sub-Division is highly Minority Dominated Sub-Division. He has got no scant regards for the Minorities' Commission, rather, his wife M. Ganguly being the SDO of Sadar Sub-Division had participated and

answered all the queries of the undersigned.

On further query of the undersigned relating to information under Right to Information Act, 2005 SDO Sadar M. Ganguly reported that no Petitions are pending. The authorized officer of SDO, Ranaghat stated that two Petitions are pending. The person of SDO, Ranaghat stated that there is two Petitions are pending. The person of Tehatta, SDO also stated that there is no pending Petition at Tehatta.

On further query of the undersigned the D.I. of Schools (H.S. & Primary) in their chorus of voices stated that they used to provide midday meals and dresses on each school and Madrasah in their District.

Similarly, they also stated that each and every Madrasah has got separate toilets for male and female students. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that the District authority has given the proposal for 89 boundary walls of the graveyards and the fund received for 44, out of which 18 had been completed.

On my further query, it is learnt that District authority had granted pension to 1945 widows and Pension to 1741 physically challenged persons/distressed persons.

On my further query, the District authority could not give the figure under MWEP (Minority Women Empowerment Programme). They stated before me that the NGOs used to do the same.

It is further learnt from the DOMA that there are total 21,956 Self-Help Group, out of which 5434 are from Minority groups. In the year 2013-14 1062 Self Help Group, out of which 306 are Minority people. It is a very good sign that this District had started construction for 16 hostels, 12 for girls and 7 for boys.

It is shown in the brochure of report of Nadia that Rs.96,41,000/- each was sanctioned for the said 19 hostels and most of the hostels are under completion. Specially, two Boys' hostels are at Sudhapur Boys' High School, Chinkuria Boys' Hostel and 90% work had been done at Karimpur-II Girls' Hostel, Thanarpur High Madrasah. From the picture of Chapra Girls' Hostel depicts that is also under completion. The Ld. D.M. and DOMA submitted for releasing of further fund from the M.A.&M.E. Department. Other 15 hostels' construction cannot be completed.

There is a dearth of Girls' hostel at the Sadar Sub-Division under Kotwali P.S. of Nadia. One hostel is highly required on land of Sadhu Sekh Waqf property which is partially forcibly occupied. On my further query it is learnt that on Merit-cum-Means in the year 2013 this District Nadia has received 9,000 scholarship but they obtained about 1,71,000 Pre-Matric scholarship and reasonable figure for Post-Matric scholarship. No scholarship has yet been received from Haji Md. Mohsin scholarship. It was discussed that can be recovered and another Girls' Hostel be come up on that Wakf Property.

It is suggested to the D.M., S.P. and other Zilla Sabhadipati and other Officers to vacate the said Waqf property and/or to construct one Girls' Hostel at the heart of town.

It is reported to me by A.D.M. Zilla Parishad that about 110 Government Libraries are there in his District. 19 libraries got the fund but no special fund of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakhs) for each library

has yet been received.

On my further query it is learnt that there is no discrimination relating to salary of Para-teacher in the Primary Schools as well as in the Higher Secondary Schools as it is reported by D.I. of Schools (Primary and Secondary) as well as by the Ld. ADM, Zilla Parishad.

Under query of the undersigned it is learnt that 100 Shishu Siksha Prkalpas are situated in Nadia District under National Child Labour Project. It is further learnt that altogether 26 M.S.K. and S.S.K. Senior type are in the Nadia District. It is also learnt that there is no discrepancy relating to disbursement of honorarium to the teaching and non-teaching staff of any S.S.K. & M.S.K. School of this District.

On further query of the undersigned to the CMOH how Family Welfare work has been done in this District. CMOH is on leave as it is reported to his Assistant who used to look after the Malaria cases or Department. It is surprising to note here that he could not give any proper figure how many Block Development Medical Officers are working in their Krishnanagar, District- Nadia. The said Assistant could not give any proper figure.

On further query whether they are facing resistance for immunization/sterilization programme of the people of Nadia District. On further query of the undersigned the Assistant of CMOH could not furnish any figure relating to National Rural Health Mission whether the said Scheme has yet been materialized or not. The Assistant of CMOH could not give any figure whether any child has been affected by Polio in this District or not. The D.I. of Schools reported to the undersigned on query that rate of literacy in this District is 75%. On my further query it is learnt that not a single Block in Nadia District has got more than 10% Urdu speaking people

The Ld. D.M. and DOMA further reported to me that no Sub-Division or Block has yet been received any Backward Region Grant Fund. Similarly, no Institution has yet been established under the PPP Model in this District. But the Ld. D.M. P. B. Salim and DOMA N. Aktar reported to me that at Dhubuli T.B. hospital campus one PPP Model is going to be established.

On my further query relating to the Water Treatment Plant in this District, Nadia, they replied that several Water Treatment Plants under the Public Health Engineering are in existence or rendering in this District.

On further query it is learnt that all the Blocks are Arsenic Heat Belt. On further query it is learnt that the District Medical Officer of Health used to provide cheque for the nutrition in the Pre-natal and Post-natal stage of mother and child in their account. They could not give any figure to that effect.

On query of the undersigned relating to heinous crime the Ld. S.P. Arnab Ghosh reported to the undersigned that 6(six) murder cases and 4(four) rape cases were lodged in his District. Another 39 serious cases were also lodged. But the said figure did not furnish before me on any relevant papers. S.P. could not give any figure relating to children and women trafficking rate in his District. No Committee has yet been formed in Nadia relating to trafficking of human being women and children.

Similarly, no figure has yet been furnished how many cases were lodged in this District under

protection of children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012. The S.P. reported verbally that most probably 70 cases were lodged.

Similarly, on query of undersigned the S.P. could not furnish the figure relating to Protection of Women for Domestic Violence Act, 2005. No figure has yet been furnished before the undersigned how many Minorities under trial prisoners are languishing in jail custody without trial. Similarly, no figure has yet been furnished before the undersigned by the Police authority of this District relating to cases under Child Labour Act, 1986.

Similarly, no figure has yet been furnished under Immoral Traffic Prevention Act how many cases were initiated. On further query of the undersigned they also could not give any figure whether any Committee on the elimination or discrimination against women or not. On further query of the undersigned the Ld. D.M. reported to me no case has yet been constituted under the West Bengal Right to Public Service Act, 2013.

The District Ld. Reforms Officer conspicuously absent during the time of Administrative meeting no figure has yet been furnished before the undersigned, how many Pattas were granted under the Scheme of Nijha Griha Nija Bhumi to the Minority groups . The Ld. DOMA reported to me that altogether 1154 Geetanjali Housing were provided to the Minorities people. Under the Scheme Jal Dhara Jal Bhara Prkalpa how many tanks had been excavated during the last financial year. No figure has yet been furnished.

The D.I. of Schools could not give any figure relating to the drop out students of Minority students after Class-VI or VIII. But they replied to me that all M.S.K. and S.S.K. Schools used to provide School dresses. The D.I. of Schools (Primary) could not give any figure under the Scheme of U.I.S.E. On the query of undersigned the Assistant of CMOH could not give any figure under Janani Suraksah Scheme or Swarna Jyanti Sarojgar Yojana or Sabala Scheme by the District Welfare Officer could not give any figure black and white. But the Ld. DOMA was able to give figure relating to Kanyasri I- 1,500, Kanyasri II-10,000 and Yubsri- 6,930.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt from the D.M. P.B. Salim and DOMA that 19 Karmatirthas had been proposed in the District Nadia, out of which 8 for Minorities and 2 Karmatirthas had already been completed.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt from the Ld. D.M., Nadia that his District had availed of the highest men days (i.e. 56) in West Bengal under M.N.R.E.G.A. Scheme.

Lastly the undersigned also had enquired from the Ld. S.P. whether they had complied with Articles 22 (4), Article 23, 24 of the Constitution of India or not. I also asked whether they had complied the Right to Education Act, 2009 and Article 21(a) amended Constitution.

The undersigned also asked the Police Personnel whether they had initiated any case in pursuance of Article 24 i.e. Prohibition of employment of children in factories or any hazardous places.

Thus the 1st Administrative meeting ends at 1-30 p.m.

Thanks to all assembled dignitaries.

Let this report be transmitted to the Ld. Secretary, M.A. & M.E. Department for kind perusal of Hon'ble M.I.C. & M.O.S, M.A. & M. E. Department.

The 2nd session like sensitization camp took place at “Yuba Kalyan Kendra” which is situated besides Sadar Hospital, Nadia.

The said session took place at 2-00 p.m. The undersigned along-with other two Hon'ble Members namely Md. Syed Nijamuddin Ali and Md. Jaidul Islam Khan, Ld. DOMA and ADM, looking after Minority affairs remained present. The said hall was full to the brim by august presence of different groups of Minorities – Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Jain but no group of Parsee remained present. A large number of woman participants had attended the said second session including a few nuns of the local Church.

At the outset of meeting A.D.M.(L.R.) had given short welcome address. Thereafter, Ld. DOMA N. Aktar delivered his soft speech. Thereafter, the undersigned had conducted the meeting and delivered his speech for about one hour and apprised of the audience relating to the rights and duties of the Commission and what sorts of work of the W. B. Minorities' Commission used to do and how the Commission can safe guard the statutory rights of the Minorities people en-masse of this State after interfering on several issues/ aspects. He had given emphasis value based education and/or to



Audience at the Sensitization Camp at Yuva Kalyan Kendra, Nadia

transforming the destinies of the students. The undersigned also had given emphasis for good wishes for doing something, good inclination, good thinking, good work. He also quoted from Holly Koran and

recited hymn of Sanskrit slokes and apprised of the audience.

Several dignitaries including Father of Church, lawyer of the local bar, lawyer of the High Court, Social activist from Tehatta and all over District Imams and several Madrasah teachers, school teachers had attended the said Sensitization Camp. They became satisfied after listening the speech of the undersigned over their Statutory rights, Constitutional rights and how our Solemn Constitution had given emphasis on Article 14, 15, 16 and Article 25 to 28 as well as right to live under Article 21 and Fundamental Right to Children Education under Article 21(a) of the Constitution and also apprised of them Article 22, 23 and 24 of the Constitution of India. The undersigned had given the example of his past experience as a Judicial Officer and had informed to the audience about the remedies provided to the Minority group people since his tenure 26.07.2011 till this day. Thereafter, the undersigned had given option to the audience for interaction session after putting question and reply was given by the undersigned ex-tempore.

Another Hon'ble Member Md. Nizamuddin Ali also delivered his speech and tried his level best to apprise of the audience about the Commission and he also did not deter himself to say that West Bengal Minorities' Commission prior to the tenure of undersigned which was confined within Bhawani Bhawan, though Commission was constituted in the year 1994 that was not known to the people of the West Bengal. But the undersigned had roamed about from "Sagar to Pahar" and Janglemahal to Bangladesh border. He also gave emphasis on education and/or to ask the Minority group students and people to merge with the mainstream and/or to contest all the examinations and go stand by stand along-with others.

During the interaction session altogether 15 persons had participated. One Father K. T. Thomas (Secretary) raised one point relating to salary of Teacher of School are not getting properly. He also submitted one memorandum to the undersigned, another person Sultan being the Secretary of unaided Madrasah raised certain points for its recognition. One Sifen Lahiri belongs to Christian community. He also handed over one memorandum and reply had been given to his said query from Minorities'



Syed Nizamuddin, Honble Member of the Commission is giving speech at Nadia

Commission after returning from Krishnanagar.

Another person Sahajahan Gazi of Karimpur-II also participated in the said Interaction Session. One Idrish Ali, Para teacher as well as the social activist. He raised one point that a huge number of cattle used to traffic in nearby Bangladesh with the help of some crooked persons. He also gave emphasis that there is no proper road in their area so the people had to wade through BSF embankment. One Hardev Singh being the Member of Sikh community had praised and congratulated the Commission for making such type of Awareness.

Camp in his District, One Laltu, Tehatta Sabhapati; one Mumtaj Begum of Kaliganj, raised the point that they are not getting the fund for Self Help Group. One Rizia Bibi of Krishnanagar narrated her plights that they are not getting DRDC loan. One Imam of Chandpara, Krishnanagar Sadar, raised one point that Imams and Moajjims are not treated properly.

One Sahabuddin also participated in the Interaction Session. One Sumit Biswas hails from Christian community raised one point that in the L.R. record their burial ground has not yet been recorded or corrected. The undersigned can remember that the said person also raised that point while the undersigned had visited their District on 06.03.2013. The Ld. DOMA and A.D.M. who is looking after the Minority affairs must look into the matter. Another Imam who represented their District Imam Kalyan Samiti who stated before the undersigned what would be the fate of new Imam and Moajjims. Haji Lutfar Rahaman being the District Imam of Nadia had handed over one memorandum that was based for redressing his grievances. Md. N. Ali Seikh also participated in the said Interaction session

The undersigned had interacted among the assembled persons freely and answered their queries very politely in ex-tempore.

The said Interaction Session ends at 4-05 p.m. Thereafter, the second session ends with thanks to the assembled persons.

This is above all the report of Sensitization Camp at Krishnagar.



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E. Birbhum

The Report relating to visit of Birbhum District on 17.09.14 at Suri along-with all Officials & dignitaries. Evaluation of Central government's Projects & State Projects

It is a fact that the Office of West Bengal Minorities' Commission had intimated to the District Administration well ahead of the Study Tour Programme through District Officer of Minority Officers Monirul Islam as the undersigned will make one Sensitization Camp at the highly Minorities dominated Sub-Division at Rampurhat on 16.09.14.

The DOMA and Ld. SDO had arranged the said Programme by wild circulation. The presence of the participants will speak the volume I had prepared one separate report over the said Sensitization Camp. None of our Hon'ble Members participated the said camp spontaneously. All of them are busy for their personal works. I asked my Hon'ble Members to submit one report what they learnt from the Annual Lecture of N.C.M. dated 12.09.14. Two Hon'ble Members, Mr. N. F. Tankariwala & Mr. Ashoke Turakhia expressed their views in writing but other three members did not bother to answer with my note sheet. On the other hand Vice Chairperson Ms. Maria Fernandes had expressed her personal vengeance & vendetta against the undersigned through e-mail that is ridiculous malicious and highly condemnable.



Hon'ble Chairman at the Sensitization Camp at DRDC Hall, Birbhum

However, Ld. D.M. M. Gandhi of Birbhum out of his good gesture & courtesy he saw me at Circuit House (Suri) in the evening on 16.09.2014 and intimated me as Ld. Chief Secretary had called him in one Administrative meeting at Nabanna on 17.09.2014. Thus he expressed his inability to remain present in my 1st Phase (Administrative Meeting).

Be it mentioned here that I know Mr. Gandhi while I visited Coochbehar District he was the District Magistrate of that District I observed that he had control over his previous District & he remained present in both the phases of meeting at Coochbehar as I can vividly remember.

Be it also mentioned here that the DOMA had prepared one Status Report over the Project of Central Government & State Government. There are altogether 19 Blocks in Birbhum District, out of

which only one Block, namely, Raj Nagar has got below 20% of Minority people. Other Blocks have more than 20% Minorities. DOMA said to me 4/5 Blocks are under I.M.D.P. Scheme and remaining Blocks have been enjoying the facilities of M.S.D.P. My query was whether any Block came under the cluster Blocks Formula and are getting benefits of M.S.D.P. or not. DOMA replied to me that they had furnished the format and will get the fund shortly.

The Ld. DOMA Monirul Islam is too much elated as his District obtained certain prizes for good works in Bengal and his District is over all in fourth position in the rank of good work in the eyes of Supreme Authority.

Be it also mentioned here that during the 1st Session Administrative Meeting the presence of Senior Police Officer was very poor or negligible. The S.P. remained conspicuously absent along with his three SDPOs of three Sub-divisions and other Police hierarchy of the District. Only one young Additional S.P. remained present. He is not so conversant with certain Acts except POCSO Act. I asked him to submit report how many heinous offence cases are pending. How many Minorities are languishing in the Jail Custody without trial years together whether they started. Any case for violation of Child Labour Act, 1986 Immoral Trafficking Act, 2012 under any Domestic Violence Act, 2005. Any case under W.B. Right to Public Services Act, 2013.

Any case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

Any case under the Sexual Harassment of Women at workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act, 2013.

Any case under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

Additional S.P. could not make any excuse what prompted his District Police Authority not to investigate the cognizable offence cases at whose behest they became shy or indifferent after being assaulted by one S. Ghosh inside the thana premises. The undersigned had asked the role of Police Personnel what precautionary measures he had taken relating to teenaged girls' trafficking in other Provinces like U.P., Delhi & Rajasthan. The undersigned had further enquired whether they constituted any Committee in the District level after making Ld. D.M. as Chairman and Zilla Sabhadhipati and some Panchayat



An audience is asking question to the dignitaries

Sabhapatis are its members. The Additional S.P. was fumbling. However, he somehow managed to furnish one list of cases under POCSO Act, 2012 but he could not furnish figure relating to under trial prisoners of Minorities are in jail custody years together without trial. Additional S.P. could not give any figure for violation of Article-23 and 24 of the Constitution of India. No reply can be given for speedy trial of heinous offence case in pursuance of Article 21A of the Constitution.

It is a fact that this District had received funds at the tune of Rs.40,000,00/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs) each for construction of 37 hostels, out of which only two hostels are got ready. It is in rumour that borders of Hostels are not available. Who will be entrusted to bear the incidental costs of those Hostels and under whose supervision the Matron, Night guard or cooks be provided. The said episode also be taken into consideration by M.A. & M.E. Department.

The Zilla Sabhadhipati who elected from Labpur happens to be the man of Bolpur who also tacitly admitted that some Blocks are Arsenic Prone Area of his District. They are trying to provide drinking water through nearby river and reservoir of water. C.M.O.H. remained present on my query. He replied that there was no resistance from any corner relating to sterilization or immunization. On my further query whether P.N.D.T. or N.R. H.M.



A pictorial view of the Sensitization Camp at Birbhum, Suri

Projects are in vogue in this District or not. Whether they made any surprise visit to any Nursing home for checking any sex determination racket is prevailing or not. D.Is of Secondary & Primary remained present. I asked them whether Section 3 of Right to Education Act, 2009 has yet been violated in his District or not. They answered no. On my further query relating to separate Sanitary Facilities on each school and Madrasahs are or not. They answered about 80% Schools had got those facilities. Whether Mid-day meals used to provide on each School and recognized Madrasahs or not?

DOMA out of turn submitted His District got Prizes.

How many Sub-Health Centers are in this District?

How many Additional Class Rooms had been constructed?

How many Indira Abas Yojona have been done i.e. 1428 in 2014-15 & 503 for Minorities.

How many Anganwari Centers have been constructed?

How many ICDS have been made?- Total 941 and 241 for Minorities.

That figure is available from the Status Report of DOMA which is marked as Annexure-I.

Nirmal Gram Abhijan

Under the Scheme of Karmathirtha or Marketing hubs there have been given plans in 19 Blocks. Only 4 hubs were constructed. I personally perused one Basantika Marketing hub at Mayureswar Block. I.T.I. (Industrial Training Institution) is situated at Elambazar- 40% work was done and at Nannor 30% work was done. One Poly Technic College at Rampurhat 40% work was done. No Engineering Institution is under the PPP Model but I have perused one Engineering Technology College on my way to Rampurhat dated 16.09.2014. i.e. situated at Basantika and another Engineering & Technology College I saw near to Suri town. No Scheme has yet been provided in between girls aged about 11-16 years under the Scheme of Sabala. But the Officer concerned of the Department reported to me that they used to discharge three hours extra works in each week to encourage the wards how to go to Bank, how to approach Officer, what is Health Insurance, what is the cause of Minorities etc.

On my query CMOH replied to me that 80% delivery used to make Institutional delivery in this District and 20% delivery of children used to make in the house through trained Dai Ma or Dhatri. The DOMA reported to me that under Kanyasri-I in his District 80,799 applications have been received and under Kanyasri-II 4,247 applications have been received. He also insisted before me that under Nirmal Gram Yojana 1,20,000 people had availed of the said Yojana in Block Elambazar. I raised the point relating to the water crisis at Sainthia Municipality that the layer of the water is very low, that is why there are certain problems. It was opined by Sabhadhipati of Zilla Parishad also.

On the query of undersigned it is learnt from the Officer concerned that no fund has yet been received from Maulana Azad Education Foundation. The Ld. Additional S.P. furnished one list relating cases under POCSO i.e. 34 in names. The said report be marked as "Annexure-2".

Let this report be placed in the meeting of West Bengal Minorities' Commission on 25.09.2014 for perusal of interested Members and the same be transmitted to the Secretary of M.A.&M.E. Department for information by Member-Secretary.



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Chairman,
West Bengal Minorities' Commission

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F. Burdwan

**Evaluation report in respect of the Study Tour second time in the second tenure of the
Hon'ble Chairman Intaj Ali Shah at District-Burdwan on 16.10.2014**

The Study tour of the West Bengal Minorities' Commission is comprising of the undersigned and other three Hon'ble Members of this Commission, namely, Syed Nijamuddin Ali; Shri Ashok Turakhia and Shri Lakhbindar Singh. In the said tour the 1st half session took place at 11-00 a.m. i.e. the administrative meeting of West Bengal Minorities' Commission took place along-with the District Administration of Burdwan at B.D.A. Conference Hall of Burdwan Collectorate.

During the 1st half session the Ld. D.M. S. Mohan; Superintendent of Police S. Mirza; two S.D.P.Os & two other Senior Police Personnel along-with Hon'ble M.L.A. of Jamalpur P.S.; M.L.A. of Bhatar constituency; M.L.A. of Ketugram & M.L.A. Sadar and another M.L.A. & two representatives of other two M.L.As; M.L.A. of Memary A. Mondal remained present. After Welcome Address given by the Ld. D.M., Burdwan the administrative meeting was conducted by the undersigned and asked the official concerned to introduce with each other of the assembled dignitaries one after another.

Be it mentioned here that most of the Sabhapatis of Panchayat Samity remained present but the Sabhadhipati of Zilla Parishad conspicuously remained absent. At the initial stage C.M.O.H. remained absent but due to the intervention of the Ld. D.M., C.M.O.H. and A.D.M., Zilla Parishad came to the said meeting.

Be it further mentioned here that the Ld. Additional District Magistrate Mr. T. Halder who used to look after the Minority Affairs in this District. The Ld. DOMA Ezaz Ahmed presented one Power Projection from which it reveals that 2.11 crore are Minorities in this District-

Muslims	25.25%
Christians	0.64%
Buddhists	0.30%
Sikhs	0.08%
Jains	0.07%
Parsees	negligible
Amongst the Minorities	96% are Muslims

There are total 31 Blocks in this District, out of which 11 Blocks are governed under Multi Sectoral Development Programme and 20 Blocks are governed under I.M.D.P. (Integrity Minority Development Programme). From their Power Projection it further reveals that there are altogether 19 Madrasahs in this District. Besides that other 4 Madrasahs are in Kalna Sub-Division II and Durgapur Sub-Division II. There

are altogether 14 Madrasah Siksha Kendras and Sishu Siksha Kendras in this District.

Senior Madrasah with Fazil	1
Madrasah with Alim	2
High Madrasah	19
Co-education	19
Only for Boys	01
Madrasa Siksha Kendras (Class V to VIII)	06
Madrasah Sishu Siksha Kendras	03
Madhyamik Siksha Kendras (Class V-VIII)	03
Madhyamik Siksha Kendras (Class I –VIII)	01
Madhyamik Sishu Siksha Kendras (Class I-IV)	04

On query of the undersigned it is learnt that in the Financial year 2011-12

Angwan Bari Centers are	7,331.
The number of I.C.D.S. are	250.
For drinking water Arsenic Free Tube-wells	2,690
Sub Centers of Health	40
Construction of Additional Class Rooms	05
Construction of Angwan Bari Centers Under M.S.D.P.	250

It is very surprising and curious enough that there are 6 Sub-Divisions in this District. Only 2 S.D.Os remained present. The S.D.Os of 4 other Sub-Divisions, namely, Asansol, Burdwan (North), Durgapur and Kalna are conspicuously remained absent during this administrative meeting.

The undersigned had asked the Ld. D.M. and DOMA what is the cause for their absence during this Administrative meeting. The Ld. A.D.M.(Dev.) Mr. T. Halder replied that they were not communicated properly by their office.

It is a fact that the Sub-division like Kalna and Burdwan (North) have got 10 blocks, out of which six are Minority Dominated but the SDOs of the said blocks deliberately remained absent only to discard their liabilities for upliftment of the Minorities.

On query of the undersigned the SDO, Sadar and SDO, Katwa submitted that they used to grant OBC certificate for both Minorities and other castes per month average 2,000. The SDO, Katwa submitted that he had granted 7000 OBC Certificate during this financial year until September.

On further query relating to Right to Information Act it is learnt from the S.D.O., Sadar (South)

that they had received 30 applications under R.T.I. and there is no pending. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from the D.I. of Schools (H. S. School) that she joined to her Post on 16.10.2014 while this Commission had visited her District. She could not give any answer whether Right to Education Act, 2009 has yet been complied with properly or not. Nor she conversant about the plights of Minority girls at Khas Bagan area of Burdwan or about “Harisabha” School.

On further query it is learnt that 13 hostels were constructed and N.G.Os have been running 5 hostels in this District. But one Muslim Girls’ Hostel is running at Burdwan Sadar.

On further query it is learnt from DOMA that 90% work of 45 grave yards boundary wall had been completed. On further query of the undersigned to the Social Welfare Officer it is learnt that 2,934 pension had been given to the widow out of which Minority widows are 788. Similarly, pensions were given to physically challenged persons about 3,253 out of which Minorities are 1,257.

Under the Scheme of M.W.E.P.(Minority Women Empowerment Programme) -

in Financial Year 2012-13- 21 Units. It was not divulged how many women are?

in Financial Year 2013-14- 28 Units. Stake holders in both these Financial years.

Self Help Group under DRDC - total 24,000.

P.L.G. 4,102.

On further query of the undersigned, it is learnt from the Ld. D.M. and DOMA that there is no account in respect of Wakf Property in this district.

Under the Scheme “Nija Bhumi Nijha Griha” until July, 2014 – 5000 to 7000 people were benefited.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that under the “National Child Labor Project” there are 32 schools at Burdwan.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from C.M.O.H. who had attended the meeting in a belated stage. On reply that there is no resistance or hindrance for Sterilization or Immunization or Polio Vaccination from any corner or block in this District. C.M.O.H. further replied on the query of the undersigned that they used to transmit the amount of P.N.D.T. (Post Natal Delivery Transmission) or Janani Suraksha Scheme or they used to transmit the amount in the name of the beneficiaries regularly.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that under this District 4 blocks under Asansol Sub-division mostly are Urdu Speaking People. It is further learnt from the District Magistrate and DOMA under the Scheme of Geetanjali Housing in the Financial year 2013-14 that Minorities got 1316 houses.

It is further learnt from the Ld. District Magistrate and DOMA that no Block in the District of Burdwan is getting B.R.G. Fund (Backward Region Grant Fund). On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that there is no Public Private Partnership Model Institution in this District but at Durgapur Sub-Division there are certain hospitals used to run by those Models. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from the C.M.O.H. that the National Rural Health Mission is in operation in this District. They also

reported me that there is no Arsenic Heat Belt Zone in this District. But it is learnt that some Blocks of Kalna Sub-Division are Arsenic Prone Block. The D.I. of Schools could not furnish any report how many drop out students are in their districts as she joined on this day. The D.I. of Schools (Primary School) did not turn up. The DOMA reported that on further query of the undersigned altogether 13 hostels were constructed for Minorities.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that they had provided 5333 students of M.S.K. & S.S.K. school dresses. The DOMA had shown the Project report had been shown relating to the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship but on query of the undersigned they could not give any figure relating to Merit-cum-Means Scheme or Haji Md. Mohsin Scholarship Scheme. The Welfare Officer and the A.D.M (Dev.) T. Halder had narrated that they had provided Sanitary Facilities in all the Institutions for girl students. The Ld. D.M. and DOMA told that there is no dispute relating to salary of Para-teachers or disbursement of Honorarium to the S.S.K and M.S.K. Schools. At the Administrative Meeting the Project Officer-cum-District Welfare Officer had furnished one status report relating to issuance of OBC Certificate by the S.D.O. in 6 (six) Sub-divisions. The same may be marked as “Annexure-1” of this report.

Similarly, another report furnished by the A.D.M.(Dev.) relating to N.S.B.F. The same be marked as “Annexure-2” in this report. Thereafter, the undersigned asked the Superintendent of Police whether their Nine Member Committee is in force or is in operation relating to the Women trafficking and children trafficking whether any case had been instituted under the Child Labour Act, 1986. The S.P. Mirza could not give any proper answer. The undersigned put the question that Child Prostitution is the highest in number in India. How many cases were instituted under this District. The undersigned also asked the Ld. S.P. how many cases were instituted under the POCSO. The Welfare Officer gave one figure that there are 284 Domestic Violence cases started.

The Ld. S.P. gave the figure relating to the Heinous Crime. Murder cases are 49, Rape cases are 135 and Children & Women trafficking cases are in this District about 95 & 96. The Ld. S.P. or his subordinates could not give any figure how many Minorities are languishing in the jail custody without trial years together. I asked the S.P. to furnish the said figure for the last consecutive 5 years before my departure from Burdwan.

Rights of Child must be imbibed from the inner sense of the human being concerned. Unless and until the urge has come from within then the stake holder cannot get any benefit. However, the Superintendent of Police S. Mirza has furnished one report relating to 18 Police Stations of his District from which it reveals that except Kankasha and Madhabdihi all other 16 Police Stations have got more than 25% minority population in his District. In Jamalpur P.S. there are 60% Minorities. As per the Census report of 2001 P.S. Ketugram-I is the highest Minority Dominated Block wherein Minority Muslim Population is 45.55%. The S.P. also had given list of cases wherein Minority Muslims were involved. The number of the cases are 22 in such type of big District like Burdwan. In Mongal Court P.S. there are 3 murder cases.

The said statement of Burdwan District Police marked as “Annexure-3”. The subordinates of S.P. could not give any figure relating to crime against women. Such type of crime must be handled sensitively

that cannot be neglected on the grounds of technicalities. In sensitive remarks or behaviour by even a constable reflects badly on the overall image of the Government. I have already mentioned above that no figure was furnished by the police personnel relating to the Child Labour Prohibition Act. The District Labour Officer was also not able to furnish the said report.

Be it mentioned here that the District Labour Officer and District Land Reforms Officer conspicuously remained absent during the time of Administrative Meeting in the 1st half. Some vested persons used to make propaganda about Muslim appeasement. The said propaganda is both vicious as well as dangerous. Now-a-days a polarization in the state of communal lines is also dangerous. A shortage of modernity among Muslim in the State is lagging. The Ld. ADM (LR) was able to give the figure under the Scheme of Nija Griha Nija Bhumi as 600 Pattas were given to the Minority People.

C.M.O.H (Chief Medical Officer of Health) as well as Ld. D.M. by their chorus of voice stated before me on my query relating to the Scheme of Janani Suraksha. They claimed that his district is the 3rd position in comparison to other Districts in West Bengal.

The Ld. D.M. further claimed on the query of the undersigned that they had availed of 38 men days under the Scheme of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. On the query of the undersigned the Ld. D.M. and DOMA as well as ADM Mr. T. Halder said that under Kanyasri Form they had given 1,50,000 but Kanyasri-II figure could not be given. But they claimed under the Scheme of Sikshasri they had provided to 1,10,000 beneficiaries.

On further query of the undersigned it is reported to me by ADM (Dev.) that out of 31 Blocks in this District only 14 Minority hubs had been established. Out of 14, only 4 hubs are running only. No figure was furnished. How many Karmathirthas have been formed in this District.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from CMOH that there is no complaint in this District like extrication of wombs from women like Hyderabad under the Scheme of National Rural Health Mission. The undersigned also asked the assembled dignitaries and the Officials whether Article 14, 15 and 19 had been strictly complied with or not. The undersigned also asked the Superintendent of Police whether Article 22 (4), 23 and 24 of Constitution of India have been complied with or not? They could not answer properly.

I asked the Police personnel whether they have looked into the Article 21(A) amended 2002 i.e. right to live is not merely confined to physical existence but it includes within ambit Right to Live with human dignity. Similarly, speedy trial is one of the salient features of the said amended Article. Section 309 IPC is the violative of Article 21.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that in Durgapur and Asansol Municipality the Scheme like Jawaharlal Neheru National Urban Rural Mission Project is implicable. The undersigned also asked whether D.P.R. (Detail Project Report) is asked or not. Whether any complaint received under Public Services Act, 2013 or not.

Under the Scheme of Antayday 10 lakh stake holders are benefited after purchasing rice @ Rs.2/-

per kg. Under the Annadata Scheme no figure is produced how many stake holders are benefitted after receiving 10 Kgs. of rice per month.

On the query of the undersigned it is learnt that Scheme like Swarna Jyanti Sarojgar Yojana or National Rural Upliftment Mission 850 beneficiaries and 785 groups are there. The undersigned also asked the Police Personnel that Children Trafficking is a menace as well as burning question in our South Eastern Region of India. Our West Bengal is the most vulnerable over the said offences.

It is a fact that South Eastern Region State such as Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikim, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam-their NGOs are doing tremendous work for Prevention, Protection, Rescue and Rehabilitation of the traffic women and children in their respective States. Our State must follow the model like South Eastern Region State and for

redressing the child and women trafficking. During the time of Interaction Session Hon'ble M.L.A. of Bhatar Constituency, namely, B. Hazra raised one pertinent question that the ambience of the hostels must be congenial.

The Hon'ble MLA & Parliamentary Secretary Ujjal Pramanik of Jamalpur P.S. also participated in the Interaction Session and he gave emphasis on education of Minorities so that they can join to the main stream of the society. One lady Sabhapati of Panchayat Samiti, Khondoghosh, demanded that in her Constituency one Mahila College be established as because there are about 32% Minorities in her said Block.

Similarly, Jamalpur Block is the highest Minority Dominated Block in this District. One Janardan Chatterjee, Sabhapati of Galshi- I claimed that construction of drainage system must be improved that was also demanded by Hon'ble MLA as well as Parliamentary Secretary Mr. Ujjal Pramanik. Hon'ble MLA of Ketugram also remained present and he left in the midst of meeting for his other business during the first session.

It was discussed in the 1st half session relating to the approach road of the bridge on Khari River (Haldiara River). Under Mahadevpur Gram Panchayet one Sabhapati of Oush Gram Block also draws my attention that Madrasah of her Block may be upgraded.

Another Hon'ble MLA of Memary Mr. A. Mondal raised some points relating to the upliftment of Minorities. He also gave emphasis on the drainage system in the Minority concentrated areas. One lady H. Mondal of Jaykestapur Panchayet Samiti under Purbasthali Block also reported that the Approach Road of the Bridge on Khari River must be completed otherwise the students of Mahadevpur Haldipara High School used to face enormous problems during the time of rainy season for attending their classes. Similarly, victim of the patients also faced severe problems. Another MLA representative also remained present. Mr. R.B.K. Singh from Assansol Jamuria raised one question that those are the Aryans of that region must be upgraded or be included as Minority groups of N.C.M. or W.B.M.C.

On further query of the undersigned It is learnt from the D.M. and DOMA that Lead Bank Manager did not turn up. The undersigned had asked the assembled Officials to assist the Minority students as well

as Minority people when they approached before the Nationalized Bank for obtaining loan or grants or scholarship[s]. Thus the 1st half Session ends at 1-30 p.m. with thanks to all officials. Thereafter, the undersigned paid his visit to see the “Minority Bhavan” which is situated on 3rd floor. It is really difficult for aged Minorities to climb on the top floor by stair case.

Sensitization Camp, The 2nd Session starts at 2-30 p.m. at Burdwan Town Hall.

The 2nd Session starts at 2-30 p.m. at Burdwan Town Hall. The said Hall was full to the brim. The undersigned became overwhelmed after seeing the enthusiasm of the Minority women and Minority people en-masse in the said meeting. The Ld. DOMA had inaugurated the said Sensitive Camp. Thereafter, the undersigned had delivered the key note address and apprised of the audience about the said Minority Commission as well as the National Commission for Minorities in details how the Minorities’ Commission can safeguard the Constitutional and Statutory Rights of the Minorities and/or can evaluate the plans and projects of the Government. W.B.M. Commission used to visit the respective Districts how the Officers of the said District can implement the Central Government and State Government Projects.

Be it mentioned here that this is the Second Official Burdwan visit of the undersigned during his second tenure of the W.B.M.C. Another Hon’ble Member Syed Nizamuddin Ali also apprised of the rights and duties of the Minority people in details. Thereafter, one Interaction Session took place at about 3-30 p.m. and that continued for more than half an hour. Some respectable persons had participated in the Interaction Session, namely, Dr. Kalimullah, Durgapur on the subject of education. Md. Esaruddin stated in response to M.S.K. & S.S.K. for approval certain problems regarding conversation of one Surman Ali Mondal, Sk. Jahur Alam, Khandoghosh Panchayat Simiti.



Hon’ble Chairman at the Sensitization Camp at Town Hall

One Haji Kazi Golam Moiuddin also submitted one Memorandum during the time of Interaction

Session. At the last one Headmistress of Raina High School also participated in the Interaction Session. The undersigned had given the extempore reply of all the queries of the participants. The Memoranda which were furnished on 16.10.2014. Separate files were initiated and actions were taken on the following date i.e. on 17.10.2014 and the same was communicated to the incumbent.

Thus the Second Session ends at 4-10 p.m.

This is above all the Evaluation Report of Burdwan District Visit dated 16.10.2014 in the two phases as mentioned above.

The instant report be kept with record and same be placed by M.S. during the next meeting of the Commission.

Copy of the instant report also be transmitted to the M.A.&M.E. Department for perusal and good consideration of Hon'ble M.I.C.



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G. Coochbehar

Study Tour and Evaluation of All Round Development and Government Schemes, Projects for Minorities in Coochbehar on 28/10/2014; 11:00 A.M. at Conference Room of DM Meeting With Entire District Administration Including Police Administration

The team from West Bengal Minorities' Commission comprised of Prof. Maria Fernandes, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. N.F. Tankariawala, member, Mr. Bikash Barua, member.

The Administration attendance comprised of Mr. Binoy Krishna Barman, MIC, Forest; Ms. Pushpita Roy Dalma, Sabhadipati; Ms. Renuka Sinha, MP, Loksabha; Mr. Hiten Baeman, MLA; Mr. Rabindranath Ghosh, MLA; Mr. P. Uluganathan, District Magistrate, Coochbehar; Ms. Debjani Bhattacharya, ADM(D) Coochbehar; Mr. Rajesh Yadav, Superintendent of Police, Coochbehar; DI of School; PE+SE; DSWO; DMDC; SDPO; DMEDC; AI of Schools, Madrasah, DI (Academic) Coochbehar, DPO (ICPS), BDO, DY, SP BIB CBR, DYSP (HQ) CBR, SDPO Tufanganj CBR, OC Power Cell CBR, Dy CMOH-I CBR, Asst. Engg. DPMU (NHM), CMOH of Fire and O/S COB Collectorate (Refer to attendance sheet).

Coochbehar District consists of 6 Municipalities, 5 Revenue Subdivisions, 12 Panchayet Samities/Community Development Blocks.

As per census 2011 provisional figure of total population in Coochbehar is 28,16,320 and minority population is 7,03,857 (i.e. 24.99%). Break up of minorities population as per 2001 census Muslim- 23.34% Christian- 0.07%, Jain- 0.10%, Buddhist- 0.02%, Sikh- 0.01%, Others- 0.02%.

A report was sought from all the departments in the administration.

Other Report

1. Construction of toilets under Indira A. Yojna. Toilets for 2 lacs people complete. Toilet facilities not available for 5 lac people
2. OBC Status: Certificate Issued up to September, 2014
3. Nija Griha or Nija Bhumi or "Amar bari Scheme". Acute Delay in Sanctioning Rural Hut and no clear report whether minorities also benefitted.
4. The Superintendent of Police, Coochbehar- Rajesh Yadav reported that there was no serious law and order problem.
 - a. Crime rate on dowry harassment was increasing
 - b. 2013-65 cases of kidnapping and abduction. 2014- 20 cases
 - c. Domestic violence was at alarming rate

But No communal violence except a small incident in Mekhliganj within the Muslim minority which got sorted out.

There has been no discrimination against any police officer belonging to minority community.

Overall problems identified in Coochbehar:-

1. Unaided Madrasah
 - a. Midday meals
 - b. Books of Class I-V
 - c. Pre-matric Scholarship
 - d. Training for BED teachers
 - e. Furniture Cost
 - f. Honorarium for teachers, clerk, peon
 - g. Cost for additional Classroom
 - h. Cost for Uniform
 - i. Minority incentive for girls
2. Indira A. Yojna- 2 lakhs have toilet facility, 5 lakhs without toilet facility
3. Health Centre: No Funds and doctors
4. Amar Bari: Acute delay in funds for completion of projects
5. Low percentage of Institutional Delivery- hence vaccine and polio drops not received.
6. Female literacy rate is very low
7. General Hospital has no doctors or man power.
8. No clarity as to who will run and administrate the Minority Bhawan.
9. The Imams funds are on hold because of the instruction of resolution passed by the individual Masjid Committee in matters of changing the Imams and Moizzins which do not tally as per the forms submitted to District Magistrate office. Resolution should be made based on proper guide lines.
10. Man power crunch in Minority affairs.

Full co-operation was received by District Magistrate, Coochbehar, Superintendent of Police, Coochbehar, ADM, Coochbehar and all other administrative officials including M.L.A.s and M.P. present.

Date: 28th November, 2014

M. Fernandes

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Sensitization Camp at Coochbehar

The Sensitization camp was held on 28/10/2014 at 2:00 p.m. ; venue: Rabindra Bhawan, Coochbehar. On the dais, present from the Coochbehar administration, were ADM, Ms. Debjani Bhattacharya; Mr. Snehasis Chowdhury, Chairperson, CWC; Mr. Debdas Biswas, DSWC; Mr. Pradipta

Bhaktar, DOMA; Mr. N.F. Tankariwala, Member, West Bengal Minorities' Commission; Mr. Bikas Barua, Member, West Bengal Minorities' Commission and the undersigned, Prof. Maria Fernandes, Vice-chairperson, West Bengal Minorities' Commission.

The audience consisted of 128 persons from various parts of Coochbehar belonging to minority community (Religious, NGO, Lawyers, Doctors etc.). Representatives were there from Muslims, Christians, Buddhist, Jain community. West Bengal Minorities' Commission member, Mr. N.F. Tankariwala addressed the gathering with valuable insight on how he being the oldest member of the Commission never found the Commission so active as how it is from 2011 onwards. He stressed on a few vital points as to how the Commission reaches out to people and takes it back to the Government where the minorities may have been deprived or neglected. And stressed on the Commission being there to help the minorities.

Mr. Bikas Barua, also a member of the West Bengal Minorities' Commission, delivered a few points too, describing as to how the Government had an important department, WBMDFC, where minorities could get some fund relief for education, loans, programmes etc.

The undersigned addressed the gathering by stressing on various issues that the West Bengal Minorities' Commission addresses - Discrimination, deprivation, policy making for minorities, taking up matters related to minorities with the Government and recommend important matters related to minorities to the Government.

The gathering was asked to participate in the interaction. Since the ADM and other administration officials were present, they were able to get the exact report of the work relating to development in minority area (Education, Health etc.).

Some of the problems are yet to be attended to-

- a) Health - malnourishment among 300-400 children
- b) No clarity in day to day function at Minority Bhawan
- c) Big gap between projects sanctioned at district and the Government.
- d) Staff crunch
- e) Christian minority deprived from schemes and facilities from the various Departments in the Government.

The camp ended at 4:00 p.m., with the DOMA thanking everyone for their participation.

Date: 1st December, 2014



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H. Jalpaiguri

Study Tour and Evaluation of All Round Development and Government Schemes, Projects for Minorities' in Jalpaiguri on 29/10/2014, 11:00 A.M. at Jalpaiguri Circuit House Conference Room;

Meeting With Entire District Administration Including Police Administration

The team from West Bengal Minorities' Commission comprised of Prof. Maria Fernandes, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. N.F. Tankariawala, member, Mr. Bikas Barua, member.

The Administration attendance comprised of Ms. Pritha Sarkar, District Magistrate, Mr. Kunal Agarwal, Superintendent of Police, Jalpaiguri, Mr. Bijoy Chandra Barman, Member of Parliament, Ms. Mamata Roy, MLA, Dhupguri, Mr. Khageswar Roy, MLA, Rajganj, Mr. Tapan Kr. Chakraborty, Representative of MLA, Jalpaiguri, Ms. Dipika Oraon, Sabhapati, Dhupguri, Ms. Kaushalya Roy, Sabhapati, Malbazar, Mr. S.B. , Sabhapati, Maynaguri, ADM, Jalpaiguri, Mr. James Kujur, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Jalpaiguri, Mr. K. Sarkar, Dy. Superintendent of Police, DIB, Jalpaiguri, Mr. F. Balasubramaniam, IAS Probationer Jalpaiguri, BDOs - Rajganj, Nagrakata Blocks, Mal Block, Dhupguri, Maynaguri, Matiali, Sadar, DPO, DSWO, DMDC, DPRDO, Jalpaiguri, DPLO, Law Officer, SDO, Malbazar, P.O. Ch. DWO, PD DRDC, CMOH, Mr. Mrinmoy Ghosh, DI of Schools (PE) Jalpaiguri, Mr. S. Samanta. D.I.s (SC), Mr. Sunder Nandi, DI/s (SE) Academic, Richard Lepcha, OC-Minority etc.

The Jalpaiguri District consists of 2 sub-divisions of district headquarters, 7 blocks, 7 panchayat samities, 80 gram panchayats, 1 municipal corporation and 14 wards which fall under Siliguri Municipal Corporation. 3 municipalities, 418 Mouza's, 1,177 gram sansads, 9 police stations, 404 inhabited villages and 29 Forests villages. The total population of Jalpaiguri according to 2011 census is 20,63,598. Percentage of minorities according to 2001 census:

POLICE REPORT

Note on meeting with West Bengal Minorities Commission on 29.10.2014 at 11.00 hours at Circuit House Jalpaiguri.

The total population of Jalpaiguri District as per 2001 census is 17,52,260 out of which the minority Muslim population is 2,48,387 (13.34%), whereas the other minorities population comprising of Jain, Christian, Buddhist, etc. are 91,163 (4.89%).

Total number of criminal cases which have been started in Jalpaiguri District consequent to implication / involvement against the members of minority community are as follows:

Number of cases	2013	Muslim	Christians	Buddhist	Jains	Sikhs
		415	1	3	1	-
	2014 upto Sept	295	2	4	1	-
Number of persons arrested in cognizable cases	2013	459	4	2	1	-
	2014 upto Sept	301	9	3	2	-
Number of persons arrested in Non-cognizable cases reported	2013	215	3	35	2	-
	2014 upto Sept	350	9	47	3	-
Number of persons arrested in Non cognizable cases	2013	227	6	38	3	-
	2014 upto Sept	378	10	52	5	-

The total figure of cases of Child Trafficking in Jalpaiguri District during 2013, upto Sept 2014:

Year	Number of case registered	No. of Child Trafficking			
		Male	Female	No. of Trafficker Arrested	Recovered
2013	80	2	85	76	66
2014 upto Sept, 2014	96	1	97	87	56

The total figure of cases of Women Trafficking in Jalpaiguri District during 2013, upto Sept, 2014.

Year	Number of case registered	No. of Women Trafficking	No. of Trafficker Arrested	Recovered
2013	5	6	3	2
2014 Upto Sept 2014	5	6	4	4

The following cases have been started in Jalpaiguri District during the year 2013 –to September, 2014 pertaining to the complaint of atrocities upon the members of the minority communities.

- i. **Rajganj PS Case No. 233/13 dated 01.09.2013 u/s 3(V) & (X) of SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. 1989.** One Mr. Karma Tshering Bhutia S/O Late Loday Tshering Bhutia, New Petrol Pump, National Highway Marchak, East Sikkim, Sikkim lodged a written complaint to the effect that his daughter namely Yantchen Bhutia is a student of Class- XII of Himalayan International School, PS Rajganj, Jalpaiguri. On 07.06.13 his wife & son attended at Annual Day Function of the said school. Then the house mistress of the said school Ms. Paramita Das misbehaved with them, she addressed them as Bhutia Tribals, North Easterner who does not any standard and has insulted, humiliated in the public place in presence of other students & guardians. Again on 01.08.13 when complainant along with his wife and daughter visited the office of said school for discussion of a matter then also the Principal along with said house mistress Paramita Das threatened them abusing filthy languages and also told in the public place i.e. in presence of other teachers, students, employees that they are members of tribal communities and uncivilized and also told that Bhutia Tribals of North easterner are uncivilized and they have no dignity with an intention to humiliate us as they are members of schedule tribe communities. IO- Shri Pravat Chakraborty, Dy. SP (HQ), Jalpaiguri. Arrest- Nil. Investigation proceeding.
- ii. **Kotwali PS Case No. 1421/13 dated 02.12.13 u/s 3 (1) (VIII) (IX) (2)(VI)(VII)/4 of SC and ST (POA) Act 1989.** One Louisa Prabha Kiro w/o Late Anjlush Kiro of Panwar Busty, PS Mal, Jalpaiguri lodged a written complaint to the effect that on 31/08/88 the complainant's husband namely Anjlush Kiro expired who was a Asstt. Teacher of St. Bartholomews High School, PS Mal, Jalpaiguri. The complainant made an application to the DI of school on compassionate ground and the than DI did not consider the candidature for appointment on compassionate ground in accordance to Notification No. 457-END (P) dated 12/10/1987 issued by the school Education Department Govt. of West Bengal. Then the said DI forwarded the name of the complainant to the Secretary Nirmala Girls High School, Alipurduar to complete in open competition for the post of clerk conducted by the school in gross violation of the said notification dated 12.10.1987(.) Despite the fact that the complainant did not know any typing and did not possess any certificate. The complainant alleged that the then DI deliberately intentionally and atrociously denied to offer the complainant appointment on compassionate ground. Then the complainant proposed the name of her son for appointment as Assistant Teacher in history on compassionate ground but Sri A.K. Shil the then DI School refused to do so. IO- Shri Pravat Chakraborty, Dy. SP (HQ), Jalpaiguri. Arrest- Nil. Investigation proceeding.

Hindrances:

1. Official Staff crunch
2. No permanent officials in DOMA
3. PWD- time wastage in implementation
4. Library for Students (Minorities)
5. Minority status certificates
6. Shortage of Teachers in Madrasah
7. No Nursing training institution
8. Deficit of Medical Officers
9. Pharmacy college in Jalpaiguri
10. Mid-day Meal
11. Deplorable Primary Health Centre
12. Banks creating problems to open accounts for beneficiaries of WBMDFC
13. Requirement of 17 health Centres
14. Requirement of Hindi Medium School

Full co-operation was received from District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri, Superintendent of Police, Jalpaiguri, ADM, Jalpaiguri and all other administrative officials including M.L.A.s and M.P. present and a complete report was also handed over to the undersigned.

Date: 4th December, 2014



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The Sensitization Camp on 29/10/2014 at 2:00 p.m. at: Prayas Hall, Jalpaiguri.

On the dais, present were, District Magistrate, Ms. Pritha Sarkar; ADM; DOMA, Richard Lepcha; Mr. N. F. Tankariwala and Bikash Barua, member, West Bengal Minorities' Commission and Prof. Maria Fernandes, Vice-chairperson, West Bengal Minorities' Commission. The audience consisted of 275 plus persons belonging to Muslim, Christian, Buddhist minority community. The DOMA-Richard Lepcha welcomed and introduced the team from the West Bengal Minorities' Commission. Mr. N.F.Tankariwala, member, West Bengal Minorities' Commission, addressed the gathering and sharing his experience as a member of the Commission and as to how the Commission



Prof. Maria Fernandes giving speech at the Sensitization Camp



Mr. Tankariwala at the Sensitization Camp

addressed issues of minorities who might have been deprived or neglected. Mr. Bikash Barua expressed a few points describing how the Government had an important department, WBMDFC, where minorities could get some fund relief for education, loans and schemes.

The undersigned addressed the gathering by stressing on various issues that the West Bengal Minorities' Commission

addresses- Discrimination, deprivation, policy making for minorities, taking up matters related to minorities with the Government and recommend important matters related to minorities to the

Government.

The gathering was asked to participate in the interaction. The District Magistrate and ADM were asked to note several issues and their exact reports raised by the gathering. There was equal representation from Muslim, Christian and Buddhist community and none from Sikh, Jain & Parsi community.

The undersigned asked the audience to bring forth 10 issues – 4 from Muslim, 3 from Christian, 3 from Buddhist. The issues raised are noted herewith:

1. There is no library in minority areas.
2. The minorities, in non-minority identified block, is deprived of some vital schemes and funds.
3. BDO & SDO don't co-operate fully in various minority related areas.
4. Teachers should be recruited from minority community in minority run institutions.
5. Nursing Training college is not there.
6. Interior places where there is some Muslim population are not getting facilities. Roads are not in good shape.
7. Step-motherly treatment to the Christians by WBMDFC.
8. Jalpaiguri District could be brought under MSDP.
9. Deplorable Medical Assistance- with no doctors and nurses.
10. Approval of some Madrasah are in pending.
11. Enlistment deprivation of Christian community



Bikash Barua, Member of the Commission giving speech at the Sensitization Camp

Besides these 10 issues, some organizations submitted deputation to the undersigned as follows:

- a. Gadong Human Social Development Organization for Financial Assistance for Construction of Boys' Hostel for Minority students.
- b. Bharat Millat-E-Islamia (BMI) demands from Dooars and Tarai areas.
- c. WBTCM Jalpaiguri
- d. Dooars Millat -E-Islamia
- e. H.E.Khen Ripoché Acharya Sangha Lodeo
- f. Bangiya Christiya Parishad Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar
- g. Jalpaiguri Sankhalaghu Unnayan Sangram Samity

- h. Salugaia Drokpo Kidu
- i. All India Tamang Buddhist Association, Dooars.
- j. Uttar Banga Anagrasar Sangram samity

The sensitizing camp ended at 4:30 p.m. with the DOMA thanking all present Attendance attached

Date: 4th December, 2014

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I. Purba Medinipur**Report on the Study Visit or Monitoring of the Government's Plans and Projects and/or the evaluation of the same by the Chairman and two other Members of the West Bengal Minorities' Commission.**

The undersigned Hon'ble Chairman, Hon'ble Member Mr. N. F. Tankariwala and another Hon'ble Member Md. Jaidul Islam had been to Midnapore (East) and evaluate the Plans and Projects in the administrative building of Tamluk. The 1st Session of Meeting took place at the Conference room of District Magistrate, Purba Midnapore. The meeting was convened by the District Officer for Minority Affairs. The same was started at 11-15 a.m.

The Ld. D. M., S.P. and other Ld. A.D.Ms, S.D.Os, two Sabhapatis of Panchyat Samiti, Chairman of Panskura Municipality and one representative of M.L.A had attended the meeting besides some Officials and dignitaries.

The agenda of the meeting-

(1) Problems of Minorities in respect of their socio-economic condition, education and employment.

(2) Measures for upliftment- How Finance schemes of Central and State Government had been implemented.

(3) How many Minorities are languishing in the jail custody and what measures are taken up against children and women trafficking in the said District.

(4) The Ld. D.M. had delivered the welcome address. Thereafter the DOMA, District Officer for Minority Affairs, had projected the profile of the District.

There are 25 Blocks in Purba Midnapore District, out of which 4 Blocks are declared as Minority Concentrated Blocks, namely, Panskura, Kalaghat, Sutahata and Nandigram-I. Nandigram Block under Sub-Division of Haldia has got highest percentage of Muslim dominated areas i.e. 31.92%. Panskura and Kalaghat Blocks are more or less 20% Muslim Minority Population. Sutahata is above 25% Muslim Minorities. This District used to enjoy the status of I.M.D.P. (Integrated Minority Development Programme) as because out of total population of this District Minorities are less than 20% but during this current Financial Year 2013-14. The Central Government had introduced Multi Sectoral Development Programme.

The Minority Concentrated Areas of this Districts total allocation was received by the District authority i.e. 161 cores. Under the aforesaid I.M.D.P. Scheme sector-wise schemes are, namely, I.C.D.S.(A.W.C.), D.W.S., H.S. (Health Service), Irrigation and M.D.T. For installation of submersible pump Panskura Block and Sutahata Block had submitted plans for two Hostels. Minority B.P.L. received 96.46

lakhs. Nandigram-I Block had submitted one proposal which was not sanctioned by the Department.

The boundary wall surrounding the Public Graveyard there are 12 graveyards were surrounded by boundary wall and the fund was duly released through graveyards under Tamluk and Contai Sub-Division each. Nandigram, Panskura, Patashpur and Ramnagar each one are recently sanctioned and another two boundary walls were sanctioned for Tamluk. Housing Scheme for Minorities, namely, E.W.S. Scheme, Geetanjali- in 2012-13 target for the Geetanjali Houses -668, out of which Scheme sanctioned 545. B.R.G.F. (Backward Region Grant Fund) target for 63, Fund received for 185. Housing for destitute women- in 2012-13 target 38 out of which scheme sanctioned 13.

Payment of Honorarium to Imams and Mohajjins- They have paid up Honourarium till March to 1786 Imams of the District. Total 581 applications received for the Honorarium of Mohajjins, i.e. 525 cheques disbursed uptill March. There are 16 approved Madrasas and (3) three new set up Madrasah and 11(eleven) M.S.K. (Madrasah Siksha Kendras) and 2 (two) Madhyamik Siksha Kendras. Other two Madhyamik Siksha Kendras such as Senior Madrasah Type, 3 (three) unaided Madrasahs . Besides that Pre-Metric, Post-Metric, Merit-cum-Means, Midday Meal, Text Book, Uniform to the girl students, bicycle to the girl students and Talent supported Schemes were provided.

Term Loan, Educational Loan under the Sarba Siksha Mission – there are 3,252 Schools for Primary, Secondary & Higher Secondary, total 5,793 Schools. Indira Abas Yojona Scheme for the Minorities Housing Sectors- 2,556 and for Physically handicapped-544.

Beneficiaries are under the Scheme of I.G.N.O.A.P.S.(Indira Gandhi National Old Ages Pension Scheme) -60 and I.G.N.O.H.P.S.-80, total beneficiaries are 9,611, for Minorities 57,419.

I.G.N.O.P.S.- the total beneficiaries 1,764, for the Minorities 10,520/- under 25 Blocks.

Similarly, other beneficiaries- social group-wise Minorities are 2,235 out of 12,627. Social Welfare Department had granted Pension to 260 Minorities, Widow Pension to 128 Minorities and Disable Pension to 144 Minorities.

Under the Scheme of S.J. G.S.Y (Swarna Jayanti Gramin Sarojgar Yojona) Self Help Groups and individual Sarojgaree Minorities are 430, women-5490 another S.J.G.S.H. Group -12,602 and Minorities-2,211.

As per the report of the District Officers of Minority Affairs that heinous crime dacoity, robbery and murder-2010 is reporting in 14 and chargesheet 3 (three) Final report of three years figure they have shown. Dacoity pending cases are reporting- 3 and murder cases are 20. Under the Immoral Traffic Act 69 persons were arrested, 106 victim girls were recovered and 3 persons were convicted.

It seems to the undersigned that Mahisadal P.S. is the prone area of Immoral Traffic Act.

It is further reported to the undersigned during the time of 1st session that one hospital is running in Tamluk under the scheme of Public Private Partnership Firm and 3 (three) fair price Medicine Shops are

running in 3 (three) sub-divisions, namely, Contai, Tamluk and Haldia.

The Ld. S.D.O. of Tamluk sadar and Haldia remained present. The S.D.O. of Tamluk reported that he had granted 2331 OBC Certificates for the Financials Year 2012-13 and he had granted 700 Certificates in the month of March. S.D.O., Haldia, had granted 500 Certificates, They further reported to the undersigned that there is no pending cases in their Sub-Divisions. They could not materialize the project styles as “Minority Women Empowerment Programme” (M.W.E.P.), but they had submitted figure with regard to Self Help Group Women.

The Official would not furnish any figure with regard to the management of Wakf Estate in the District. The C.M.O.H. was conspicuously absent during the time of meeting but his Deputy have turned up after the telephonic message to him. He ruthlessly submitted before this Commission that there is no hindrance or obstruction with regard to immunization and Polio vaccination in their respective areas or jurisdiction.

There is no dispute with regard to the salary of Para Teacher or with regard to the Family Welfare Department. The Ld. S.D.O. of Egra and Contai did not turn up during the said meeting. No figure was furnished before me with regard to National Rural Health Mission or J.N.U.R.S. at Haldia or Contai. No block or area is situated under East Midnapore as 10% Urdu speaking people are there. But the Superintendent of Police innocuously submitted to the undersigned that there was one Communal Flare up or Tension between two groups at Vill.- Chansarpur under P.S. Panskura. There is one Home in this District which was run by one N.G.O. at Neemtouri.

The S.P. further submitted that they have got one Committee against Children Trafficking or Women Trafficking. They have got one team and they had recovered some girls from Champaran District as well as from Bihar, Delhi and U.P.

The undersigned had asked the Police personnel to change their mind set up otherwise even clamouring for stringent laws will not help and solve the burning problems now-a-days.

The D.M. and the A.D.M.Treasury submitted that they had received 72 lakhs for construction of the Minority Bhawan and 70% works have been done. On my query the D.M. submitted under the scheme of M.G.N.R.G.A. (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Guarantee Act). They had availed of 42 men days in the District and they had empowered Women by Self Help Group around Rs.22,000/- The District Inspector of School did not turn up. One A.I. Rabi Kumar had attended. He submitted that there is no problem regarding the admission of any Minority student in pursuance of Right to Education Act, 2009.

The 1st session ended at 1-15 p.m. Some distinguished persons like Sabhapati of Nandigram-II stated “there is a problem for running a School at 3rd part of Jalpai as there is no School”. Where the Minority people used to reside? The Chairman of Panskura Municipality draws my attention that certain fund be released for the orphanage of Panskura. The Ld. D.M. had submitted that they have got no fund in any Municipality area. Under the scheme of J.N.N.R.U. Mission something can be done.

One Sabhapati of Nanda Kumar Panchayat Samiti that the Officers of the said Blocks are very

indifferent for granting OBC Certificate and they used to look upon the Muslim Minority. Sabhapati of Moyna Panchayat Samiti submitted that some areas are under Moyna Block, are not getting proper facilities. One Sk. Ahmed Ali, representative of MLA, Mahisadal submitted that Minorities of his Block are not getting this benefit properly.

Subhra Mishra also submitted to that tune but the Sabhadhipati of Bhagwanpur Panchyat Samity Sk. Harun Rasid submitted that proposal of construction of 25 Geetanjali houses were forwarded but no money was sanctioned.

Second Session

Second session held at Nimtouri NGO's office. Several Women of Minority Groups and some Gram Pradhans and respected persons had attended the said camp. The undersigned had given the valedictory speech in details and discussed about the plans and projects of the Central Government and State Government in details. One S. Pahari of Contai Gram Panchyat, another man of Contai, namely, S. Aslam, one Luth For Khan of Kejuri II, another Pradhan of Contai, one A. R. Shah, NGO, had ventilated his grievances. One Nizam and Majid Khan also stated that without proper education to the Minorities their development cannot be made after providing loan or gift.

Some Minority women of this District participated in the Interactive Session and they had ventilated their personal grievances like obtaining of B.P.L. Some said about old-age, pension and B.P.L. matters. Some said about services of their children , some cases for money as they have attended meeting as per the instruction of B.D.O. since morning.

The Second Session had started at 2-25 p.m. the Ld. A.D.M., Treasury remained present all long. He had clarified the Scheme of boundary wall along with construction of other religious spaces.

After all the two Sessions at Purba Midnapore were solemnized to some extent good but the representation of Sub-Division like Egra & Haldia is very negligible. There are 16 MLAs and 2 MPs in the said District. But only one MLA, representative of Mahisadal had attended the meeting. It is the lacuna of DOMA or the Officer of Minority Affairs of this District.

There was no wide publication for sensitization camp. Moreover, there was one Emergency Assembly Session on 29.04.13 but the Hon'ble MLAs of 4 Blocks ought to have sent their representative wherein more than 25% Minorities used to reside in their respective Constituency.

Above all the Hon'ble two M.Ps of the District are busy for their different meetings and programmes but they have got several representations in the said 16 Constituency but none of them dare to attend the meeting. The Sabhadipati of Zilla Parishad or the Saha-Sabhapati did not turn up to the

meeting but the Sabhadhipati of Zilla Parisad was seen to gossip at the chamber of one ADM at 1-30 p.m. He also did not care for any meeting.

Moreover, the Circuit House which was booked for the Commission that was not properly maintained. The bedcover which was unfurled in the A.C. room that is very cheapest cloth (markin) i.e. not up to the market. Similarly, during the time of 1st Session none of the Officials of the District Minority Affairs remained present so there was certain confusion where we shall go. I was compelled to enter into the chamber of District Midnapore.

The Second Session which was conducted at Neemtouri i.e. not the Official building, however, i.e. one NGO House or Home. The people of the Minority Dominated areas were not notified properly. The DOMA or the Minority Officer must be given caution to that effect.



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Chairman,
West Bengal Minorities' Commission

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J. Paschim Medinipur**Evaluation or Monitoring report relating to 2nd Study Tour at West Midnapore during the second tenure of the undersigned on 30.10.2014**

The instant study team is comprising of the undersigned Mrs. Shehnaz Quadri and Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan. At the very outset it can be said that the District authority like D.M. and S.P. did not take any honest attempt for providing proper security and escorts on and from journey towards their District Head Quarters from the checking point of Purba Midnapore.

The said episode was discussed in the meeting of West Bengal Minorities' Commission on 31st October, 2014 and it was decided by the Members of this Commission to find out lacuna at whose fault such communication gap took place during the visit of this statutory body like Minorities' Commission on 30.10.2014.

Be it mentioned here that one jeep was provided to the police personnel who had escorted to the undersigned. But the condition of the said Police jeep was in such a tilted condition that the undersigned had to over- take the said jeep at Debra and had to reach the Circuit house at 10-45 a.m.

It is learnt that the Police Escort party-wise not informed earlier. They received information on the relevant morning i.e. on 30.10.2014. They got information in a belated stage and somehow they managed such vehicle. However Ld. D.M. made the courtesy call to the undersigned at the Circuit house and took tea at 10-50 a.m. Thereafter, we proceeded to the Conference hall of the Ld. D.M., West Midnapore and the 1st half Administrative meeting took place just at 11 a.m.

The Ld. D.M. Mr. Meena; Jilla Parishad Sabhadhipati Mrs. Singh and two Hon'ble MLAs of Keshpur and Debra remained present. Some Sabhapatis of Panchayat Samitis; 3 S.D.Os of 4 sub-divisions remained present along-with other dignitaries and officers of the said District. Before introduction to each other, the Ld. D.M. had made the welcome address. Thereafter, the administrative meeting was conducted by the undersigned.

Be it mentioned here that this District is governed under I.M.D.P. Scheme. There are altogether 29 blocks in this District and 290 Gram Panchayats. Out of 29 blocks 4 blocks are Minority dominated. These are, namely, Keshpur, Garbeta-I, Garbeta-III & Midnapore Sadar and one block Chandrakona-II is at the margin of Minority Dominated Block.

Be it also mentioned here that Superintendent of Police did not turn up to the said Administrative meeting though she has got vital role for some burning problems of Schools and orders. At the same time she has got certain commitments for the women and children who have been trafficked or suffering under POCSO act or Immoral Traffic Act, Domestic Violence Act & Child Labour Prohibition Act.

It seems to me that she is too much conceited. She did not care to attend the Administrative meeting. She merely sent one of his SDPO of Jhargram on behalf of her entire Police Administration of that District. There are Additional Superintendent of Police and other Senior Police Personnel in her

District. The SDPO, Jhargram is competent enough but he is not conversant with the figures of the Headquarters of her District. Thus he cuts a very sorry figure. I asked the Ld. D.M. Meena what is the cause for absence of S.P., Midnapore in such type of vital meeting of this Commission. The super power is blessing on her.

However, DOMA-in-Charge had tried to show one Project report to the undersigned but the undersigned had conducted the Administrative meeting and asked the DOMA to furnish the date relating to Anganwari Centers or ICDS. The DOMA had shown the Project report and the Ld. D.M. stated before me that 81 Angwanwari Centers had been constructed The Ld. D.M. on my query reported to me that under the Nutrition Programme for mal nourished children through ICDS they used to provide incentives for 9000 children. The Ld. D.M., West Midnapore could not furnish any figure whether they had organized any camp on mal nutrition or over SAA (Specialized Adoption Agency) in collaboration with DCPS.

On further query it is learnt from the Ld. D.M. they had sunk 178 tube wells and they had constructed 29 Sub-Health Centers under 29 blocks. They have constructed 87 additional class rooms out of which 71 completed. On further query of the undersigned under the Scheme of National Rural Health Mission each and every Gram Panchayet must have one Sub-Health Centres. So in this District there should be 29 Sub-Health Centers.

On further query of the undersigned the DOMA or the Ld. D.M. or the Social Welfare Society or D.R.D.A. could not give any figure whether this District had constructed any community toilet for people en-masse in this District or not. But the District authority could not give any figure to that effect. I have already mentioned above that. Out of 4 Sub-divisions the Ld. SDO of Ghatal stated before me that he recently joined and there is no back log in his Sub-Division for granting OBC Certificates. SDO Sadar stated before me that he used to grant 2000 OBC Certificates per month. SDO, Ghatal, remained present. The Deputy Magistrate represented S.D.O., Kharagpur, had attended the meeting and stated that they had granted 6,000 (six thousand) OBC Certificates and SDO, Jhargram had granted 1,000 (one thousand) OBC Certificates.

On further query it is learnt from the said SDO that there is no pending application in their respective Sub-Divisions under the Right of Information Act, 2005 and the Right to Education Act, 2009. The Ld. D.M. and DOMA replied on the query of the undersigned that they had constructed boundary wall of the grave yards.

On further query they could not give any figure relating to the Minority Women Empowerment Programme or Pension relating to the Minority Women or disable person to the Minority groups. But the Ld. D.M. and DOMA had replied after perusing the Project report that there are total 34,000 Self Help Groups, out of which 7,000 for Minority groups in West Midnapore.

The District authority also could not give any figure relating to the account of Waqf estate in this District. The District Social Welfare Officer stated before the undersigned that they had granted 9,500 widow pension and disabled pension, out of which 20,000 for Minorities had granted.

On query of the undersigned the Social Welfare Officer and Labour Officer reported to the

undersigned that there are 42 National Child Labour Project in this District. On further query of the undersigned the CMOH reported to me that there is no resistance in this District from any Minority group for sterilization or immunization programme.

It is learnt that no block of his District has got 10% Urdu speaking people. Under the Scheme of Nija Bhumi Nija Griha there are 12,000 beneficiaries. Under Geetanjali Housing Scheme there are total housing 3,000, out of which Minorities got 1164. It is learnt further from D.M. that they are getting Backward Region Grant Fund (B.R.G.F.).

It is learnt from the Ld. CMOH that there is no Institution under PPP Model but only 6 (six) Diagnostic Centers are running in his District and some fair price shops are running in this District as CMOH Mr. Bera stated before me under said Model.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt from CMOH and other District Officials that no block of this District is under Arsenic Heat Belt Area. It is further learnt from the District Officials that there is no separate Water Treatment Plant besides Dherua and Bishnupur-II. The drinking water used to supply from tube wells.

It is further learnt that Minority Bhawan had completed and is running in his District. The D.I. of Secondary and Primary (Schools) remained present. They replied to the query of the undersigned how many drop out students are in his District. They reported to me only 98 students after Class VI or Class VIII. No figure had given how many ITIs in this District. They replied that 6 (six) are functioning and 6 (six) are under construction. There are 2 (two) Polytechnic College, one at Jhargram and other at Midnapore. No further Polytechnic College has yet been established under 29 blocks of this District. One Centres for Vocational studies situated at P.S. Keshpur and another at Khas Jangle Mahal.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that 15 hostels are in this District, out of which 2 for Minorities. It is learnt further that they got 1,28,336 Pre-Matric Scholarship and they got 8,445 Post-Matric Scholarship and 70% educational loan. On query of the undersigned the District authority could not give any figure. How many Karmathirthas, marketing hubs and Kishan Mandiz established but they reported to me that under the new Scheme of Prime Minister's Jana-Dhana-Yojana. 6,000,00 (Six lacs) people had enrolled their names under the Scheme of Merit-cum-Means. Their district got 6,930. On query of the undersigned it is learnt that there are 17 recognised Madrasa in this District. 2 M.S.K. (senior type) are in this District and one English Medium Madrasah is situated at Keshpur P.S.

The D.I. of Schools on further query of the undersigned reported to me that all Madrasahs used to get midday meal and there is no dispute or discrimination relating to the disbursement of honorarium to Siksha Sahaika. Now, the undersigned asked the sole representative of police personnel or the Superintendent of Police. The said Police Officer is the SDPO of Jhargram. It is impossible for me to give any figure of District Level relating to crime against women or POCSO or Child Labour Prohibition act or any account of Juvenile Justice Offences Act.

The District Welfare Officer gave one figure that altogether 2011 FIRs were lodged till this day relating to missing children. On query of the undersigned the SDPO, Jhargram, is not in a position to

answer query on account of Heinous Offence Cases in this District like West Midnapore. He also could not give any figure how many cases were started under the Child Labour Prohibition Act, 1986. Nor any figure was furnished relating to offences like Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO). Child Prosecution is the highest in the world. But how many cases under Immoral Traffic Act against women in this District has been started. No figure is furnished. Similarly, how many Dowry Death cases occurred in this District. How many Dowry Prohibition cases occurred in this District. No figure is furnished how many domestic violence cases were initiated. No figure was furnished. The Director of Social Welfare gave one figure that Crimes against women for the last consecutive three years 873 cases were started under the Programme of Child in Need of Care and Protection. The figure was narrated to me as male 73 and female 93. On query of the undersigned whether any Special Adoption Agency (SAA) is in existence or not in this District. They replied to me that one is at Manikpara. On query of the undersigned it is learnt that District Child Protection Society (D.C.P.S.) is one in this District. The S.D.P.O. who had represented the S.P., West Midnapore could not give any figure whether any case started in this District under F.C.R.A. (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010) or not.

The said SDPO also could not give any figure how many Minorities under trial prisoners are languishing in jail custody years together in this District. No figure was furnished by the said SDPO. Under the Scheme of JSY (Janani Suraksha Yojana) no figure was furnished before me. But on query of the undersigned it is learnt from D.I. of Schools under the Scheme of Sikhashri this District had provided benefits to 36,000 beneficiaries, under Kanyasri Form-I had provided to 1,32,000 beneficiaries and Kanyasri Form-II had provided to 9,000 beneficiaries and Jubasri had provided to 65,000 beneficiaries. Conviction rate is 6%.

On further query from the undersigned it is learnt that National Rural Health Mission is in progress in his District. On further query of the undersigned whether under Public Service Act, 2013 any case has yet been started in his District or not. Under the Scheme like Antayadaya 8,52,000 are getting benefits like 10 Kgs. rice and another group 32,27,272 are getting rice @Rs.2/-.

On further query of the Ld. D.M. Meena that they had availed of 29 men days under the Scheme of M.N.R.E.G.A. But the District Officer of Minority Affairs who used to look after the Minority Affairs could not give figure how many Self Help Groups are in existence in his District. Under the Scheme of Nija Bhumi Nija Griha how many Minorities had been benefited no figure was also not furnished by the District authority.

During the 1st half session it is evident to me that besides 2 MLAs, namely, Debra and Keshpur no other MLAs, MPs or any representatives of them had attended the said meeting. It is one kind of indifferent attitude of the Hon'ble MLAs and M.Ps to send their conversant representatives during the time of Evaluation and Monitoring meeting relating to the Scheme of Central and State Government.

During the time of Administrative meeting one Monorama Patra, one Geeta Goswami of Daspur & Ghatal respectively, one person of Keshpur, another one of 6 number Gram Panchayat of Dantan-II, Narayangar and Mohanpur, participated in the said Interaction Session. Hon'ble MLA, Keshpur R. Doloi raised one point relating to granting of OBC Certificates though I have discussed in the fore-going

paragraph while SDOs of respective sub-divisions replied to my query.

Thus the 1st half session concludes at 1-30 p.m.

The Sabhadipati of Zilla Parishad is much conversant about plans and projects of District. She had encouraged Sabhapatis of Panchayat Samitis to answer my queries in the first half meeting.

Lastly, I constrained to say that SDPO, Jhargram is the Sole representative of District Police Authority. It is best known to the Ld. D.M. why the Superintendent of Police or her competent representatives were not present during the time of said meeting though the Programme of the Evaluation meeting or Monitoring meeting had been transmitted to them in well ahead prior to the visit. The said SDPO gladly answered that Article 22(4) has not been violated and Article 23 of Constitution of India also has not been violated in Midnapore.

The Second Session like sensitization camp took place at Zilla Parishad Hall, Midnapore. The Ld. DOMA made the welcome address and introduced the audience to the Members of the said team. Though Hon'ble two Members had participated in the first half meeting but Ms. Shehnaz Quadri had to leave the Second Session Sensitization Camp as she had pre-occupied programme at Waqf Board. She left the 1st half session without taking launch at Circuit house. Several persons of the society including teachers, service holders, lawyers and different religious group persons remained present.

The undersigned had apprised of the audience relating to the pros and cons of the West Bengal Minorities' Commission and told that this District is governed under I.M.D.P. Scheme. There are only 4 blocks, namely, Keshpur, Midnapore Sadar, Garbeta-III and Garbeta-I are Minority concentrated areas. Thereafter, the undersigned had given option to the speakers for interaction session. One person like Md. Sale of Chandrakona had furnished one phirisi as they could not construct one Mosque and they are loitering from Midnapore to Chandrakona on several times. The undersigned had answered their queries ex-tempore and stated to them that their said episode was discussed in the 1st session Administrative meeting also. There is no harm or irregularity for construction or raising of Mosque besides the temple as there are several incidents in India like at Benaras though mosque and temples are situated adjacent to each other. No disturbance has yet been taken place in our Kolkata Sadar also. Both the temples and mosques are standing side by side.

One person Rev. Paul belonging to Christian community. He also raised some points relating to the boundary wall of grave yard and the Approach road. Some other persons raised their points relating to granting of M.S.K. and S.S.K. One teacher of Madrasah raised some points. The undersigned had tried to answer their queries. One G. Mostofa; Mirza Azibur Rahaman; one Gram Pradhan Habibur Rahaman and Samsul Rahaman Khan, Joint Secretary of Madrasah who raised point relating to honorarium. Sajahan Khan also raised the point on Siksha Sampra Sahayak. One Sk. Nurul Ali, one person P. Samanta of Pingla also participated in the Interaction Session. One Sajida Bibi, Gram Pradhan of Datan who raised the point for granting one Madrasah at her Gram Panchayat. There are 8,900 students used to learn in the said Madrasah. One Golam Mostafa who claimed to be a local member of the District Minority Affairs who raised some points.

Thus the second half session ends at about 4 p.m.

This is above all the report of Paschim Midnapore.

The same be kept with the record and be furnished before the next meeting of the Commission. Another copy also be sent to the Secretary of M.A.&M.E. Department for perusal of the Hon'ble M.I.C. and Hon'ble M.O.S. M.S. to do the needful.



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K. Uttar Dinajpur

The evaluation report relating to the ensuing Study Tour, of District Uttar Dinajpur on and from 25.11.2014 to 26.11.2014

The West Bengal Minorities' Commission's study team is comprising of the undersigned Mr. Intaj Ali Shah and other two Hon'ble Members, namely, Md. Syed Nizamuddin Ali and Syed Marshood Ali Al-Quadri.

Be it mentioned here that this Study team held one Sensitization camp at Islampur sub-division at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose auditorium. Under this Sub-division there are 5 Blocks, namely, Karandighi, Goalpukur-1, Goalpukur-II, Chopra and Islampur. The Minority Muslim people used to reside in this Sub-division in the following ration.

Goalpukur-II-	75.56%,
Islampur -	71.08%
Chopra -	62.34%
Goalpukur-I -	61.50%
Karandighi -	49.36%

Be it mentioned here that Islampur Sub-division is the only Sub-division in this District Uttar Dinajpur which is about 3 to 4 hours distance by bus from Sadar Headquarter. Thus the undersigned took a decision in the 90th meeting of the Commission that one Sensitization camp be held at Islampur and Administrative meeting be held at the Head-quarter Karnajora. There are 4 Blocks under Sadar Sub-division Raiganj. The Blocks, namely, Itahar Hemtabad wherein Minority Muslim population are more than 50%. In Raiganj sadar Muslim population is 32.37% and Kaliganj is 20.70%.

Be it further mentioned here that the Sensitization camp took place at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose auditorium just at 2-00 P.M. on 25.11.14. The harvesting season in this sub-division is in full swing in spite of that the Minority people en-masse had attended the meeting irrespective of sex and creeds. The said hall was full to the brim by the audience of women and male persons. The District Officer for Minority Affairs Mr. Amal Acharya, one Deputy Magistrate; Bimal Krishna Saha, Add. District Magistrate Tushar Kanti Biswas who in In-Charge of Minority Affairs of this District. They also remained present along-with one Javed Aktar, Zilla Parishad Karmadhakhaya as well as District leader TMC Mustafa Chowdhury, Mehetab Chowdhury being the son of M.I.C. Karim Chowdhury also remained present during the Sensitization Camp.

DOMA Amal Acharya had given the welcome address. Thereafter, Additional District Magistrate T. Biswas had inaugurated the Sensitization camp and spoke a few words over the M.S.D.P. grant. Thereafter, the undersigned had apprised of the audience about the pros and cons of the National Commission for Minorities as well as the West Bengal State Minorities Commission in details and the undersigned had apprised of the audience that this District is governed under MSDP Scheme. Only one Block Kaliaganj is

under I.M.D.P. within total seven Blocks.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble Member Syed Md. Nizamuddin Ali also spoke on the occasion. After that, a few organizations like PACS and Sishu Nari Kalyan Samiti also remained present during the time of said Sensitization camp. Jaita Dasgupta, one of the Founders, Member of the PACS as well as the State

Manager, West Bengal, spoke a few words as they used to work in poorest area of 7 Provinces in India. N. Begum who happens to be one of the Manager, Sishu and Nari Kalyan Samiti. She brought one stake holder. She narrated her plights.

Thereafter, the Hon'ble Member Marshood Al-Quadri had delivered his short speech in Urdu and Parsee. Thereafter, Interrogation Session took place for about half an hour. 16 participants had participated in the said Interactive Session. They are, namely, Abdul Mannan, Goalpukur-1 who narrated the plights of teachers of unrecognized Madrasah. One Momema Begam of Islampur Self Help Group stated that they made application for Term loan in the year 2010 but they have not yet got anything. Syed A. Subhan stated that in their Block most of the people are Urdu speaking people. One translator is required for appraisal of any Government Notification or for any other requirement is sought for. They could not make out requirements so he submitted that one Urdu knowing people be deputed in the Minority Bhawan at Uttar Dinajpore and the said Circular be translated from Bengali to Urdu or English to Urdu

One Riyazul Haque, High School teacher stated before the undersigned that Urdu books are not available, books are highly required. One Jakaria also stated that Urdu speaking teachers are highly required in Urdu medium school for the reserve post. One Md. Alam raised the plights of Imam and Moazzins. One Motiur Rahaman urged before the undersigned that Blockwise Minority cell representative be required. One Md. Sajjad Alam narrated that their District Imam Abdul Khayeb is the resident of Dakshin Dinajpore but he may be changed. One Abdul Rashid Rizvi sought the help of undersigned for providing midday meals and dresses to the students of small Madrasah. One Elias Chowdhury happens to be the Secretary of unaided Madrasah claimed that their School be recognized. The undersigned had replied that they had to move the Directorate of Madrasah Education, Bikash Bhavan, Salt lake.

One Farida Zamin stated before the undersigned that there is no School in her area within 3-4 kms. As a result their wards became drop out students at large. Sk. Habibur Rahamn also raised some points. One Habiba Rizvi happens to be Member of poorest area of civil society. The grievance of the people of Goalpukur and Islampur is insurmountable. The undersigned had given ex-tempore reply relating to the queries of the participants of the said Sensitization camp. The Speakers and the audience of the said auditorium were to some extent delighted and they were more enthusiast among the gatherings. The organization had submitted two memorandums before the undersigned though I asked my office staff to file and put up with notice.

Thus the said 1st Sensitization Camp at Islampore gives a good mission to the participants and the undersigned had encouraged the participants to transmit such messages of Minorities' Commission to their villagers' relatives and those who could not participate in the said Sensitization Camp.

The administrative meeting took place on 26.11.2014 just at 10-30 a.m. in the Conference room of Annex Building of Uttar Dinajpur Jilla Parishad.

Be it mentioned here that prior to arriving at Conference hall the undersigned and other two Hon'ble Members of the Study team accompanied by DOMA had been to "Minority Bhawan" of Uttar Dinajpur which is situated outside the Campus of the Collectorate Building. I had inspected two storied Minority Bhawan during my 1st Study tour of this district in the year 2013. I found that DOMA A. Acharya used to seat in said Bhawan in 1st floor and three other regular staff used to sit in the said Minority Bhawan besides that a few contractual persons used to discharge their duties in the said Minority Bhawan.

A large number of files and forms are lying on the 1st floor Hall. One lady Data Operator and a few other casual staff narrated before me that they are receiving very meager amount of wages i.e. Rs.3,000 and one boy Omar Fareque used to get Rs.6,000 during these hard days. One Education Field Supervisor and District Co-ordinator are employed by WBMDFC. They also narrated their plights. Thereafter, the Ld. D.M. Smita Pandey had been to the said Minority Bhawan while I was getting down from up stair. She stated before me that one boundary wall be constructed in this "Minority Bhawan" so that no trespassers can enter into the said Bhawan aimlessly.

The Ld. D.M. also opined before me that tender has been called and she had given direction to the DOMA so that this work can be done as early as possible. Thereafter, the undersigned along with the team and the Ld. D.M. had proceeded to the venue of Administrative Meeting of the Annex Building as mentioned above. We arrived there at 10-20 a.m. The meeting starts at 10-30 a.m. The Ld. D.M. had given welcome address. Thereafter, the undersigned had conducted the administrative meeting. Hon'ble MLAS of Itahar, Goalpukur-II and Karandighi remained present and two representatives of Hon'ble M.Ps. Md. Salim and S. Alluwalia remained present. S.P. is conspicuously absent. The Ld. D.M. stated before me that S.P. had been somewhere for medical check-up but one Additional S.P. entered into the venue by the intervention of the Ld. D.M. Before conducting the said meeting the assembled persons were introduced with each other.

Be it mentioned here that SDO Sadar, one ADM(LR), ADM Minority T. Biswas, Panchayet Sabhapati and newly elected Zilla Sabhadipati Alima Khatun entered into the venue during the middle of the meeting. The Superintendent of Police Syed Waqar Raza conspicuously remained absent as mentioned but Additional Superintendent of Police. Mr. Lepcha, had entered into the meeting room with haste. Altogether 55 persons including representatives of two M.Ps, three M.L.As, Official staff, CMOH, BDOs, D.I. of Schools, District Engineer, Lead District Manager remained present in the said meeting. The attendance sheet comprising 7 pages including the Members of the Study Tour be marked as "Annexure A" of this report.

Be it mentioned here that at the very outset of the Meeting the Police authorities were questioned. The Additional Superintendent of Police Lepcha initially could not give the figure how many POCSO cases and how many Sexual Offences Act cases initiated in his District. But during the time of continuation of

the meeting Additional S.P. had furnished the list of POCSO Act Cases for the last three years. There are 34 cases had been instituted in his District. The said list be marked as “Annexure-B”.

Additional S.P. also furnished another Crime figure for last three years marked as “Annexure-C” Add. S.P. also filed one list of cases against the minor on and from 1.10.2014 to 31.10.2014. Altogether 69 cases had been recorded. The said list is marked as “Annexure-D”.

Thereafter, the undersigned made query how the MSDP fund has been spent for construction of Angwanwari Centers. It is learnt from DOMA that 574 Angwanwari Centers had been constructed and CMOH reported to the undersigned that there are 344 Health Sub-Centers, out of which there are 19 Primary Health Centers (PHC). There are 4,400 Indira Abas Yojona as it is learnt.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt further that 931 additional class rooms under M.S.D.P. Scheme and Angwanwari Centers are 570. On query of the undersigned the Ld. District Magistrate and DOMA ruthlessly stated before me that there is no Water Treatment Plant in her district. The D.I. of Schools intimated that all Schools and Madrasahs had got no cent percent Sanitary facilities.

On query of the undersigned, the Ld. D.M. and DOMA could not give any figure how many community toilets had established in her District. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from SDO Sadar that he had issued 7,000 OBC Certificates since last 3 years. The SDO Islampore had stated before me on query of the undersigned at the Sensitization Camp at Netaji Subhas Manch, Islampore on 25.11.2014 that he had granted a few thousand OBC Certificates.

On query of the undersigned, it is further learnt from SDO Sadar that no application is pending before him under “Right to Information Act, 2005”. Similarly, D.I. of Schools also reported to me that no Petition is pending in his office under “Right to Education Act, 2009”.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that DOMA stated before me that they had given the plan of boundary walls of 36 grave yards, out of which 19 have got. Social Welfare Officer submitted that they used to grant Widow Pension, Physically challenged/Disabled Person’s Pension but no Programme has yet been taken up by the District authority under M.W.E.P. or Self Help Group. No figure has yet been furnished before me relating to Wakf Estate Properties.

On further query of the undersigned it is not learnt how many Schools are running in this District under the National Child Labour Project. But it is learnt from DOMA that there are 24 hostels in this District, out of which 4 for boys and 20 for girls. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from CMOH, Rash Behari Dutta that there are no resistance for immunization or Polio vaccination in this District but in certain Blocks there are certain resistance for tubectomy operation.

It is learnt that there are Urdu speaking people in 4 Blocks. It is learnt further that under the Scheme like Nija Bhumi Nija Griha for the last three years the District authority had granted 5,085 houses under the Geetanjali Housing Scheme. There were 700 Schemes under Geetanjali Housing Scheme a new but only 214 had been materialized.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from DOMA and District Magistrate, S. Pandey and

DOMA, A. Acharya that their districts are getting special BRGF fund. On further query of the undersigned, it is learnt that the District authority like D.M. and DOMA that one Institution has been running in this District under PPP Model. The CMOH, R. Dutta stated before me that some fair price shops and some Nursing homes are running under PPP Model. On further query, the CMOH Rash Behari Dutta stated that the Scheme under National Rural Health Mission is in progress but the undersigned had divulged to CMOH that he got Rs. 1.29 Crores for National Urban Health Mission who stated before me that money would be spent for urban area i.e. for Raiganj Municipality.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that out of 7 Blocks Itahar Block is the Arsenic Heat Belt or Arsenic Prone area in this District. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that no separate Water Treatment Plant is in existence in this District. I have already mentioned above that before holding the Administrative meeting I had been to Minority Bhawan.

On further query of the undersigned, it is learnt that no centre has yet been established for fundamental studies in this District and the undersigned came to learn further that there are two I.T.Is and one Polytechnic college in this District. The D.I. of Schools could not give any figure relating to drop out students ratio in this District.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that under the Scheme of Merit-cum-Means 16,000 students got benefits in this District. But no Scholarship has yet been received by any student from Haji Md. Mohsin Scholarship in this District. No figure is furnished relating Jan-Dhan Yojna of Central Scheme.

On further query it is learnt that there are 4 Karmathirthas and 2 Kishok Mandis in this District but no figure has yet been furnished relating to marketing hubs. I have already mentioned above that D.I. of Schools stated before me on my query that all the Schools and recognized Madrasahs used to get midday meal and dresses for the children.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that no Library has yet been received any special fund from the Department of Mass Communication and Library. The undersigned sarcastically made comments that this District has got M.I.C. of Mass Education and Library but this District is deprived of the said facility. It is further learnt from D.I. of Schools that there is no dispute relating to the disbursement of honorarium for teaching and non-teaching staff or Para teachers or Siksha Sahaika.

I have already mentioned above that the Add. Superintendent of Police have furnished figure. The Social Welfare Officer gave the figure relating to Domestic Violence Act. On query of the undersigned, it is learnt from Add. S.P. that under S.F.I.O. (Serious Fraud Investigation Office) three cases have been started. On query of the undersigned it is learnt from D.M. that they had availed of 15 men days under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Guarantee Act (M.N.R.G.A) Act, 2005.

On further query of the undersigned, it is learnt that no case has yet been started under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (F.C.R.A) and the Police Authority or the Welfare Authority could not give any figure how many NGOs have been receiving such contribution from the foreign country. CMOH

Mr. Dutta replied to my query that they used to provide cheque under the Janani Suraksha Scheme.

On further query it is learnt from DOMA that under the Scheme of Kanyasri, 69,141 K-1 Form had been filled up and 25,000 K-II Form had been filled up. On further query it is learnt from CMOH that they had rampant raid for sex determination of foetus in any Nursing home or not. But on query of the undersigned how many children they had provided under the Scheme of “Child in need and care of protection”. D.M. replied 3,000. The Welfare Officer replied that under the “Specialized Adoption Agency” (SAA) they have 8 cases.

The Welfare Officer could not give any satisfactory reply whether District Child Protection Society has yet been constituted in Uttar Dinajpur or not. On further query of the undersigned, it nothing reveals that Self Attestation System is introduced in Uttar Dinajpore or not?

Lastly I asked the Add. S.P. that they had adhered to the Article 22 (4) of the Constitution of India relating to Preventive detention of the accused for more than 2 months or they had complied with the Provision of Article 23 of the Constitution i.e. Prohibition of human or children trafficking. The undersigned also enquired whether for granting passport they are complying with P.I.O. (Person of Indian Origin) or O.C-1 (overseas citizen of India). The undersigned had enquired from the Ld. D.M. as well as other Officers whether they had initiated any case against any Official under the Public Services Act., 2013 or not?

Thereafter, the Interactive Session took place for half an hour. The Hon’ble MLA of Karandighi Mr. G. Roy raised some points over the fund of Rs. Eleven crores allotment has been received for his Constituency. He also insisted upon one hostel under Karandighi Muslim Hostel. Hon’ble MLA Imran Ramij of Goalpukur-II also raised some points. Hon’ble MLA Amal Acharya of Itahar Constituency requested the undersigned to visit his District twice in a year and/or to divulge all episodes before the District authority so that Minority people be benefited and officials be vigilant.

Hon’ble Zilla Parishad Sabhadhipati A. Bibi had been newly nominated. Last year while I made Evaluation Study Tour the said meeting held in this Conference hall at that time. D. Chowdhury was the Zilla Sabhdhipati. However, the present incumbent is no doubtedly sober lady but she is so conversant with the Projects and Schemes of her District. She will soon be equipped with those qualities with the help of Ld. D.M. S. Pandey.

The undersigned stated at the very outset of the Administrative meeting that the Public Delivery System must be prompt transparent and to the extent simple in nature. At the fag end of the meeting the undersigned had opined that late Secularism be our main Foundation, late Nationalism be our main Politics, late Humanism be our main Religion and late Communalism be our main enemy, let Patriotism be our main ideal.

At last the undersigned had opined that all the Officers must extend their big hands for the upliftment of the Minorities socially, economically and politically so that they may not be the passive spectators in the National Development.

Thus the Administrative meeting ends with thanks to all the participants on behalf of the undersigned and the Ld. D.M. and Add. D.M. formally closed the said meeting at 1 p.m.



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L. Howrah**Evaluation report /Monitoring report relating to the study tour at Howrah on 09.12.2014.**

The study team is comprising of the undersigned along-with Md. Syed Nizamuddin Ali; Mr. Ashok Turakhia; Mr. Lakhbindar Singh and Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan. The 1st half administrative meeting took place at the hall styled as “Pather Dabi” in the New Collectorate Office at Howrah district. The Ld. D.M.; S.P.; Commissioner of Police; Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. Pervez Ahmed; CMOH; LeadBank Manager; Engineer; DLRO; D.I. of Schools and Panchayat Samity’s Sabhapatis remained present.

There are total 14 blocks and 157 Gram Panchayets are within Howrah district. At the outset of the meeting I delivered speech and introduced the Study team along-with the assembled officers of Howrah district. At the very outset the undersigned had discussed about the burning problem of now-a-days like children trafficking, women trafficking and asked the Superintendent of Police how many POCSO cases had been started, how many heinous crime cases and how many domestic violence cases are in this district. How many children trafficking, women trafficking cases or any other case started on sexual harassment of women at work place (Prohibition, Protection and Redressal Act, 2013).

Similarly, the undersigned had enquired from the S.P. whether any case has yet been started under Maintenance of Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. Any case has yet been started under Public Service Act 2013 or not. The S.P. had replied that no case has yet been started U.P.S. Act, 2013.

The undersigned had enquired from the S.P. whether any case has yet been started under Serious Fraud Investigation Office (S.F.I.O.). The answer is zero. On further query of the undersigned the S.P. had replied that 14 cases have been started under money laundering or cheat cases and one case under Sarada scam in his district. Under the Child Labor Prohibition Act, 1986 no case has yet been started.

On further query of the undersigned that under the U.A.P. Act 1967 (Unauthorized Activities and Prevention Act). No case has yet been started. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from S.P. that conviction rate in the Court case is 3% only. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from S.P. that they are not arresting the in-laws of bride indiscriminately under Section 498A IPC.

The Superintendent of Police, Howrah, furnished one statement relating to crimes wherein Minority Peoples are involved in the year 2013 uptill November, 2014. The said statement is marked as “Annexure-1” of this report. S.P. also filed other two statements relating to the query of the undersigned how many civic police had been recruited and how many village police had been volunteered. It reveals that out of 4,634 civic police 615 Minority Muslims had been recruited. The total village police are 143 and Muslims are 20 in the year 2014.

The S.P. also filed another crime statement for the year 2013 and both the statements are collectively marked as “Annexure-2” of this report. The S.P. also filed one report relating to crime against women in his District uptil November 2014. Total crimes are 1267. The said report is marked as “Annexure-3”. He also filed another statement relating to crime under Senior Citizenship Act. These are

three cases under said Act marked as “Annexure-4”.

Under POCSO Act S.P. submitted one list how many cases have been started in the year 2014 upto November marked as “Annexure-5”. S.P. also furnished another report relating to cheat fund cases of rural district. There are 8 cases marked as “Annexure-6”. He also furnished another list relating to statement of Immoral Trafficking Act in the year 2013-14 marked as “Annexure-7”.

The statement of missing and recovered persons of Howrah Rural District since 2011 to 2014 is marked as “Annexure-8”. No case has yet been started under Domestic Violence Act and Child Labour Act. S.P. submitted nil figure.

Be it mentioned here that the District Officer for Minority Affairs Mr. Agarwal is not so conversant with the Plans and Projects as he is new comer but Add. District Magistrate Mr. Warshi had prepared one Project report which will speak for itself.



A pictorial view of the Administrative Meeting at District Magistrate's Conference Room

Be it further mentioned here that 11 Police stations have come under Commissionrate, Howrah. Only 4 Police stations, namely, Jagatballavpur, Panchla, Sankrail and Domjur are under S.P. Rural. Besides that there are 7 Police Stations, namely, Uluberia, Amta, Bagnan, Shyampur, Bauria, Udainarayanpur and Jaipur under S.P. Rural. There are total 12 Police stations under S.P. Howrah

Be it mentioned here that there are total 12 Police stations as per 2001 census and Minority population is 24.93% as per the said census. I have already mentioned that Howrah Sadar and a few other Police stations have come under Commissionrate, Howrah. There are total 14 Blocks, 157 Gram Panchayats and 144 Panchayet Samitis are in the said Howrah district. It is a Howrah Municipal Corporation. Besides that Municipality like Bali, Uluberia and there are 2 sub-divisions, namely, Howrah Sadar and Uluberia in this District.

Under the 11 Plan MSDP Scheme they had constructed 1234 Anganwari Centers. Out of total 400, 353 Additional Class Rooms have been completed for Minorities and 47 are ongoing or running. They have shown that 992 tube wells have been sunk in the Project report. Additional MSDP Plan has been also shown in the Project . Under the 12 Plans what amount they received that has been shown in the Project report. 11 Plan is marked as “Annexure-9” and 12 Plan is marked s “Annexure-10”.

On query of the undersigned the Ld. D.M. and DOMA could not give any figure regarding community toilets in his district. Subsequently, they verbally stated that they are constructing 63 community toilets. The Ld. ADM (Dev.) had stated before the undersigned that they received Rupees One crore for construction of each hostel. They received grant for 12 hostels (8 hostels for girls and 4 hostels for boys) and Rupees One crore for construction of each hostel. They have received grant for total 35 graveyards. Construction of 20 graveyards have been completed. They have granted widow pension had given to 4000 beneficiaries, physically challenged pension had given to 2000 beneficiaries and Disabled pension had given to 2018 beneficiaries under the MWEP Programme.

Under the scheme of Self Help Group total beneficiaries are 11,400 out of which Minority women are 1,819. Term loan, cluster loan had given to 3102 beneficiaries, out of which 205 Minorities have benefited. Howrah District is the only District in West Bengal which is able to furnish the account of 475 Waqf Estate.

On further query of the undersigned, it is learnt from the District Labour Officer under National Child Labour Project there are 34 schools. On further query it is learnt from CMOH that there is no overall resistance for immunization, polio vaccine and sterilization. One village like Bahira under Uluberia-II had got resistance for Tubectomy.

CMOH also reported to me that National Health Mission is now in existence and 2 Diagnostic Centers under PPP model. CMOH submitted that there are 6 (six) fair price of medicine shops in this District and he also stated on my query that out of 14 blocks there are 7 BMOH (Block Medical Officer of Health) are in his District. On my query it is learnt from the Ld. D.M. and A.D.M. that there is one Water Treatment Plant at Padmapukur. The SDO sadar stated before the undersigned on the query how many OBC Certificates he used to grant on each month. SDO replied that 1000 OBC including SC have been granted per month. SDO, Uluberia stated that he used to grant 1,500 OBC Certificate per month. They also replied on my query that there are no pending application before them “under Right to Information Act, 2005”.

D.I. of schools replied that no Petition is pending with him under “Right to Education Act, 2009”. Ld. D.M. stated to me that his District did not get any BRGF fund. The Ld. D.M. and A.D.M.(Dev.) stated that only Bagnan P.S. is the Arsenic Heat Belt Zone under this District and 5 tube wells have been sunk from Arsenic Free Water.

The undersigned had enquired about the “Minority Bhawan” from the Ld. D.M. and A.D.M. They gave the reply that 90% work had been completed. The undersigned sarcastically remarked that Howrah district is only district in West Bengal wherefrom the Secretariat of State Government runs all functions but the “Minority Bhawan has not yet been completed. Ld. D.Ms of Jungle Mahal had established their own Minority Bhawan in Bankura and Purulia. The undersigned had seen the same in the year 2013. There is no Skill-Development Study Centres in this district. But there are certain ITI namely as Chengail.

The D.I. of Schools (Secondary) and D.I. of Schools (Primary) could not give any figure relating to the drop out students after Class VI or Class VIII. Pre-Matric Scholarship was given to 91,684 students, Post-Matric was given to 10,446 students, Merit-cum-Means was given to 574 students and Haji Md.

Mohsin Scholarship was given to 6 students. There are 30 recognized Madrasahs, 13 M.S.K. and 7 S.S.K. in this District. The District authority used to provide dress and mid-day meal to M.S.K. and S.S.K. students also. The sanitation facility is in existence in each school and Madrasah. 50 Libraries got the government fund and 123 Laboratories also got the fund. There is no dispute relating to disbursement of honorarium to Para-teacher or teaching or non-teaching staff in his District.

I came to learn further from S.P. and Commissioner of Police that there is one case under sexual harassment of women at work place. Child prostitutions are 29. No case is under Public Service Act, 2013. No case is under S.F.I.O. The District Labour Officer could not give any figure relating to Child Labour Prohibition Act case or Prohibition of employment of children in factories or in any hazardous job.



Audience at the Administrative Meeting at District Magistrate's Conference Room

On the queries of the undersigned the Ld. D.M. had stated that they had availed of 21.5 men days under MNAREGA, 2005. Under UAP Act, 1967 no case and figure is furnished under the Foreign Contribution Relation Act, 2010 also. The CMOH lastly submitted that they used to provide cheque to the mother and child under the ICDS Scheme. Child Care Unit for mal-nutrition no Committee has yet been formed. The Ld. D.M. stated before me that there are 1,234 mal-nourished children in Domjur and Sankrail P.S. They had distributed one special capsul. But the undersigned had encouraged them to hold the Sensitization camp and/or to constitute Committee Ld. District Judge be the Members of that Committee of his District.

It is learnt further under the Kanyasri Scheme 80,000 girls received K-1 Form and 6,000 girls received K-II Form. In the year 2014 Yubashri had been given to 3000 persons and Sikhyashri had been given to 41,000 persons.

Be it further mentioned here that Hon'ble Member Nirmal Mazhi, MLA, Parliamentary Secretary and President of Doctors, Progressive Association stated before me at Annual Meeting at "Pathar Dabi Hall" under his Constituency Uluberia-II, Amta was very neglected. No electricity was there but during his tenureship he had provided electricity. He also stated that 50% S.C. people in his Constituency and 40% Minority people in his Constituency. But in 8 Gram Panchayats there are about 90% Minority people.

Lastly, the undersigned had enquired from S.P. that they had complied with the Article 22(4), Article 23 and Article 24 of the Constitution of India or not. Similarly, the undersigned had also enquired from D.I. of Schools whether they had complied the Article 30 and Article 29 for the Constitution of India. The undersigned came to learn from D.M. and DOMA under the Prime Minister's Jana-Dhana-Yojana 1,20,000 persons had been included as it is reported by Lead Bank Manager. One new Scheme i.e. Block Level Facilitator, A.D.M. (Dev.) reported to the undersigned that out of 8 BLF 2 have been recruited from Minority group. One BLF lady remained present during the time of Interactive Session.

There are 2 Marketing hubs, 5 Kishan Mandis and 9 Karmatirthas had been established.

Thus the 1st half session ends at 1 p.m.

Second Session

Thereafter, the undersigned along-with the Study team had proceeded to Uluberia sub-division for holding the Sensitization camp i.e. about 45 minutes away from Howrah sadar. The Sensitization camp took place at "Rabindra Bhawan" just at 2-30 p.m. The A.D.M. (Dev.) had inaugurated the said camp. The local SDO and BDOs remained present. The undersigned had become overwhelmed that the said hall was full to the brim by presence of 95% women folk.

It is a very good gesture on the part of Minority women of Uluberia sub-division that they were assembled at the said camp en-masse from the remote villages. Thereafter, the undersigned had delivered his speech and apprised of the audience about the pros and cons of the Minorities' rights & duties as well as the rules of Minorities' Commission and what the Minorities' Commission can do for the Minority peoples.

Thereafter, another Member Syed Nizamuddin Ali also delivered his speech and he apprised of the audience in details that the present scenario of the Government as well as the plight of Minorities. Thereafter, one Interactive Session started. Some Senior persons participated in the said Interactive Session. One Akbar Ali, ex-Councillor of Uluberai raised the point of Self Help Group and graveyard problems. The Ld. ADM (Dev.) gave the reply. One Nur Islam stated about the high handedness of media. One Sekh Ruhul Amin also participated in the said Interactive Session. BDO Debabrata Roy of Uluberia gave the reply and he also participated in the said session. One Sk. Rahaman, Upa-Pradhan of Shyampur Gram Panchayet narrated that Imam, Mohazins are not getting their proper dues. He also raised other points.

One Nargis Begum, organizer of Sishu Nari Kalyan Samiti, raised some points and they are discharging their duties very sincerely and they held one Programme with collaboration PACS at Delhi and the undersigned was the speaker in Delhi. They also held other such programme in Kolkata. The

undersigned had participated there. One Omar Faruq Mondal, young boy, raised one point that the women of village were not so conversant with Koran and Hadis. The undersigned had asked the said boy to organize the Sensitization camp and/or to bring the Maulana's Imams and Mashquorat Jamat so that they can encourage the rustic village women. The undersigned had given much emphasis for education to children. Mr. A. Zalil, Panchayat Samiti Sabhapati, Panchla, raised certain points during the 1st half session at "Howrah Pather Dabi Hall".

The 2nd half session ends at 4-30 p.m. This is the sumumbonum of report of Howrah district.

This report be transmitted to the Ld. Secretary and M.O.S, M.A.&M.E. Department and also for perusal of Hon'ble M.I.C. and copy of the same also be placed in W.B.M.C. meeting for appraisal of the Hon'ble Members.

It is constrained to mention here that a few Hon'ble Members have got no time to take pain for perusal of the report.



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M. Bankura**The evaluation report in respect of the visit to Bankura District on 22.12.2014.**

The study team comprising of myself along-with Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Mr. Marshood Al-Qadri and Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan. As per Tour Programme the Administrative Meeting held at 12 noon. The Ld. D.M. Bijaya Bharati, Superintendent of Police; Add. District Magistrate, Add. Superintendent of Police, DRDS, Bankura and other Officers of this District including MLAs, Sabhadhipati and representative of M.P., Bankura Mr. Jaideep Chatterjee, Hon'ble MLAs Minati Mishra; Mr. Ashutosh Mukherjee and Shri Arup Kumar Khan remained present. A few Sabhapatis of Panchayat Samities also remained present. The Attendance Registrar of the 1st half meeting is marked as "Annexure-I". DOMA Mr. Subesh Bera also remained present.

Be it mentioned here that this District is governed under IMDP (Integrated Minority Development Programme) Scheme. The DOMA had furnished one hard copy report from which it is evident how the Minority people have been benefited.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt that three Angwanwari Centers had been granted to the Minorities in the year 2012-2013 and 11 Angwanwari Centers had been granted to the Minorities in 2014-15. 37 tube wells had been sunk.

On further query it is learnt from the CMOH and the Ld. D.M. that 8,000 children are mal-nourished. But they used to provide nutritious food. The CMOH further stated that they used to sensitize the people through their subordinate staff.

Be it further mentioned here that there are 190 Gram Panchayats in this District and there are 22 Blocks under Bankura District. On my query the Ld. D.M. and C.M.O.H. had replied that there are 19 Block Medical Officers and health are posted in their District. One fair price Diagnostic Centres is in existence in this District. The CMOH also reported to me that 80% deliveries are Institutional deliveries. 20% Minority people used to make delivery through Dhatri. CMOH also further stated that they are too much vigilant in respect of P.N.D.T. Act, 1994.

On further query it is learnt from the Ld. D.M. that there are 23 Community toilets in this District. But 182 Community toilets are ongoing process. Under the Scheme of Swach Bharat 48% houses have got lavatory facilities.

It is, further, learnt that there are 8 hostels (three for girls and two for boys) and they have shown figures relating to boundary of graveyards -144; Widow Pension had been given to 143 Minorities and Physically challenged pension had been given to 79 Minorities. Minority Empowerment Programme or Self Help Group for Minorities had been given to the 982 Minorities. SDO Sadar, Khatra and Bishnupur, reported to my query that they used to grant OBC Certificates more than 2000 per munsum.

The District authority could not give any figure relating to Wakf property. The CMOH had opined that there is no severe resistance from all the Blocks of Bankura for Sterilization, Immunization,

Tubectomy and Polio-vaccine except Panisole area.

The Lead Bank Manager had given one chirkut that 3,49,157 Minorities had been included under the Scheme of Prime Minister's "Dhana Jana Yojana". The said chirkut be marked as "Annexure-3". The Add. District Magistrate (Dev.) had furnished one figure relating to Madrasahs in this District. The said report be marked as "Annexure-4" of this report.

On my query the Superintendent of Police had furnished the Crime Statement for the year 2014. The said Crime report be marked as "Annexure-5" from which it reveals 165 crimes are recorded under POCSO act and for Heinous crime cases.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that Minority people had got 1184 Geetanjali houses and amount of the said house had been decreased at the tune of Rs.75,000/- each. This District has been enjoying the Backward Region Grant Fund. There are three Institutions under the Private Public Partnership Basis and three Fair Price Medical Shops.

The Ld. SDOs of three Sub-divisions ruthlessly stated that there is no pending application under Right to Information Act or Right to Education Act. The CMOH, further, stated that National Health Mission is progressing in his District instead of National Rural Health Mission.

On my further query it is learnt that there is no Arsenic Heat Belt in this District but Floride is available in almost all the blocks. There is no separate Water Treatment Plant but the water is used to supply to Municipality from tube well and from river also. Water used to supply to 14 blocks out of 22 blocks through PHE Scheme.

On further query it is learnt from DOMA that installation of lift in the Minority Bhawan has not yet been completed. Similarly, entries of the said Minority Bhawan has not been so developed. No Skill Development Study Centers are in this District.

On my further query it is learnt that there are three ITI College and two Polytechnic Colleges in this District. It is learnt, further, from ADM (Dev.) that there are 458 drop out students in this District after Class VI & VIII. Pre-Matric Scholarship had been given to 33,444 Minorities. Post-Matric Scholarship had been given to 1,917 Minorities. Bank loan rate to the Minority peoples is 7% as per claim of Lead Bank Manager.

There are 2,499 beneficiaries under the Scheme of Talent Support. Two students got Haji Md. Mohsin Scholarship in this District. There are 73 MSK and 1 Senior SSK. There is no dispute relating to disbursement of honorarium to the Teaching and non-teaching staff as well as to the Para Teachers and Sikha Sahaikas.

I have already mentioned the status of crime statement which was furnished by S.P. The undersigned had asked the Superintendent of Police whether any serious Fraud Investigation Office or any money laundering case had been instituted in this District. There is no Child Welfare Committee in this District. Under the Child Labour Prohibition Act only one case had been started. No case has been started

under the Prohibition of Employment of Children. In factories any hazardous work has been started.

On further query it is learnt that they had availed of 32 men days under the Scheme of MNAREGA. No case has not yet been started under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act. CMOH, further, reported that they used to grant cheque under the Scheme of Janani Suraksha. But no Committee has yet been framed for mal-nutrition in this District under the Child Care Unit.

On further query it is learnt that Kanyasri, K-1 Form had been given to 87,000 girl students, K-II Form had been given to 6,000 students, Yubashri had been given to 2,800 beneficiaries and Sikhashri had been given to 74,826 beneficiaries.

On further query it is learnt that there are 5 Marketing hubs in this District. The Superintendent of Police had stated before me that they had sensitized their subordinates relating to Amended Section 41(A) of the Cr.Pc. and 498A I.P.C.

Thus the 1st half session ends at 2 p.m. and the 2nd session like Sensitization Camp took place in the same venue at the Circuit House, Conference Hall at Bankura and several distinguished persons, Panchayet Samities' Sabhapatis and Zilla Parishads' Minority Members were assembled there. The Attendance Sheet is marked as "Annexure-6".

The undersigned had apprised of the audience relating to the pros and cons of the Minorities' Commission's Acts & Rules and Rights & Duties. Thereafter, one of our Members Mr. Syed Nizamuddin Ali gave short speech to the audience. Thereafter, one Interactive Session was arranged. About 1 dozen persons have participated in the said session. One Hossain Rabbi raised the point that there are 12 MLAs in this District but no MLA has been elected from Minority community. One Syed Palwan, one L.M. Khan raised some points. The undersigned himself raised the point in the 1st half Administrative meeting as well as in the Sensitization camp in respect of Machantala property which was forcibly occupied by some forcible possessors.

One Rabia Bibi, Aspa Hasan, Patra Saher also participated in the said Session who hails from Indus. Sk. Sabir raised the point relating to the wakf property. One Haji Md. Mohsin had given away one land for construction of Mushafir Khana and Hostel for the persons of interior villages who used to come to the town at Bankura for medical treatment. One Akbar Pandit also raised some points. One Rukubuddin also stated regarding Mushafir Khana. One Madrasah student Mr. Rabbi also raised another point relating to political under-representation of the Minorities. There are 46 Zilla Parishad Members in this District. One lady Zilla Parishad member remained present there.

Some Self Help Group ladies also participated in the Sensitization camp. One Farida Khatun who happens to be the Sabhapati of Panchayat Samity narrated her plights in her Madrasah. The teachers' posting is very acute. Cent persons are Minorities. Another Secretary and President of Sakti Madrasah have also participated in the Interactive Session.

Thus the Sensitization camp ends with thanks to the participants by the undersigned.

The copy of this report be sent to Secretary, M.A.&M.E. Dept., Nababba and another copy be kept

in the file for perusal of the Hon'ble Members in next meeting of Commission.



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N. Purulia**Evaluation or Monitoring report in respect of Purulia District on 23.12.14**

The team is comprising of the undersigned along-with Mr. Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Mr. Marshood Al-Qadri and Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan.

The venue of the meeting was at the Conference hall of the Zilla Parishad, 1st floor, Purulia. The Superintendent of Police and half dozen of Senior Police Officers of this District had attended the meeting. The Ld. District Magistrate entered into the Conference room a few minutes later. He had had one meeting with MIC S. Mohato, Social Empowerment Minister. The Zilla Sabhadhipati, one MLA of Kashipur and three SDOs of Sadar-I & II and Ranganathpur remained present along-with Sabhapatis of Panchayet Samities. ADM (Dev.) Mr. Amitabha Maity DOMA Sanjay Biswas, A.I. of Schools and D.I., Primary, Lead Bank Manager and other officials remained present. The meeting started just at 11 a.m.

At the very outset I had discussed about the crime affairs along with the Superintendent of Police. I asked him to submit the figure relating to POCSO cases. The children trafficking, Maintenance and Welfare of Parents & Senior Citizen Act- 2007 cases. Domestic Violence Act, 2005 & Child Prohibition Acts cases 1986. He only gave the figure of POCSO cases for the year 2013 i.e. 31. In 2014 there are 18 POCSO cases.

The Lead Bank Manager had replied on my query that he had provided 8.7% loan to the Minority people. He also gave the figure under the Scheme of Jana-Dhana-Yojana that 2,48,000 people had included their names. DOMA, Purulia, had given one hard copy of Purulia District at a glance.

It is a fact that there are 20 blocks in this Purulia district and there are 170 Gram Panchayets. The CMOH and the District Magistrate stated before me on my query that there are 485 Special Health Centers. DOMA had given the figure of Angwanwari Centers in the year 2011-12 that there are 20 Minority Angwanwari Centers out of sanctioned 210 Angwanwari Centers. 33 Minority hostels (boys, girls) including toilets out of 190 hostels had been constructed in 2014-15 under IMDP and housing under BRGF. Under the Scheme of Geetanjali there are 184 houses. There are 629 grave yards. Widow pension had given to 10,000 beneficiaries. Minority Women Empowerment Programme beneficiaries are 769 out of 22,000. There are sanctioned units 29, out of which 25 have been completed and 4 are ongoing.

Minority Bhawan have been completed. 5 Minority hostels are constructed for Minority students. Marketing hubs are 4. Furnitures purchased by 1 lacs. Installation of computers at Madrasahs made construction of ACR have been completed. Distribution of Bicycles about 1556. Madrasah Siksha Kendras are 14. Unaided Madrasah is 1. Financial loan provided & Pre-Matric Scholarship had been given to 15,727 students in 2014-15, Post-Matric Scholarship had given to 918 students, Post Matric under talent support had given to 1915 in 2014-15.

Begum Rokiya Sekhawat is situated in this district and that was run by one NGO. On my further query it is learnt from D.M. that one Water Treatment Plant be under progress at Zaika and by 2019 each

and every household will get water.

On my further query no Skill-Development Study Centres is situated in this District. It is learnt that there are 4 I and three Polytechnic colleges. Six I are under construction and 4 Polytechnic colleges are under construction. The D.I. could not give any satisfactory answer regarding drop out students in 2014. Under Kanyasri K-I Form have given to 4,48,000 girl students, K-II Form had given to 2,500 girl students and Yubashri had given to 1,016 beneficiaries. S.P. could not give any figure regarding voluntary Police and Civic Police ratio for Minorities.

On further query the Police personnel or the Superintendent of Police gave the reply that they did not violate Article 22 (Sub-Clause 4) nor Article 23 or 24 of the Constitution. They used to comply the Provision under Section 41A Cr.Pc. strictly and they did not arrest the in-laws of husband indiscriminately by the recent Verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Some Panchayet Samities' Sabhapati, namely, Soumen Babu of Kashipur Panchayet narrated the plights of the block during the Interaction Session in the first half phase of the Administrative meeting.

Similarly, Shri Abani Bhusan Singh participated the meeting and interacted over the Bagmundi affairs like Angwanwari Centre, Madrasah and Road. Similarly, Hon'ble MLA of Kashipur also interacted that in his area the drainage system is very bad condition as the Minority people used to raise their household besides the public pathway and no drainage system is there. CMOH submitted on my query that there are 8 BMOH. Out of 20 blocks 12 are vacant. The Ld. D.M. had opined that Doctors are very reluctant to go to Purulia.

On my further query it is learnt that 7,000 children are mal-nourished though ICDS Scheme is in progress. CMOH, further, stated before me that there are 7 Fair Price Diagnostic Centers and there are three Fair Price Medicine shops besides hospitals in this District. The Ld. D.M., further, stated that under the Scheme of Jal Dharo Jal Bharo they had excavated 8,000 tank. CMOH, further, stated before the undersigned that they received 79 lakhs under the National Health Mission and that would be distributed in the Municipal works. Drop out students nil in 2014.

Thus the 1st half session meeting ends at 1 p.m.

Second Half Session

The 2nd half session like Sensitization camp took place at Harimandir auditorium. Several persons including ADM (Development) A.Maity and DOMA S.Biswas; Social activist, Lawyer and other distinguished persons remained present in the said Sensitization camp. It is an irony fate that in Uluberia

95% participants were Minority Muslim Women. In Purulia only six women had participated.

The undersigned had apprised of the audience about the rights & duties and pros & cons of the Minority Commission's Act & Rules. One of our Members Syed Nizamuddin Ali also delivered short speech and apprised of the audience about their rights and duties. During the Interactive Session one Nadim took the plea and raised the point of Sacchar Committee. One Anwar Ansari raised some points during the Interactive Session. One Soyel Rumi, Secretary, Madrasah Welfare Committee, Purulia raised some pertinent points relating to the education of Madrasah and scarcity of teachers and affiliation of some Madrasahs which are pending since the last regime.

One Abu Sufian is too much vociferous and stated that Muslims are not lagging behind. He took the help of one newspaper cutting and intended to submit before the undersigned and expressed his agony that he did not get the proper time to place his grievances. Thus the 2nd half session ends at about 3-10 p.m.

This is the sumum-bonum report of Purulia District.

It may be mentioned here that the District authority and the DOMA Officer has geared up the District more consciously than my last visit made on 08.10.2014.

The copy of this report be sent to Secretary, M.A.&M.E. Dept., Nababba and another copy be kept in the file for perusal of the Hon'ble Members in the next meeting of Commission i.e. on 20.01.2015.



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O. Malda

The Evaluation or Monitoring report relating to the last visit of Malda District in the first session on 30.12.2014 at the Conference Hall of Malda, Collectorate.

The Administrative meeting starts just at 10-30 a.m. as per the schedule Programme. The team is comprising of the undersigned, Mrs. Shehnaz Quadry and the Member-Secretary Shakeel Ahmed. This District has got two sub-divisions- one Sadar sub-division and another Chachal sub-division. There are total 15 Blocks and 146 Gram Panchayets in this District. This District is governed under MSDP Scheme. This District is the 2nd highest Minority Muslim Dominated Area in West Bengal. The Sub-division like Chachal has got six Blocks. Five Blocks have got more than 70% Muslims and one Block Harishchandrapur has got about 60% Minority Muslim. Highest Minority Dominated Block is Kaliachak-1 where 88.39% Minority Muslim used to reside and the said Block is very congested and the adjacent national Highway is also in dilapidated condition. The undersigned had to proceed Malda on 29th December, 2014 by Mothabari & Amriti Bye-pass besides Habibpur, Bamangola and Gazal. Another six Blocks also have got about 50% Minority Muslims. The Sabhadhipati of Zilla Parishad and Superintendent of Police were conspicuously absent.

I have already mentioned at the outset that this District is governed under MSDP. The District Officer for Minority Affairs had prepared one hard copy report where from it reveals that there are total 52% Minority Muslims in this District. 16% are SC and ST out of 98% Muslims. The literacy rate is 62.71% and there are 11 Police stations in this District.

On my query it is learnt from DOMA that there are 779 Angwanwari Centers in this District. Under Geetanjali Housing Scheme 3520 houses were constructed. The Nija Griha Nija Bhumi patta was given to 342 persons. The Agricultural patta was given to 722 persons in the year 2014-15. 156 Health Sub-Centers were allotted under MSDP, out of which 118 Health sub-Centers had been completed. 6 Health sub-Centers are ongoing under IMDP Scheme. Arsenic Free Drinking Water tube wells are total 680. 285 tube wells had been completed. 686 units had been completed out of 1000 units under BRGF in the year 2013-14. 158 housing had been completed for destitute women in the year 2014-15.

On query of the undersigned relating to O.B.C. Certificates it is learnt that there are SDO Sadar and SDO, Chachal used to grant it. SDO Sadar reported to me that he had granted total 8,385 OBC Certificates and SDO, Chachal had granted 4672 OBC Certificates. Old Age Pension had been given to 1,029 Minority Community Peoples in the year 2014-15. Similarly, Widow Pension had been given to 539 Minorities & Disable Pension had been given to 901 Minority people.

On my query it is learnt that there are 82 aided recognized Madrasahs in this District. Junior Madrasahs are 13, senior type Madrasahs are 14 and High Madrasahs are 55 out of which 35 High Senior Madrasahs and 20 upto Class X. There are 18 MSKs were sanctioned and Government grant was provided. Total unaided Madrasahs are 143 in total out of which recognition was received for 10 Madrasahs only. 746 additional Class rooms were allotted under MSDP Scheme out of which 568 had been completed. 41 hostels (20 for boys and 21 for girls) were allotted under MSDP Scheme out of which 8 had been

completed and 5 are ongoing. 4 boys' hostels are sanctioned from the Directorate of Madrasah Education (DME) and 13 KGBV hostels' housing are ongoing. Toilets, drinking water, Girls' common room, furnitures were granted for 43 Madrasahs and computers were provided for 14 Madrasahs. Bi-cycles were given to 19,436 girl students of Madrasahs and another 8,983 bi-cycles were distributed in this year. Pre-Matric Scholarship had been given to 1,33,224 students & Post Matric Scholarship had been given to 21,336 students. The State Government had given stipend to 17,576 students. Uniform had been given to 3,21,352 students & free Text Books had been given to 3,25,013 students.

On my query it is learnt that there are 2 ITIs, one at Kaliachalk-III, another ITI sanctioned at Harishchandrapur and other will be at Rotua and Habibpur. 2 Polytechnic Colleges at Kaliachak and another at English Bazar. One English Medium Madrasah had been sanctioned but the work has not yet been started for soil testing.

Under my query the DOMA, D.M. and the Hon'ble Minister K. Chowdhury reported to me the land which was given for construction of English Madrasah i.e. their fallow land used as dumping ground.

The DOMA and ADM(Dev.) reported that soil test is ongoing. The undersigned had opined that during my last visit on 18.09.2013 I asked the District Magistrate to submit one report within a week. DOMA, further, reported that Malda Muslim Girls' hostels had been constructed for accommodation of 58 students and another 2 units were constructed under MSDP with capacity of 75 Computer with Printer, Laboratory facilities, Career counseling also have there.

On my further query it is learnt what is the present status of Minority Bhawan. Be it mentioned here that before attending the Administrative meeting at 10-30 p.m. The undersigned personally had visited the Minority Bhawan and went to up-stair of that Bhawan and found that interior floor work is going on. During the time of Administrative meeting I had asked the assembled Officers and the dignitaries that at the threshold of Minority Bhawan one corrugated tin shed of "Piran-E-Pirmazar" which is enrolled under the Wakf Board.

The Hon'ble Minister K. Chowdhury in the said meeting stated before me that Minority does not mean Muslim only. I had clarified Hon'ble Minister's query who are the Minorities and where in our Constitution the term Minority is defined that there are six religious groups in our Commission such as Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, Parsees and Jains.

On my further query initially the DOMA could not give any figure relating to community toilets. Subsequently, he gave one figure that they had constructed 40 community toilets in his District.

On my further query it is learnt that there are 450 Wakf Estates in this District. On my further query it is learnt that no Committee has yet been formed in this District under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate, CMOH and other dignitaries of this District for mal-nourished children through ICDS though the Integrated Child Development Scheme is in-vogue in our State.

On my further query the CMOH reported to me that there are 59% Institutional deliveries in this District. On my further query it is learnt that out of 15 Blocks there are 8 BMOH (Block Medical Officers

and Health). There are three fair price medicine shops and there are 2 fair price diagnostic Centers in this District and they used to provide cheque under Janani Suraksha Scheme. It was reported by the CMOH that no violation case under PNDT Act, 1994 has yet been started in this District. The CMOH further reported to me that under PPP model one PHC is in his District. This District is governed under BRGF fund and most of the Blocks are Arsenic Heal Belt Block in this District. There are three Water Treatment Plant. They used to lift water from Ganges.

On further query from SDO sadar and Chachal there is no pending application under the Right to Information Act, 2005. They had disposed of four applications. Centers for Skill Development Studies are 32.

Under the query of the undersigned it is learnt that there are 40 Institutions under the National Child Labour Project. But the District Social Officer could not give any figure. How many cases were started under Child Labour Prohibition Act in this District.

Be it mentioned here that the Superintendent of Police is conspicuously absent during the time of Administrative meeting. The Ld. D.M. S. Dwibedi stated before me that he had been to Kaliachalk for laws and orders problem but the Additional SP who had attended the meeting who could not give the proper answer on the query of the undersigned. Subsequently he gave one figure after collecting from his Department that 88 cases were reported under POCSO case in his District for the last year. It is learnt that three Child Prostitutes had been recovered from other Provinces. But no figure is furnished by the Add. Superintendent of Police relating to heinous crime. Children and women trafficking, Maintenance of Senior Citizen Act, 2007. Domestic Violence cases and Social Welfare Officers gave some figures but no cases have been included under UAPA Act or Public Service Act.

I have already mentioned that no Committee has yet been formed relating to Child Care Unit with District Child Welfare Committee (DCWC). There is one SAA (Special Adoption Agency). On my query the Ld. D.M. had reported to me that they had availed of 29 men days under M.NERAGA.

The Add. SP and DM reported that conviction rate is 18%. He also reported to me that one Rape case judgment has been delivered within 25 days since the date of commencement of the offence. No case has yet been conducted under FCRA.

Similarly, no Committee has yet been framed under mal-nutrition cases. The undersigned had asked the Add. S.P. that this District is the haven for smuggling of counter-feat notes. Most of the fictitious money used to transmit through Kaliachawk area. The Add. S.P. could not furnish the figure how many under trial prisoners are languishing in jail custody without trial years together in his district.

Lastly, Hon'ble MIC K. Chowdhury stated before me that he had convinced the Hon'ble Chief Minister and got Rs. One crore for completion of the Minority Bhawan of Malda. The Add. S.P. reported to me on my query whether they had complied with the Provision under Article 29, 30, 22(4), 23 and 24 of the Indian Constitution. Under RIDF they had constructed 13 roads. I had given the emphasis upon Ld. D.M. and all the assembled officers to expedite the construction of road near to Kaliachalk. They had given assurance that within February next they will complete the said road as it is most in dilapidated condition

of the N.H.-24 Road. A huge number of vehicles stood stand still in a big que. Under my query in Interactive Session one Hon'ble MLA Mrs. S. Yasmin raised some points that under her constituency Hamidpur Gram Panchayat one Primary Health Centre, one Higher Secondary School and one college be established as the girls have to cross three creeks or kharis for going to college.

She also raised the point that under Child Labour Project no school is situated under her Constituency though some Brick killers are there. Another ex-MLA Mustaq and representative of M.P., Malda raised some points relating to Water Treatment Plant's money.

Under my query the Hon'ble MIC, DOMA and DM also gave me assurance that for the development of Kaliachalk N.H.-34 area had been given to NHAI (National Highway Authority of India). One Pabitra Kumar Roy also participated in the said Interactive Session. The Member of the District Child Welfare Committee Mr. H.A. Shah also raised some points that the Wakf property cannot be converted into other Khatian. The same point also raised by Hon'ble M.L.A. Mrs. S. Yasmin also.

The undersigned had clarified on those points that Wakf property used to be dedicated in the name of God or Allah and another kind of Wakf is i.e. called Wakf-Ul-Aulad. The undersigned had given much emphasis upon the official assembled in the meeting to be more vigilant, sincere and must be accountable to the public as Public Service Act, 2013 has come into force in 2013. In our interest the public delivery system must be prompt, transparent and simple to the extent possible.

Thus the Administrative meeting ends at 12-30 p.m. at Malda with thanks to the assembled persons and the officials. The undersigned encouraged or imbibed them to extend their helping hand for upliftment of the Minorities. Similarly, the Lead Bank Manager was also stated before me on my query that they used to provide loan to 52% to the Minorities.

It seems that it is the highest loan facilities in second highest Minority Dominated Area among other Districts in West Bengal. It is learnt that out of 15 Blocks 12 BLF had been appointed, out of which 7 are from Minority groups. Under the Scheme of Antaydaya Scheme 2,421 are beneficiaries in this District.

The undersigned lastly opined that if we all strive for Excellence in our daily works culture then you will certainly a change in all sphere of works.

Thus the meeting at Malda ends with thanks to the assembled persons.



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P. Dakshin Dinajpur

The Evaluation or Monitoring report of District Dakshin Dinajpur having its Head Quarters at Balurghat dt 30th December, 2014 in the afternoon.

The Study team is comprising of the undersigned, Hon'ble Member Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery and the Member-Secretary Shakeel Ahmed. The Administrative meeting starts as per the schedule programme at 3 p.m. at the Conference Hall of Dakshin Dinajpur, Dist. Collectorate office.

Be it mentioned here that the Superintendent of Police, Add. District Magistrate, DOMA and SDO Sadar along with other officials remained present including some Sabhapatis of Panchayet Samities, BDOs (Block Development

Officers), District Engineers, Lead Bank Manager and others. The attendance register of the said meeting is marked as "Annexure-1" of this report from which it would be evident that the District Magistrate remained absent but he had intimated our Member-Secretary that he will remain away from station on 30th December, 14 as he has got one programme or meeting along-with Hon'ble C.M. in Kolkata. The DOMA had prepared one Power Projection report. As per the Census report of 2001 the Minority people in this District are 24.2%. There are

total 8 Blocks, 2 sub-divisions and 65 Gram Panchayets in this District. Out of 8 Blocks 6 Blocks are



Hon'ble Members of the Commission in the Administrative Meeting



Distinguished guests of the Administrative meeting

Minority Muslims dominated. These are, namely, Harirampur, Kusumandi, Gangarampur, Kumarganj, Tapan and Banshihari. It is a fact that 6 (six) blocks are governed under MSDP and 2 (two) blocks are governed under IMDP Scheme, namely, Hilli and Balurghat.

At the very outset of the meeting the undersigned had asked all the assembled officials to say a few words that it is in our interest to ensure that the Public Delivery System must be prompt, transparent and to the extent simple in nature. The undersigned also further opined that if all the Officers strive for excellence then everybody will certainly see a change in all the spheres of their works. The undersigned also opined that Almighty has given us the power, privilege and opportunity to serve our country men. Now, let us see how this District authority had materialized Central Government MSDP Plan & Project and IMDP in this District. The Ld. DOMA had presented one C.D. of snaps, attendance register of the assembled Officers and dignitaries.

At the outset the undersigned had asked the Ld. ADM, DOMA who were present in the meeting whether they had constituted any Committee along-with other Senior Officers of this District like District judge for the Nutrition Programme or Sensitization camp for mal-nourished children through ICDS or not. They gave the reply that altogether 12 and some children are mal-nourished.

Be it mentioned here that CMOH did not turn up to the meeting. The Deputy CMOH had represented him and he had tried to answer my query but he could not give any figure whether they held any Sensitization camp for Nutrition Programme in collaboration with ICDS or Senior Officer of this District or not.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt that there are 248 Sub-Health Centers in this District and they had constructed 58 add. class rooms, 3,279 Angwanwari Centers and 300 Indira Abas Yojona, 100 (hundred) tube wells. Out of 8 Blocks 3 (BMOH) Block Medical Officers and Health, 3 permanent BMOH and 5 BMOH are In-Charge as it is reported to the undersigned by the Deputy CMOH. He also stated that there are 8 Fair Price Diagnostic Centers in this District and 2 Fair Price Medicine Shops are there. ACR Primary construction of AYC are 693+146.

On further query, it is learnt that only 5 & 6 community toilets had been set up and 33 boundary walls of grave yards, out of which 16 are in completion. On my further query relating to OBC certificates, SDO Sadar reported to me that he had issued only 700 Certificates under O.B.C. A category per month. It is learnt, further, from DOMA that they had issued pension to 1220 widows, out of which Widow Pension to 150 Minorities. Pension relating to Physically Challenged persons had been issued to total 1589 persons, out of which 278 for Minorities. Under Minority Women Empowerment Programme, out of 15,000 Self Help Group Minority groups have got 348.

On further query of the undersigned, it is learnt that there are 78 Wakf Estates in this District. It is, further, learnt from CMOH that instead of National Rural Health Mission now it has been renamed as National Health Mission (NHM). Deputy CMOH replied to my query.

SDO Sadar replied to my query how many applications he received under Right to Information Act, 2005. He replied that 27 applications were received and all the applications were disposed of. He also

stated that no complaint lodged with them or to the D.I. relating to Right to Education Act, 2009.

The Geetanjali Housing Scheme is exclusively for Minorities, total housing was 1805 out of which 1666 are on the verge of completion. It is further, learnt that this District is getting Backward

Region Grant Fund (BRGF). There are 2 (two) Institution under the PPP Model one at Gangarampur and another at Balurgahat. Water Treatment Plants are at Gangarampur and at Tapan.

On further query it is learnt that no Block is Arsenic Heat Belt but these are heat by floride. It is a fact that Minority Bhawan had already been constructed in this District. I saw the same during my last visit on 30.10.13. I had personally instructed entered into the said Bhawan.

It is learnt further from the DOMA that there are 6 (six) Centers for Skill Development in this District. There are 2 (two) ITIs and 1 (one) Polytechnic college. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from D.I. of Schools that there are 2,468 drop out students, out of which Minorities are 147.



Hon'ble Chairman is Giving speech in the Administrative Meeting

It is also learnt that there are 28 hostels (16 for girls and 12 for boys) and 1(one) Boys' hostel had been established at Balurghat. It is further learnt from Social Welfare Officer that there are 33 Domestic Violence Cases. Post-Matric Scholarship under Talent support had been issued to 7,525 students for the year 2013-14 & issued to 9429 students for the year 2014-15. There are 16 recognized Madrasahs. It is learnt that there are 3 MSKs and 2 SSKs. MidDay Meal used to provide to that Kendras. 65 laboratories grant received the grant from Sarbasikha Abhijan and Mass Education.

There is no discrimination relating to disbursement of honorarium to the teachers and Para-teachers or Sikha Sahaika. Under Nija Griha Nija Bhumi one list submitted. The said report is marked as "Annexure-2". The DOMA also submitted another Format relating to Angwanwari Centers. The said report be marked as "Annexure-3".

Initially the S.P. could not give any figure how many cases had been instituted under POCSO Act but subsequently he submitted one Chirkut without signing the same as there were 7 cases in 2013 and 25 POCSO cases in the year 2014. Trafficking case was 6 in 2013 and 4 in 2014. Chirkut of S.P. is marked as "Annexure-4". The S.P. could not give any figure relating to Heinous crime or Unauthorised Activities P.A.

Act, no figure was furnished relating to Senior Citizen Act Case, 2007 or Public Service Act, 2013. No figure was furnished under the F.C.R.A. But Conviction rate is 14% in this District.

On my query the Lead Bank Manager reported to me that Bank loan rate to the Minority people is 21.54% and 3 lakh people included the name under JAN DHAN Yojna. No figure was furnished relating to under trial prisoners languishing jail custody without trial. The Deputy CMOH reported to me that 80% people used to make institutional delivery in this District and 20% delivery used to make through dhatri and they used to provide cheque under Child Welfare or under Janani Suraksha Scheme.

On my further query it is learnt that in this District under Kanyasri K-1 Form had given to 41,506 beneficiaries, out of which Minorities are 11,530 and K-II Form had given to 2154 out of which Minorities are 558. Under Yubashree Scheme 1765 youth used to get Rs.1,500. However, Civic Police, Green Police and Village Police 5000 had been recruited but no figure was furnished how many Minorities had been recruited.

It is, further, learnt from Deputy CMOH and Social Welfare Officer under the Scheme of SAA (Special Adoption Agency) 3(three) cases have been noted. The S.P. reported to me that there is no violation of Article 22 sub-clause(4) or Article 23 & 24 of the Constitution of India.

SDO Sadar submitted on my query that no Passport application is pending and they issued 150 passports. During the Interactive Session a few persons had participated, out of them one Pradip Kumar Roy and one D.L.C. Member Mr. Yaqub raised the point relating to unaided Madrasah.

Thus the Administrative meeting ends at 4-30 p.m. and the Officers who were assembled in the said meeting. They were very much pleased and they candidly conferred or opined before me that they have learnt so many things from the query of the undersigned.

This is the sumum-bonum of report relating to the Administrative meeting at Balurghat in the year 2014.



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Q. Murshidabad

**The report on the Study tour of Highest Muslim Minority concentrated District,
Murshidabad, held on 28th January, 2015**

The team is comprising of the undersigned, Hon'ble Members, namely, Syed Nizamuddin Ali, Mr. N. F. Tankariwala and ex-officio Member Shakeel Ahmed, Member-Secretary. The said tour or evaluation or monitoring took place at Berhampore, Murshidabad Sadar on two phases.

The 1st half Administrative meeting took place just at 11 a.m. in the Conference Hall of District Magistrate, Murshidabad. The Ld. District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police were conspicuously absent on 28.01.2015. They also remained absent during my previous two visits also -one was on 21.11.12 and other on 21.01.14. The best reason is known to them why they did not turn up to the said meetings of Statutory body of the Hon'ble State Commission. The SDPO, Lalbag; another SDPO and DSP, town remained present during the time of meeting. Subsequently, Mr. Golam Mustafa who represented the Superintendent of Police and happens to be the Senior Police Officers of the Detective Department who had tried to answer the queries of the undersigned.

Be it mentioned here that there are 26 Blocks, 5 Sub-divisions and 254 Gram Panchayets in this District. Be it further mentioned here that Hon'ble Sabhadhipati, Zilla Parishad, Hon'ble MLAs of Kandi, Bharatpur, Raghunathganj, Mr. A. Abu Taher Khan, MLA; Chand Md. Khan, Parliamentary Secretary. MLA, Bharatpur; Firoza Begum, MLA and a few representatives of MLAS, namely, Sujauddin, representative of Lalgola MLA; Mr. Abu Hena, another MLA, representative of Lalbag, namely, K. Ali. Hon'ble MP Adhir Chowdhury's representative Amirul Islam remained present. Rajat Das, another representative of MLA also remained present and participated in the Interactive Session after the Administrative meeting.

Be it mentioned here that all the Blocks of this District are highly Minority Concentrated Blocks and this District is governed under M.S.D.P (Multi Sectoral Development Programme).

i)	Indira Abas Yojona	8,357
ii)	Angwanwari Centers	1,700 completed out of 5,100
iii)	Health Sub-Centers	1,625
iv)	Additional Class rooms	144 completed

Five year Financial Plan in 2012-13 are Indira Abas Yojona, Angwanwari Centres. Construction of 5 hostels had been completed and 2 hut-sheds had been completed in 2013-14. As per the Status report of the District authority they had surrounded boundary wall of graveyards 101 units but 69 had been completed and extended 84%. Under Geetanjali Housing Scheme 925 houses had been completed. 1.67 lacs had been granted per unit in the year 2012-13. Under the Special BRGF 2930 units had been completed for destitute women. One Muslim Girls' hostel had been constructed at Berhampore. Term loan had been given to 991 units. Micro Finance had been given to 36,183 beneficiaries and Education loan had

been given to 590 students under WBMDFC.

Post Matric – Rs. 22,119/- in 2012-13

Pre-Matric - Rs. 1,99,434/- in 2012-13

Pre-Matric - Rs. 2,64.039/- in 2013-14

State Government stipend had been given to 19,051 beneficiaries in 2012-13 and 41,828 beneficiaries had been given in 2013-14. Merit-cum means had been given to 1412 beneficiaries in 2012-13 and to 1,748 beneficiaries in 2013-14.

For 248 unaided Madrasah applications sent for enquiry. Enquiry completed 106 & approval received for 52 Madrasahs. There is one English Medium Madrasah in this District. Fund was utilized and expenditure was cent percent. Class started from one to three. Minority Bhawan already constructed. I had seen the same during my last visit also. There were 25,545 bi-cycles in the year 2012 for the students of Class IX to XII. 10,994 bi-cycles were distributed in the year 2013 to Class VIII-IX and 13,050 bi-cycles were distributed in the year 2014 to the students of Class-IX.

Computers were provided to the Madrasah Bhabta Azizia High Madrasah -72 units. MSDP cluster at Char area . Bhagwangola Indira Abas Yojona Housing completed 7,416, 4,363 and 8,357 under the F.O.I.P. Geetanjali Housing has been implemented by D.P.L.O. cost Rs. 17 lakhs per unit. I have already mentioned that sub-health Centers were established . 29 Hostels were under construction for



Members of the Commission at the Administrative Meeting D.M.'S Conference Hall

Minority students, out of which 18 had been

completed. Only three ITIs- one at Raghunathganj and other two within 26 Blocks. Centers for vocational studies are 600. Add. Class rooms are 216 for 54 Madrasahs and Rs.4,29,000 had been granted per room. Fencing of grave-yard - 1 unit had been sanctioned and 61 had been completed. Housing under Special BRGF (Special Backward Region Grand Fund) 2,0936 had been sanctioned and all are completed as per the report of Minority Affairs of District. 2,015 Haj Pilgrimages' applications received upto 21st January,2015.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt from CMOH that no Committee has yet been formed in

this District under Nutrition Programme for mal-nourished children through ICDS (Integrated Child Development Scheme). They could not give any figure how many mal-nourished children in this District.

Mr. Ganguly, CMOH, admitted that mal-nutrition is a medical-emergency. On my further query it is learnt that 64 cases were detected under Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994. But there were no erring persons who were booked for the said offence. No Child Welfare Committee (CWC) or Special Adoption Agency (SAA) has yet been formed in this District. The CMOH is directed to monitor the same and to form a Committee in collaboration with D.M.

On further query it is learnt from the CMOH that in his District 80% is Institutional delivery and 20% is home delivery through dhatri. On further query, CMOH or the other authority could not give any figure relating to community toilets. D.S.W. submitted one chirkut that they had granted widow pension and oldage pension. Widow pension had been given to only 38 widows but there is no Minority quota regarding oldage pension. He submitted one report marked as “Annexure-1”.

DOMA also furnished one report relating to construction of 24 hostels marked as “Annexure-2”. DPO (District Project Officer), Murshidabad, had furnished one report before the team through ICDS marked as “Annexure-3”. Centre for vocational studies’ list was furnished before the team i.e marked as “Annexure-4”. Under the Scheme of Sikha Sahajog Yojona which Block had received amount that is marked as “Annexure-5”.



A pictorial view of the administrative meeting

On query of the undersigned relating to drop out students or out of schools D.I. of Schools had given 1663 students as on 7.01.2015. He also furnished another quarterly report for the 3rd quarter from 01.10.2014 to 31.12.2014. The said quarterly Progress report is marked as “Annexure-6” of this report.

On further query it is learnt that Chief Medical Officer of Health Mr. Ganguly submitted one report on Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRC). He had given figure for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15. The entire NRC (Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres) is marked as “Annexure-7” of this report. On query of the undersigned the DOMA or the ADM Meena who used to look after the Minority affairs. They could not give any account.

On further query it is learnt that there are 140 Child Labour Project Schools but they are not getting salary for the last 2 years. CMOH could not give the recent figure on a Project like National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). On further query it is learnt from the CMOH that there is no resistance from any Block relating to immunization or vaccination. One Block like Samserganj there is certain resistance relating to vasectomy or tubectomy. It is also learnt from DOMA and ADM Minority Affairs that within 26 Blocks there is no Urdu speaking people. More than 10% Urdu speaking people are not in any Block of this District. Similarly, no Block within 26 Blocks of this District has got any linguistic Minority but it is learnt from the Hon'ble MLA that people of Dhulian, Suti and Nimdi used to talk in their colloquial language.

I have already mentioned that under "Nija Griha Nija Bhumi" Scheme Minorities got 7974 houses. Under the "Geetanjali Scheme" it is mentioned that 5,842 units are there and cent percent work had been completed. It is also learnt from ADM, Minority Affairs that all 26 Blocks of this District that they are getting Backward Region Grand Fund (BRGF). Some Blocks like Bhagwangola is Arsenic Prone Belt area. The ADM has reported to me that 155 Nischaya Yojana is in progress in this District for avoiding Arsenic Heat Belt area. National Health Mission is in existence instead of National Rural Health Mission. CMOH, further, stated to me that under PPP Model there are three Diagnostic Centers in this District and three fair price shops..

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from the SDO of 5 sub-divisions that they used to grant OBC Certificates regularly. SDO, Kandi and SDO, Jangipur used to grant 2,000 and 4,000 OBC Certificate respectively per month but the SDO, Lalgola granted 429 OBC Certificates, S.D.O., Berhampore granted 1,500 OBC Certificates, Kandi 2,000, Berhampore (Sadar) 4,000 and Lalgola 429 OBC Certificates. The said Ld. SDOs also stated before me on my further query it is learnt that no Petition is pending before them under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Similarly, they could not give the figure whether any case started under Public Service Act, 2013 or not? The D.I. of Schools (Secondary and Primary) ruthlessly stated before the undersigned on query that not a single complaint is received by them for violation of Section "3' Right to Education Act, 2009.

On further query of the undersigned the Ld. ADM and the DOMA or the person entrusted with Scheme like Water Treatment Plant they could not give the figure but it is learnt that two Water Treatment Plants are situated in the District. On further query of the undersigned it cuts a sorry figure relating to Industrial Training Institute or Polytechnic college. One staff of the Circuit house as well as one retired clerical staff of the Minority Department who is posted at Minority Bhawan, Murshidabad that there is no School at Village Durgapur Matandi under sub-division Kandi that was discussed in the meeting.

It is learnt from the brochure that some hostels were under construction. On further query it is learnt from the D.I. of Schools, Project Officer & Social Welfare Officer that midday meal used to provide to 106 recognized Madrasahs and 72 MSKs. But no cook or other infrastructure has yet been provided to the newly constructed Madrasah. How many libraries got the fund under "Sarba Siksha Abhijan" or Mass Communication Department. They could not give any figure. D.I. of Schools stated on my query as there is no dispute relating to disbursement of salary to the Para-teachers or Sikhya Sahaika.

Now, the Legal Affairs or Court cases affairs or the heinous crime cases or trafficking cases to be taken into consideration during the time of this 1st half administrative meeting. I have already mentioned at the outset of the report that during my three consecutive Study tour or Evaluation of the Projects of this District SP remained absent and D.M. remained absent.

It is very surprising and curious enough that one SDPO of Lalbagh was sitting beside the Member of this Commission. He could not give any figure nor he gives answer against any query rather she made aspersion against the A.C.J.M. Ranaghat while the undersigned had referred the vulnerable places of Beldanga which has got connection with Khagrahat. SDPO, Lalbagh had crossed his jurisdiction & limit and made such type of caustic remarks against ACJM that is not prudent or palatable to the Commission or Police authority. The said SDPO is such Protector of laws. When the undersigned had referred relating to IED (Impoverished Exclusive Devices). What Precautionary measure they had taken or he voluntarily gave the reply of aforesaid case like Ranaghat. If the Protectors sometimes become Predator of the offence. Women trafficking and children trafficking is a menace to our society but it is rampant in this District Murshidabad.

A huge number of teenaged girls used to traffic in other Provinces for flesh trade or immoral activities but the DDO Mr.Gulam Mustafa gave one figure relating to POCSO case (Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012) that there are 28 cases. The SDPO and DSPO who remained present they could not give any figure. On query of the undersigned how many cases started under sexual harassment of women in Working Places (Protection, Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013). Two SDPOs & DSP town who remained present they could not give any figure how many cases started under 498A but Mr. G. Mustafa gave one bunch of documents. He also stated before me that the Conviction Rate is 23% in his District. Heinous crime is 238. Dowry death , kidnapping case rate of children and women trafficking are 14 only. It is very surprising enough that no Add. S.P. also took initiative to remain present and/or to answer the query of the Commission by which their Subordinate Officers can be imbibed for making any task force in the District level with the help of Panchayet Sabhapatis , Sabhadhipati & MLAs etc. but no such Committee is formed in this District. How many girls and women have been trafficked and how many were recovered. They could not give any figure.

The SDPO, Lalbagh and another SDPO, Jangipur remained present as mute spectators. Besides SDPO, Lalbagh.Under the query of the undersigned it is learnt from G. Mustafa one Senior Police Personal reported to me that 762 under Trial Prisoners belonging to Minority groups are languishing in jail custody, out of which 356 are Bangladeshis. On query of the undersigned it is further learnt that whether FCRA Act (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010) is in force or not. How many cases were started under Child Prohibition Act. The District Social Welfare Officer also could not give the figure nor the SDPOs who had represented the SP were able to give the figure. The undersigned had asked the assembled Police personnel whether they used to comply the Provision of Article 22 (4) or 23 or 24 of the Constitution. Only Senior Police Officer G. Mustafa was able to answer the query.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from said Mustafa that 251 Village Polices were recruited in this District, out of which 138 were recruited from Muslim community. The rate of percentage of Minority is 54% in the said recruitment. Similarly, Civic Police recruitment is total 5,805, out of which

3,286 Muslims are recruited i.e. about 56%. No figure was furnished relating to Juvenile Justice case but Mr. Mustafa had given the figure that is mentioned in Page “23” of his report. Mr. Mustafa had taken certain pain for furnishing the report of Child Marriage Act that has been mentioned in Page “21 & 22”. Total conviction case records had been given i.e. 135 cases which is depicted from Page 12 & 19 of his report. Convicted persons were 453, Missing children from 2 to 18 are about 3,353 from 01.01.2011 to 09.11.2014 that has been mentioned in Page 9 & 10 of his report i.e. about 3453 and 3354 respectively from 27 Police station. The entire report of Police persons who represented the S.P. marked as “Annexure-8”. It is a good sign of this District. Out of 26 Blocks 24 Block level facilitators have been recruited from the Minority groups. The rate of Missing children is nodoubtly alarming.

It is a good sign of this District. Out of 26 Blocks 24 Block level facilitators have been recruited from the Minority groups. The District authority could not give any figure relating to protection of Child Laws case. In India 70% of sex workers had been forcibly brought to the Prostitution and allured them to child prostitution i.e. very alarming figure. National Scientific Council has been formed for the development of Children but no such early care and children education. E.C.C.E. was not properly taken in this District.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from the Lead Bank Manager that 14,63,700 householders in this District came under the Scheme of Jana-Dhana-Yojana. The District authority could not give any figure whether all 254 Gram Panchayets had come under the Swaach Bharat Mission of the present Government or not.

On further query it is learnt under the Scheme of Kanyasri-I 1,44,872 beneficiaries had been enlisted and under Kanyasri-2 Form 9,202 beneficiaries had been enlisted. Sikhashree had been given to 33,868 beneficiaries. 48 unaided Madrasah got approval. I also asked the Police personnel who had entrusted by the SP that all the measures they had taken in pursuance of Article 21A of the Amended Constitution, 2002 relating to speedy trial of under trial prisoners. The entrusted persons could not give any satisfactory answer. The S.P ought to have remained present in such type of Administrative meeting and the D.M. also ought to have remained present to imbibe or encourage to his subordinates but if they are conspicuously absent for three consecutive meetings in consecutive three years then it gives a bad signal to other distinguished persons like MLAs, Sabhapatis, Sabhadhipati and distinguished Officers of this District. M.A.&M.E. Department had chalked out the administrative calendar for monitoring meeting then it would be an exercise in futility at the cost of public money and time.

Thus the 1st session ends at 1-20 p.m.

Thereafter, an Interactive Session took place at 1st half session. One Hon’ble MLA of Raghunath Ganj A. Jaman raised some points that in his Block one Graveyard Ahiron Faduapara had furnished one utilization certificate. He also submitted that the teachers of National Children Labour Project are not getting salary for the last two years. Mr. A. Islam Ld. Representative of Hon’ble M.P. Adhir Chowdhury made some vociferous remark and also congratulate the Minority Commission and he was pleased with the work of Commission and stated that the people must be sensitized in the rural area. Hon’ble Parliamentary Secretary stated that tourism development be required at Lalbagh as it is a renowned

historical place. Hon'ble Mr. ATI Kuzzaman participated in the Interactive Session. One M.L.A. representative Mr. K. Ali of Lalbagh Constituency made some caustic remarks but subsequently he had withdrawn his remarks and he submitted that his sub-division overall development is highly required.

One Sujauddin, representative of Hon'ble MLA A. Hena of Lalgola Constituency stated that they had given proposal for 14 graveyards but nothing was sanctioned. One F. Begum, Hon'ble MLA, participated in the said Interactive session. She raised her point for the plights of Minorities in her Constituency. One Hon'ble MLA of Bharatpur constituency also raised some points relating to graveyards and Geetanjali housings are very meagre quantity in his Constituency. Hon'ble MLA, Kandi. Mr. A. Sirkar raised point like Backward Region Grand Fund and Skill Development Scheme for his sub-division. But his main demand one University may be established in Berhampore in his District. Lastly one Rajat Das, representative of Hon'ble MLA, also raised some points.

Be it mentioned here that Hon'ble A. Sirkar submitted one report which was prepared by him for perusal of the undersigned and this report of Mr. A. Sirkar is highly appreciated which is marked as "Annexure-9".

One letter also furnished which was written to DOMA by one Block Development Officer, Suti for inviting tender and administrative approval and the said letters were handed over to me by Hon'ble MLA of Raghunath Ganj is marked as "Annexure-10".

Thus the 1st half session ends with thanks to all the assembled persons at 1-15 p.m.

Second Half, Session Sensitization Camp

The Second Half Session Sensitization camp took place at 2 p.m. at Berhampore town club auditorium. The said auditorium was full to the brim by the august presence of a huge number of women belonging to Minority groups, Social activists, lawyers, Public Prosecutors & Doctors. The Former DOMA N. Haque delivered welcome address.

Thereafter, the undersigned had apprised of the audience about the activities of the Minorities' Commission & National Commission and what is the rights and duties of the Commission and how the Commission can protect the statutory rights and constitutional rights that has been elaborately spoken by the undersigned. If any group of Minorities among six religion groups be deprived or discriminated in any way then the Minority Commission used to stand beside him or her. After delivery the speech of the undersigned Member-Secretary of Minorities' Commission Mr. Shakeel Ahmed gave emphasis on Section IV of the West Bengal Minorities' Commission Act, 1996. He spoke on the rights and duties of Minorities' Commission.

Thereafter, another Member Syed Nizamuddin Ali spoke by his lucid speech and he mostly dwelt upon the overall upliftment of the Minorities of Murshidabad District as he himself belonging to the said

District. He is boast of his uncle Syed Badruddza who is one of the good Orator. Mr. Nizamuddin Ali gave emphasis upon the true education and value based education. Another Member Hon'ble N.F. Tankartiwalla spoke on the occasion. He also gave emphasis upon education and he suggested that education improves the knowledge and knowledge brings the revolution in society. He gave thanks to all the assembled persons and he also spoke that without education no Nation can be developed.

Thereafter, the undersigned gave option to the assembled persons for Interactive Session for half an hour. During the Interactive Session one Self Help Group leader Mrs. Dilruba Begum narrated the plights of the destitute women who were divorced or deserted from their husband. For them certain homes like Geetanjali or I.A.Y. be provided. Social empowerment Department also can rehabilitate them in the society. One Abdul Latif also participated in the Interactive Session. One Ziaur Rahaman stated that there are 101 registered Madrasahs in their District and 72 MSKs and they got approval for 48 unaided Madrasahs out of a few hundred.

One Debolina Gupta who belongs to Christian community who gave the suggestion that all the groups come under one umbrella of School Department. Her suggestion is nodoubtedly good one. One Rafiqul Haque also participated in the Interactive Session. One Superintendent of Berhampore Girls' Hostels participated in the Interactive Session.

At the end of second session she submitted one memorandum in the hands of the undersigned and she will get reply on the said complaint. Her grievance is regarding infrastructure of hostel. One T. Ahmed also participated in the said Interactive Session and he raised the point relating to boundary wall of kabarsthan. Dr. M. Hossain also participated in the said Interactive Session. He demanded that the Minority people of Murshidabad are not in a position to avail of the Central Government's plans and projects in details. One Khandekar also participated in the said Sensitization camp and spoke about the overall development and socio-economic upliftment of the Minority groups.

Thus the second half session ends as per the Programme. The undersigned gave thanks to all participants as well as to the District authority and also assembled persons to whom the Interactive Session took place and some clues or issues came forwarded before the Commission. The Commission will circumspect of those issues and how the issues can be addressed /forwarded and/or to look into meticulously.



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R. Hooghly

Evaluation report relating to Study tour by West Bengal Minorities' Commission at Chinsurah, District Head Quarter at Hooghly by the undersigned and its team on 18.02.15

The team is comprising of the undersigned Hon'ble Chairman along-with Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson Maria Fernandes, Hon'ble Members, namely, Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery, Mr. Ashok Turakhia, Mr. Bikash Barua and Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan.

The Monitoring meeting took place in the Conference room of the Hooghly. Now, Circuit House wherein the undersigned held the Administrative meeting on 17.04.2012 also. Thereafter, the undersigned had been to the said District and held two phased meeting on 18.02.2014. The undersigned along-with his team had surveyed or assessed the socio-economic condition of Minorities 3rd time i.e. on 18.02.2015. The meeting took place just at 11-30 a.m. The Additional District Magistrate(L.R.) Ayesha (A) remained present who is also looking after the District Minority affairs along-with another lady Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector.

Be it mentioned here that this District had got 4(four) sub-divisions, namely, Sadar sub-division, Arambagh, Srirampore and Chandanpur. There are total 18 (eighteen) blocks and 207 Gram Panchayets. This District is governed under IMDP (Integrated Minority Development Programme).

On my query it is learnt that there are total 218 Anganwari Centers. They had given one picture in Page No. 5 of their brochure. They also had given certain snaps relating to Health sub-Centers under IMDP Scheme. Additional Class Rooms are 168 and Health sub-Centers are 660 as per the report of CMOH out of which 79 are under construction. Sinking tube wells are 74. No Committee has yet been formed in this District for the mal-nourished children through ICDS but the CMOH had only given the reply that 84 children are mal-nourished i.e. at Tarakeshwar. The undersigned had asked the CMOH whether all 18 Blocks have got BMOH. On reply CMOH reported that six BMOH Posts are still vacant.



Hon'ble Chairman is delivering speech in the Administrative meeting

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from the Member of District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) that this Committee has recently been constituted but the Chairman of the said Committee did not turn up. The Ld. D.M. S. Banshal attended the meeting for certain period. I held meeting with him twice in his previous Posting i.e. at North 24 Pgs. He ruthlessly stated before me that no case has yet been reported in this District under SAA (Special Adoption Agency).

But on further query of the undersigned it is learnt from CMOH that 94% deliveries are institutional delivery in this District and there is no resistance from any corner relating to immunization, vaccination, vasectomy or tubectomy operation from any Block in this District.

On further query it is learnt that there are 18 community toilets in this District, out of which 7 (seven) are running. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from 4 (four) SDOs in this District that they used to grant OBC Certificates regularly. The SDO Sadar had granted 7,000 OBC Certificates and SDO, Arambagh had granted 9,050 OBC Certificates and SDO, Chandangar had granted 2721 OBC Certificates. SDO, Srirampore had granted only 827 OBC Certificates. They also reported to the undersigned that under "Right to Information Act, 2005" SDO Sadar had disposed of 37 complaints. SDO, Srirampore had disposed of 14 complaints. No other figure has yet been furnished by other 2 SDOs. The D.I. of Secondary Schools could not give any figure whether any complaint lodged with them under "Right to Education Act, 2009".

The CMOH had furnished one figure relating to Institutional delivery status of Hooghly since April, 2014 to January, 2015 i.e. total 51,570. The said report relating Institutional delivery be marked as "Annexure-1" in this report.

The CMOH had already stated on the query of the undersigned that under PPP Model one Diagnostic Centres is running in the District Hospital and three free fair price shops are running under the Scheme.

The Ld. Deputy Magistrate of Minority Affairs stated before the undersigned that 241 Graveyard boundary walls had been proposed and 8 hostels have been proposed under the Scheme of Rs. One Crore Eleven Lakhs only. Only one Hostel had been established under NGO i.e. at Nababia Mission. Pension had been given to 1790 widows, 1732 Physically challenged persons and 850 Self Help Group of Minority women out of 9,068 Self Help Group.. No account has been furnished by the District authority relating to Wakf property but they stated before me there are about 2000 Wakf properties in Hooghly. All the properties were not enrolled vide enrolment case No. of Wakf Board.

The Lead Bank Manager and the District Project Officer, District Social Welfare Officers conspicuously remained absent but one Assistant of Lead Bank Manager reported to the undersigned. Relating to the Prime Minister's "Jana Dhana Yojana" that 94% households had been registered under the Child Labour Project. There are 64 Schools in this District. The Ld. Officer could not give any satisfactory reply whether the teachers of that school are getting salary regularly or not.

It is further learnt that one area like Sattum Gram under Chinsurah Municipality 10% people are Urdu speaking people. Under the Scheme of Nija Bhumi Nija Griha- 4,000 persons got 5 cents of land, out

of which Minorities got 218. Under Geetanjali Housing total beneficiaries are 1519. The Officer could not give the actual figure how many Minorities got Geetanjali Housing was exclusively for Minorities. Now, the amount of incentives had been lowered down at the tune of Rs.70,000. Under the State Scheme like Jal Dharo Jal Bharo there are 42 Schemes at Haripal.

It is learnt that this District is not getting Backward Regional Grant Fund. There are 7(seven) Kishan Mandis in this District, such as at Chandrakona, Pursurah and Dhanekhali. Under the Scheme of National Rural Mission (NRM) there are three marketing hubs i.e. at Dankuni, Haripal and Chandan Nagar.

Under the Scheme of Yubashri the Ld. SDO of 4(four) sub-divisions gave their feed-back that there are 2241 in Sadar Sub-divisions such as 1319 at Chandan Nagar, 700 at Srirampore, 1516 at Arambagh. Ld. A.D.M., DOMA-in-Charge and Ld. SDO Sadar reported to me that there are 2 (two) Water Treatment Plants- one at Chandannagar and another at Shahganj. Besides that they are providing Deep Tube Well Water through PHE. No Vocational Study Centres is situated in his District. No ITI is situated. There is one Polytechnic College at Chandan Nagar, one woman Polytechnic College at Arambagh.



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On further query it is learnt that total drop out students were 1970 and they have been somehow arranged to send back schools. The Ld. D.M. reported to me that one hostel styled as Babu Jag Jiban Ram is situated i.e. at Dhaniakhali. Relating to Term loan, Cluster loan, Post Matric loan, Pre-Matric loan, Educational loan, Merit-cum-Means, State talent support that has been shown in Page-14 of the brochure that has been submitted before the undersigned during the time of Evaluation meeting on 18.02.2014. The total brochure of the District authority be marked as “Annexure-2”.

D.I. of Schools reported to me that total MSKs are 33 and SSK are 4 and recognized Madrasahs are 41. Dresses and Midday meal used to provide to them but unrecognized Madrasah students are not getting the same. There is no dispute relating to disbursement of honorarium to the teaching and nonteaching staff or salary to the Para teacher. No figure has been furnished before me how many libraries in this District got the fund of Rs. 2 lakh for each library from the Sarba Siksha Mission and Mass

Communication Department.

Now, the undersigned had enquired about the activities of the police personnel in his District. Only one Add. S.P. remained present but the Superintendent of Police conspicuously remained absent. The Add. S.P. stated before the undersigned that he is conversant with all queries. Four SDPO of 4 sub-divisions have yet been turned up but the District Officer for Minority Affairs and the ADM(LR) had ensured the presence of all Block Development Officers but they did not take any honest attempt to ensure the persons of 18 Panchayet Sabhapatis and/or to the D.I. of Schools (Primary) or DLRO and District Project Officer and others. The Add. S.P. had furnished one report without having any signature or endorsement of any Officer given the figure of POCSO cases 67 reported in 2014 and 15 reported in 2015. The said report be marked as "Annexure-3" The Add. S.P. also gave one figure relating to crime against women. There are total 47 cases. The said figure also does not bear the endorsement or signature of any Officer. The said report be marked as "Annexure-4".

Be it mentioned here that at the verge of the closure of the 1st half meeting one figure furnished before the undersigned relating to Nija Bhumi Nija Griha where from it is evident that 263 Minorities got the said benefit. The said report be marked as "Annexure-5".

The Add. S.P. gave reply on my query that there are 278 kidnapping cases in his District and molestation cases are 226. But the Add. S.P. could not give any figure how many cases had been started under ITPA Immoral Traffic Prevention Act nor he was able to give the figure how many Minorities are languishing in the jail custody years together without trial.

Be it further mentioned here that the undersigned had sarcastically opined that the Superintendent of Police got the Hon'ble Chief Minister's medal for best performance but he had entrusted such a competent person who is not able to furnish the figure of Child Violation Act under Children Right Act Case, 1986. The Ld. D.M. was able to give answer on my query whether FCRA Act, 2010 had been violated or not. The D.M. had given reply that only one case has been started under FCRA Act case. Under the Scheme of Janani Suraksha the figure is 16,766, under Sabala the figure is nil. Child Care Unit for Mal Nutrition Committee has yet been formed in this District. No Committee has yet been formed.

D.M. must take the initiative and include Judges, C.M.O.H. and others. How many Juvenile Justice cases are pending. No figure is submitted On further query it is learnt from the Ld. D.M. S. Bansal that his District had availed of , total 32 men days under the Scheme of M.N.R.E.G.A. Under the Scheme of Sikhashsree they had provided 41,000 students but no figure is furnished relating to Kanyashree-1 and Kanyashree-II. The Add. S.P. had replied on my query that they used to comply the dictum of Hon'ble Supreme Court. They had instructed to their subordinates how they will deal with 498A I.P.C cases and they have been imbibed how they will comply with Amended section 41A be complied with.

The Add. S.P also answered to my query whether they used to comply with Article 22 (4) and Article 23 & 24 of the Constitution of India but not a single case has yet been started against the Children Trafficking or Child Right Prohibition Act. Under the Scheme of Prime Minister's Sarak Yojona 122 Sarak had been undertaken, 28,000 Indira Abas Yojona had been undertaken & 622 Geetanjali Housing had been

undertaken. Under the Scheme of Antaoydaya Scheme those are the BPL card holders. There are about 3,272 persons who have been provided rice at Singur. During the 1st half session the undersigned had given the option for Interactive Session for 15 minutes.

During the time of Interactive session the representative of Hon'ble MLA of Khanekul Sk. Farid Iqbal submitted before the undersigned that the boundary walls of graveyards in his Constituency did not take place and not completed. Similarly, BDO Chanditala stated before the undersigned that they are getting 50% amount of Geetanjali Housing but they do not know when they will get the balance amount of Geetanjali Housing. Another MLA, Amazad Hossan of Pandua, himself remained present in the year 2012 also and he was vociferous in the year 2012. He stated before the undersigned that there are 17 Nos. of un-aided Madrasahs in his Constituency and DLIT recommendation had been submitted but no recognition has yet been received. The undersigned had replied that he has to move the Directorate of Madrasah Education. What is the fate of those Madrasahs.

One Md. Israfil of Saptam gram under Chinsurah stated before this Commission that in his area there are a very few Urdu speaking people. He also stated before the undersigned that under the Geetanjali Housing Scheme beneficiaries are not getting proper succor from the Government. He also raised the point that drop out students in his area to be brought back to the Schools/Madrasahs. BDO, Khankul, also participated in the said Interactive Session for certain Schemes. But one representative of MLA Tapan Dasgupta lost his temper as he has been sitting idle. The undersigned had asked him that you must raise your points after perusing and hearing the queries of the undersigned like Hon'ble MLA Amjad Hossain and Representative Farid Iqbal. The undersigned came to learn from ADM(LR) Ayesha(A) that Block level facilitator's posts in her District in 18 Blocks has not yet been filled up. No person has yet been recruited. She along-with her Minority Officer stated before the undersigned in chorus of voice that recruitment used to be made by M.A.&M.E. Department from Nabanna.

Thus the 1st half Session ends at 1-30 p.m.

Second Half Session

The Second Half Session like Sensitization Camp took place at Minority Bhawan, Hooghly. The said hall was full to the brim by the august presence of the distinguished persons like Social activists, Lawyers and most vulnerable classes of the society like Minority women irrespective caste, creed and religion. Some Buddhists, some Christians and a few Father of local Church also attended the said meeting.

The ADM(LR), Hooghly had delivered the welcome address. Thereafter, she handed over the Programme to myself. I delivered short speech relating to the Constitution of West Bengal Minorities' Commission, National Commission for Minorities, New Delhi and how many groups are belonging to the

said Commission. Thereafter, I asked our Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson Maria Fernandes to share her views in the Sensitization camp.

After that, Hon'ble Member Ashok Turakhia who hails from Jain community also delivered his brief speech and he had given emphasis on the Minority Status Certificates to the Jain community people. Thereafter, Hon'ble Member Shehnaz Quadery delivered certain speech. She gave emphasis on the plights of women in general. Hon'ble Member Bikash Barua who hails from Buddhist community also delivered short speech. He gave emphasis on Scholarship of students.

Thereafter, the undersigned had given option to the assembled persons for Interactive session. At least one dozen persons had participated in the Interactive session, out of them three women Panchayet Sabhapatis, namely, Kabita, Pratima and Jaya, raised their voices. They are such generous women folk in our society that they raised their voices for the boundary walls of the grave yards for their respective three Blocks. Another person of Chinsurah raised one pertinent point that Rupees 93 lakhs had been sanctioned for construction of boundary wall of the graveyard at Chinsurah sadar but no work order has yet been placed or taken out. Thus the same fund is lying idle. Another Maulana raised one point that Haji Md. Mohsin had dedicated his entire property



Hon'ble Chairman at the Sensitization Camp at Minority Bhawan, Hooghly



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for the benefit of human kind, irrespective of caste, creed and religion. On his land Hooghly Mohsin College and Chinsurah Hospital and Madrasah had been constructed but his grievance is that one Madrasah was purely made for the Muslims but character of the said Madrasah is going to be changed as English Medium Madrasah is to be established there on.

The undersigned had had a talk with the ADM(LR) over the issue and she gave her consent to look into the matter. One Haji of Pandua and one Buddhist member of Rishra also participated in the said Interactive Session along-with one Christian Member had participated in the said discussion.

It was evident from the speech that most of the Speakers of entire Hooghly district as they had been sensitized by consecutive three Study tours of West Bengal Minorities' Commission and for holding Sensitization camp on each time since 2012. One District Co-ordinator of WBMDFC had given the reply that the cheques of their Departments used to dishonor due to late arrival of the same. They gave thanks to the Commission for visiting their Districts and/or to sensitize them by various Projects.

The D.C., further, promised before the audience that they will also hold the Sensitization Camp in the block level so that the student of the School and Madrasah be encouraged by their camps.

Thus the Second Half Session ends at 4p.m.

This report be shown to the Members of Minorities' Commission on the 93rd meeting dated 20.02.2014 and let another copy also be sent to the M.A.&M.E. Dept. for perusal of Hon'ble MIC, MOS and Ld. Secretary of the Department and another copy be kept with the file.



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S. North 24 Parganas

As per the Administrative calendar of West Bengal Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department, Study tour & Awareness camp to the District of North 24 Pgs. having its Headquarters at Barasat took place on 11.03.2015.

Be it mentioned here that this Commission had previously visited this District twice that was on 15.01.2013 and 24.06.2014. The Study team is comprising of the undersigned and other three Hon'ble Members, namely, Vice Chairperson Prof. Maria Fernandes, Syed Marshood Ali Al-Quadri and Ms. Shehnaz Quayadery.

The 1st half Administrative meeting took place at "Titumir hall" of Zilla Parishad Bhawan. The undersigned entered the venue just at 11 a.m. Only one Add. S.P. and 3/4 persons remained present in the said hall. Thereafter, the Ld. D.M. entered the meeting Hall. After a few while the Sabhadhipati of Zilla Parishad and a few Officers entered the said Hall. The Superintendent of Police conspicuously remained absent. Similarly, 4 (four) SDOs were also remained absent and one Deputy Magistrate of Barrackpore and another Deputy Magistrate of Banga Sub-division had represented their SDOs but the SDO, Sadar and Basirhat, did not turn up. The best reason is known to them.



Members of the Commission at the Administrative Meeting at Titumir Hall

Similarly, CMOH also remained absent. His Deputy CMOH attended the meeting

after intervention of the undersigned. A few Sabhapatis of Panchayet Samities and two representatives of Hon'ble MLA viz. De-Ganga and Haroa attended the meeting. The D.I. of Schools (secondary) S. Makur, remained present. D.P.O. A.K. Hazra and others total 35 persons had attended the said 1st half Administrative meeting. The attendance register of meeting is marked as "Annexure-1" of the report.

It is a fact that there are total 22 Blocks in this District, out of which 15 Blocks are governed under M.S.D.P. Three Blocks are governed under I.M.D.P. and four Blocks are treated as Cluster Blocks. There are 27 Municipalities and 200 Gram Panchayets in this District out of said Municipalities nine are clusters.

Be it also mentioned here that one brochure was prepared by the District Officer for Minority Affairs from which it reveals that the Minority percentage in this District is 24.67%. On query of the undersigned it is learnt from the DOMA as well as it is evident from the report that 284 units were made

under Angwanwari Centers and 14.35 crores was allotted for the same. There are Add. Class Rooms 381 and Indira Awas Yojana was 2222. There are Geetanjali housing, Minority hostels, hut sheds and drinking water facilities. The total achievement in this District that has been ventilated in the report. The said report or profile be marked as “Annexure-2” of this report.

The undersigned had enquired from the Ld. D.M. whether any Committee has yet been formed in her District relating to providing incentives to mal-nutrition children. The undersigned also opined whether nutrition problem is one of the medical emergency in her District or not. She along-with her D.P.O. reported to me that in Hinalganj and Sandeshkhali Blocks there are certain mal nutrition children. She also reported to me that she used to visit each and every Block but she could not give any satisfactory reply whether any Sensitization camp had organized in any Block relating to Mal Nutrition Children. But the Deputy CMOH reported that there are 19 Mal-Nutrition children in his District.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt from the Deputy CMOH that there are 22 BMOH (Block Medical Officers and Health) are in his District. It is, further, learnt from the Ld. D.M. that Child Welfare Committee has been formed in her District but none represents to the



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said Committee. No case has

yet been reported in her District under SAA (Special Adoption Agency). The Deputy CMOH had further replied on query of the undersigned that they did not face any resistance or hindrance from any corner of the Minority Dominated Blocks for sterilization, immunization and vaccination etc.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt that DOMA or other Officers as well as the Ld. D.M. could not give any figure how many community toilets had been set up in her District uptill now. Though they verbally reported to me that they have got their toilets on each Block office.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt from Deputy Magistrate, Barrackpore and Banga that they used to grant OBC Certificates 800 and 2,500 per month respectively. But the Add. District Magistrate (Treasury) Mr. A. Roy had given the figure that more than 1 lakh OBC Certificates had been granted by 4 SDOS of his District.

It is, further, learnt from the said ADM (Treasury) that 23 hostels had been allotted in his District and 9 hostels had been constructed by NGO, but no Utilization Certificate has yet been furnished or no figure has yet been shown in the brochure how many hostels had yet been completed. They had given 104

boundary walls for Grave yards. On query of the undersigned it is learnt that under the Scheme of M.W.E.P. (Minority Women Empowerment Programme) there are 9170 Self Help Group and Minority groups are 636. No figure was furnished relating to the Wakf Estate in his District. But under Social Welfare Department this District had granted Oldage Pension to 6,471 beneficiaries, Widow Pension to 2,612 beneficiaries. But no figure was furnished before the undersigned how many Minorities had availed of that facility.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt that 5 (five) Ayla affected Blocks of this District are getting 2 Kgs. Rice per head under the Antodaya Scheme. It is also learnt from one Officer that under National Child Labour Project there are 40 schools in this District. There are certain delay for payment of their salary. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that the area like Naihati, Kamarhati and Titagarh wherein more than 10% Urdu speaking people are residing.

It is, further, learnt from District Magistrate, ADM A.Roy that 22 Block Level Facilitators (BLF) had not yet been filled up due to Banga Lok Sabha Election. They will recruit the same before Municipality Election. Under the State Scheme like Nija Bhumi Nija Griha no figure was furnished. Similarly, no figure was produced under the Scheme of Jal Dharo Jal Bharo . But it is learnt from ADM (Treasury) that there are 3,984 units for Geetanjali Scheme but no U.C. had yet been shown in the brochure.

It is, further, learnt from the Ld. D.M. that her District is not getting BRGF fund (Backward Region Grant Fund). There are 19 Kishan Mandis and 8 Karma Tirthas in this District. Out of 19 Karma Tirthas or Kishan Mandis, 15 have been completed. No Utilization Certificate had been furnished. Under the State Scheme in Barackpore sub-division Yubashree had been given to 2,500 beneficiaries and in Bangaon sub-division had given to 3000 beneficiaries. But SDO, Basirhat could not give any figure. They also did not participate in the said meeting. The DOMA M. Farqui and ADM A. Roy also did not take any honest attempt to ensure the presence of all competent authorities of this District.

It is learnt from the Deputy CMOH that 13 fair price shops are running in his District under the PPP Model and one Diagnostic Centres is running at Barasat Sadar under the same Model. The Ld. ADM A. Roy stood as the saviour of all SDOs of his District and gave the figure of OBC Certificate totaling about 1,16,141.

Under Right to Information Act 2005, Barackpore Sub-division received 37 complaints and 25 complaints are pending. The Second Officer of Bangaon reported to me that there is no great back log in his Sub-Division. The D.I. of Schools (Secondary) Mr. S. Makur reported to me on my query that no case has yet been filed before him under Right to Education Act, 2009 but he talked to the aggrieved person and he had made recommendation for their admission.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from Deputy CMOH that they received Rs. 65 crores for development of Urban Municipalities and also replied that 4 (four) riverine Blocks are Arsenic Heat Belt. On further query of the undersigned it is learnt that besides Palta Water Treatment Plant there is another Water Treatment in this District i.e. at Barrackpore.

There are 8 (eight) Vocational Study Centers and 3 (three) ITIS, one at at Haroa, another at

Amdanga and third one is at Gangapur. No figure was furnished- how many Polytechnic colleges are situated in this District. It is learnt from Lead Bank Manager

that under the new scheme of Present Central Government Jana-Dhana-Yojana . 6,74,658 persons had been included their names. No D.I. of Schools (Primary) had attended the said meeting. But the D.I. (S.E.) reported to me that there were 1000 drop out students.

It is also learnt from ADM (Treasury) that W.B.M.D.F.C had given the following benefits to the beneficiaries of his District.

- (i) Term loans had been given to 560 beneficiaries.
- (ii) Micro Finance loan had been given to 9170 beneficiaries.
- (ii) Educational loan had been given to 27 beneficiaries.
- (iii) Post Matric Scholarship had been given to 28,102 beneficiaries
- (iv) Pre-Matric Scholarship had been given to 1,22,093 beneficiaries.
- (v) Merit-cum-Means had been given to 523 beneficiaries.
- (vi) Haji Md. Mohsin Scholarship had been givens to 4 beneficiaries.
- (vii) State Tallent Support had been given to 31,530 beneficiaries.

There are 51 Recognized Madrashes, 45 unaided Madrasahs, 7 MSK (Senior Type) .

D.I. of Schools (S.E) reported to me that all recognized Madrasahs and MSKs were providing mid-day meal. No fund has yet been received by any library in this District from Mass Education Department. It is, further, learnt that there is no dispute relating to salary of Para-teacher or Honorarium of Sikha Sahayika.

It is very surprising and curious enough that S.P., North 24 Pgs. had entrusted one Additional S.P. But he could not give any figure relating to heinous crime rates in his District. How many Children Sexual Harassment Cases are registered in working place. How many Immoral Traffic Prevention Act cases, how many Child Labour Prohibition Act cases, how many 498A cases, how many Domestic Violence Act cases, how many sexual harassment of women at working place, 2013. How many cases under money laundering act or N.D.P.S. case in this District.

The undersigned had asked the Add. S.P. who happens to be the sole representative of Superintendent of Police to submit the figure before his departure from his District within 4 p.m. but the Add. S.P. could not furnish the figure. This District is most vulnerable for atrocities and crime against women. A few sensitive criminal cases are under sub-judice in this District, namely, case of Kamduni, Barrackpore, Barasat and a few other cases.

The Ld. D.M. & Add. S.P. could not give the figure whether any discovery has yet been made in her District relating to trafficking of women and children from other Provinces. No figure has yet been furnished how many kidnapped or eloped girls or women had been recovered by the Special Force of Police

from other Provinces.

It is best known to the Superintendent of Police why other Senior Police Officers did not attend the Administrative meeting and why he also remained absent when the District was not under threat of laws and order on 11.03.2015.

The undersigned had asked the Add. S.P. whether they complied with the amended Provision of Section 41A C.R.P.C or the dictum of Hon'ble Supreme Court for arresting the accused under Section 498A IPC or not.

On query of the undersigned it is learnt from Add. S.P. that 7000 Civic volunteers and Village volunteers' force had been recruited. There are 200 Gram Panchayets in this District but how many persons belonging to Minority groups that has. not yet been divulged.

On further query of the undersigned it is learnt from the Add. S.P. that they did not violate the Article 22 Sub-Clause (4) of the Indian Constitution. But the Add. S.P. could not give any figure how many cases have been instituted for Violence of Article 23. The Ld. D.M. and Add. District Magistrate (Treasury) claimed that their District is the highest for recording their names of Kanyashri Form- I i.e. totaling 1,79,000 beneficiaries and Kanyasri-II totaling 1280 beneficiaries.

They also further claimed that under the State Scheme of "Sikhasri" that their enrolment is 1,06,000. The Ld. A.D.M. Mr. Roy and DOMA Mr. M. Faruki claimed that their District have got Alia University, Haj Tower and they used to manage the plight of Hajis and their accommodation and conveyance to and fro journey to Jedda/ Arab.

It is very curious enough that in the Administrative meeting of the Statutory body of Minority Commission the District Administration had given preference and reliance upon one Member of Madrasah Board and one Member of the State Haj Committee. He remained present in the first Seminar meeting as well as in the Sensitization camp. But it is not prudent to invite any political person in the Administrative meeting of the Commission. The District Administration must be careful in near future. They remained present among the audience and Officers but it is a sordid incident that no representative of any MPS or 31-MLAS besides two MLA representatives. None dared to come to such meeting for interaction.

No Block Development Officers also attended the meeting in the 1st half or second half. It seems to me that the DOMA & ADM (Treasury) did not take any honest attempt to ensure the presence of other dignitaries who have got vital role for socio-economic upliftment of the Minorities. The Lead Bank Manager who attended the meeting as mute spectators. He did not disclose anything what is the rate of Bank loan to the Minority peoples in this District. If the competent authority of this District did not extend their honest attempt for the upliftment of Minority people then it would be an exercise in futility at the cost of public money and time.

Thus the 1st half Administrative meeting closes at 1-15 p.m.

The undersigned had given the option to the assembled Officers for Interactive Session. One Imam Ali Gaji happens to be the Karmadhakhya, Sandesh Khali Block who raised one point that his Block is

governed under MSDP Block but the fund of MSDP money for his Block spent elsewhere and BPL card was not duly provided. He also raised points that no High School is situated in his Birmari Gram Panchayet.

The Add. D. M. A. Roy reported to me that 2 (two) M.S.K. schools are there but it is a sordid incident that one Gram Panchayet has got at least 8 to 10 Gram Sabha Members so one High School is highly required on each Gram Panchayet. But Ld. D.M. and A.D.M. be directed to look into the matter. They openly replied to me if the land be available then they will provide fund for High School.

Thus the 1st half session ends at 1-15 p.m.

Second Session at North 24 Pgs.

The Second session of Sensitization Camp took place at Rabindra Bhawan. ADM (Treasury) had given the welcome address. Thereafter, the undersigned had apprised of the audience about the rights and duties of the Minorities' Commission and how the Minorities' Commission can interfere with any complaint. When the people of six Minority groups in West Bengal have been discriminated or deprived then Minorities' Commission used to interfere and take action



Members of the Commission at the Stage of Sensitization Camp

Thereafter, our Hon'ble Members Prof. Maria Fernandes, Syed Marshood Ali Al-Quadri and Mrs. Shehnaz Quadry had delivered their short speeches how to avail of the facilities. They have divulged all the pros and cons to the audience. The said hall was to some extent full to the brim by the august presence of maximum women folk than men. The said Member of the Madrasah Board also remained present. He is too much vociferous for the development of his District than the DOMA and ADM. He had eulogized the activities of the District authority whole heartedly when considering the fate of the projects and when looking into the troubles of Sanbdeskhali and other blocks. He gave much emphasis upon Haj Pilgrimage and asked the people to join with the

development work of the Government.

Thereafter, one Interactive Session took place at 3-30 p.m. One R. Ali NGO had participated. One Mufti A. Hamid, Superintendent/Headmaster of a School raised one pertinent point that in the Post of Arabic Teacher one SC/ST Teacher had been appointed. One Pervez Alam Khan who is very meticulous participated in the Interactive Session and stated before the undersigned that 45% fund had been allotted for the Minorities under MSDP Vocational Studies and free coaching allied services. These are lagging behind than Hyderabad Province. BPL Certificate was also duly not provided to the deserving Candidates.



Marshood Ali Al-Quadri, Member of the Commission, is Giving speech in the Sensitization Camp

The ratio of job participation of the Minorities is very negligible. Noi Rasmi Scheme had yet been duly utilized. Mr. Khan is to some extent uptodate than other participants over the rights and duties of the Minorities.

Nurani Islam who is a savior of Muslim women personalities and she had narrated her plights with a tell-a-tale. How she had been empowered by her perseverance and she is able to run one School, one NGO and now she got the catering service at Alia University. One Anwar

Hossain retired teacher participated in the said Interactive Session and claimed that one Girls' hostel to be established at Barasat for the Higher Education of Muslim Minority Girls. One H. Barua hails from Buddhist Community as well as teacher of a School wherein 90% Minority students used to learn.

He claimed that Headmaster had misbehaved with him and he lodged one complaint with the undersigned in the said Sensitive camp. He, further, stated that he had been tortured by the Headmaster.

One sister Smita hails from Christian community and she attached with Machlandapur, Minority Non-Government Institution. One Safiqul Islam, Sarberia



Audience at the Sensitization Camp

Etim Khana also participated in the said Interactive Session and the undersigned had answered of their queries extempore in the said camp.

Thus the second half Sensitization Camp ends at 4 p.m.

This is the sumum bonum of the 3rd Evaluation report or Monitoring report of N. 24 Pgs. by the undersigned during his 2nd term in this Commission.

Copy of this report be transmitted to the M.A.&M.E. Department as well as to the Ld. D.M., 24 Pgs. (N) and the same also be placed in the next meeting of this Commission for appraisal of the Hon'ble Members.



Intaj Ali Shah, W.B.H.J.S. (Retd.)
Chairman,
West Bengal Minorities' Commission

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VII. COMMOMORATION OF MINORITIES' RIGHTS DAY, 2014

Minorities' Rights Day is observed on 18th December every year across the world. The day reminds us the true rights of minorities. Every nation has different ethnic, linguistic and religious minorities groups. It is the duty of State to provide all the rights to the minorities irrespective of their population and religion. There are hundreds of instances in the world when a particular minority group had to suffer because of policy discrimination.

To handle such situations and to stop the occurrence of discrimination against the minorities' United Nations Organizations had adopted and promulgated the 'Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Linguistic and Religious Minorities.' United Nation had declared that-

"States shall protect the existence of national or ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic identity of minorities and encourage conditions for the promotion of that identity"

The declaration was a huge step in protecting minorities' groups all over the World and the 18th day of December is observed as 'Minorities' rights Day' all over the world including India.

The National Commission for Minorities' had given the direction upon all states in the year 1992 to observe 18th December every year as Minorities' rights Day.

The West Bengal Minorities' Commission observed Minorities' Rights Day, 2014 at 01:30 p.m. at Sisir Mancha, Kolkata with the theme, "Role of Minorities' in Present India". The topic was further sub-divided and the guests delivered short speeches on the each sub-topics.

The guests who delivered speeches were:-

1. Mr. Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble MIC, Municipal Affairs & Urban Development Department, Government of West Bengal,
2. Janab Jawed Ahmed Khan, Hon'ble MIC, Fire & Emergency Services and Civil Defence Department, Government of West Bengal.
3. Janab Giasuddin Molla, Hon'ble MOS, MA&ME Department, Government of West Bengal.
4. Mr. Sahidul Islam, IAS, Secretary, MA&ME Department, Government of West Bengal

Other dignitaries also attended the programme.

There was an assembly inside the auditorium of about 350 comprising all six religious communities.

The pictorial view of the programme is given on the next pages.



Prof Maria Fernandes, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson of WBMC is introducing dignitaries



A Parsee Priest is reciting religious hymns



Special Guests amongst the audience



Hon'ble Members of the Commission on the Dias



Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble MIC, Municipal Affairs & Urban Development Department, on the Dias



Auspicious Lamp is lit by Hon'ble MIC, Municipal Affairs & Urban Development, Janab Firhad Hakim



Hon'ble Dignitaries with the copy of the Annual Report of the Commission



Hon'ble Chairman, Intaj Ali Shah, is Delivering speech on the theme of the Seminar



Hon'ble MIC, Municipal Affairs & Urban Development, Janab Firhad Hakim is Welcomed with Bouquet of Flowers by Shri Shakeel Ahmed, Member Secretary of the Commission



Hon'ble MOS, MA&ME Department, Janab Giasuddin Molla is welcomed by Smt. Mita Ganguly



Hon'ble Secretary of MA&ME Department, Mr. Sahidul Islam, is welcomed by Smt. Subhasri Basu



Hon'ble MIC, Municipal Affairs & Urban Development Department, Janab Firhad Hakim is sharing his thoughts with the audience



A pictorial view of the Audience at the Hall



Hon'ble MIC, Fire & Emergency Services , Janab Javed Ahmed Khan is welcomed by Vice Chairperson, Prof. Maria Fernandes with Bouquet of Flowers



Hon'ble MOS, MA&ME Department, Janab Giasuddin Molla is delivering speech



Hon'ble MIC, Fire & Emergency Services, Janab Javed Ahmed Khan is delivering speech



Hon'ble Secretary of MA&ME Department, Mr. Sahidul Islam, IAS is Delivering Speech



Sri N.F. Tankariwala, Hon'ble Member of the Commission, is giving Vote of Thanks

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VIII. ANNUAL LECTURE, CONFERENCE & VISIT WITH THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA**A. An Account of 7th Annual Lecture in New Delhi**

Date : 12th September, 2014
Time : 05:00 a.m. to 06:30 p.m.
Venue : Speaker Hall, Constitution Club of India, New Delhi
Organizer : National Commission for Minorities
Welcome Address : Jb. Naseem Ahmed, Chairman, NCM
Topic : "Minorities' on Crossroads"

Participants from West Bengal Minorities' Commission:-

1. Mr. Intaj Ali Shah, WBHJS (Retd.), Hon'ble Chairman,
2. Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan, Member
3. Mr. Bikash Barua, Member
4. Mr. Ashoke Turakhia, Member
5. Mr. N.F. TRankatiwala

Speakers : 1. Mr. Fali S. Nariman, Senior Jurist
2. Dr. Najma Haptulla, Honble MIC, MOMA, GOI

A pictorial representation of the Lecture is follows:



Honble Chairman with Dr. Nazma Haptulla, Honble MIC, MOMA, GOI



Hon'ble Chairman amongst the audience of the Annual Lecture

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B. An account of Annual Conference of State Minorities' Commissions

Date	: 23 rd March, 2015
Time	: 10:00 a.m. onwards
Venue	: Vigyan Bhawan, 2 nd Floor, Room No. 6, New Delhi
Organizer	: National Commission for Minorities
Theme	: 1. Capacity building of Minority Educational Institutions in India 2. Corporate Social Responsibility and Development of Minorities' in India

West Bengal Minorities' Commission represented by:-

1. Mr. Intaj Ali Shah, WBHJS (Retd.), Hon'ble Chairman
2. M/s Maria Fernandes, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson
3. Shri Jaidul Islam Khan, Member
4. Shri Lakhbindar Singh, Member
5. Syed Md. Nizamuddin Ali, Member
6. Shri Ashok Turakhia, Member
7. Shri Bikash Barua, Member
8. Syed Marshood Ali Al Quedri, Member
9. Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery, Member

Presided Over By : Dr. Najma Haftullah, Hon'ble MIC, MOMA, GOI

Chief Guest : Hon'ble Home Minister, Raj Nath Singh

Guests : Jb. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, MOS, MOMA, GOI
Dr. Jitendra Singh, MOS, GOI

Points raised by Mr. Itaj Ali Shah, WBHJS (Retd.), Chairman:-

Hon'ble Chairman raised the following two points which other SMC's also endorsed and supported -

1. That the proposed theme, "Capacity building of Minority Educational Institutions in India" is not a new concept but it is strongly pursued in West Bengal under the Present Government.
2. That "Corporate Social Responsibility and Development of Minorities' in India" is a departure in approach for development of minorities. Government of India seems to disown minorities and shirking its responsibility to Corporate Sectors very tacitly.

A pictorial view of the Conference is given in the next pages:-



A pictorial view of the Annual Conference, New Delhi



Hon'ble Chairman is Delivering speech at the Annual Conference



Members of the Commission at the Annual Conference

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C. Visit with His Excellency, the Hon'ble President of India

During the Annual Conference of State Minorities' Commission, an appointment was sought from the office of the President of India to meet His Excellency, the President of India and His Excellency agreed to meet the representatives from West Bengal Minorities' Commission on the evening, at 07:30 p.m. of 23rd March, 2015. The representatives of West Bengal Minorities' Commission, comprised of Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. Intaj Ali Shah, Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, M/s Maria Fernandes, Shri Jaidul Islam Khan, Shri Lakhbindar Singh, Syed Md. Nizamuddin Ali, Shri Ashok Turakhia, Shri Bikash Barua, Syed Marshood Ali Al Quedri and Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery, met His Excellency, the President of India and exchanged their views. A Bouquet of Flowers and a Shawl was presented to His Excellency, the President of India by Hon'ble Chairman of this Commission, Mr. Intaj Ali Shah.



His Excellency, the President of India is presented with a Bouquet of Flower by Hon'ble Chairman , Intaj Ali Shah



His Excellency, the President of India was presented with a Shawl by Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. Intaj Ali Shah



Members of the Commission with His Excellency, the President of India



Prof. Maria Fernandes, Shehnaz Quadery & Ashoke Turakhia with His Excellency, the President of India

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IX. AUDIT REPORT

L.R.SARKAR & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**AUDITORS' REPORT****Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **M/S. WEST BENGAL MINORITIES' COMMISSION** ("the Commission") of Khadya Bhavan, Block A, Ground Floor, 11A, Mirza Galib Street, Kolkata – 700087 which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2015, the Statement of Income & Expenditure and Receipt & Payment Account for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (**Annexure A**).

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Commission. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Commission's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give the information give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- i. in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the Commission as at 31 March 2015;
- ii. in the case of the statement of Income & Expenditure, of the excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date; and
- iii. in the case of the receipt & payment account, of the receipts & payments for the year ended on that date

Dated: Kolkata.
18.09.2015.



For, L.R.SARKAR & Co.
Chartered Accountants

(L.R. SARKAR, F.C.A.)
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WEST BENGAL MINORITIES' COMMISSION

Khadya Bhavan, Block A, Ground Floor, 11A, Mirza Galib Street, Kolkata - 700087

Receipt & Payment Account for period from 01.04.2014 to 31.03.2015

Previous year	Receipts	Amount (Rs)	Previous year	Payments	Amount (Rs)
	To Opening Balance		42,482.00	By Office Expenses	38,685.00
			26,900.00	By Sitting Fees	43,067.00
699,866.91	Cash at Bank	1,044,155.91	302,521.00	By Car Hiring Charges	581,022.00
16,076.00	Cash in Hand	24,402.00	81,666.00	By Telephone Charges	97,943.00
			31,946.00	By Postage	34,928.00
1,502,000.00	To Grant in Aid received	1,239,000.00	130,893.00	By Printing & Stationery	292,059.50
			7,730.00	By Paper & periodicals	7,490.00
			235,103.00	By Travelling & Conveyance	341,356.00
			47,095.00	By Minorities Right Day	29,254.00
			15,165.00	By Meeting Expenses	25,390.00
				By Miscellaneous tea & Cleaning expenses	49,461.00
			36,279.00		
			4,750.00	By Exgratia	4,750.00
			67,730.00	By Salary & wages	178,828.00
				By A.M.C.Charges	18,200.00
				By Computer & Accessories	87,050.00
				By Xerox Charges	
			39,775.00	By Fuel Charges	48,979.00
				By Annul Report Charges	70,500.00
			8,000.00	By Furniture & Fixture	56,792.00
			-	By Fax Machin Purchase	7,035.00
			30,900.00	By Television	
			4,000.00	By Audit Fees	4,000.00
			35,700.00	By Xerox Machine	
			750.00	By Bank Charges	200.00
			1,044,155.91	By Cash at Bank	254,764.91
			24,402.00	By Cash in Hand	35,803.50
<u>2,217,942.91</u>		<u>2,307,557.91</u>	<u>2,217,942.91</u>		<u>2,307,557.91</u>

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.2015

Previous year	Expenditure	Amount (')	Previous year	Income	Amount (')
42,482.00	To Office Expenses	38,685.00	1,502,000.00	By Govt. Revenue Grant	1,239,000.00
26,900.00	To Sitting Fees	43,067.00			
302,521.00	To Car Hiring Charges	581,022.00			
81,666.00	To Telephone Charges	97,943.00			
31,946.00	To Postage	34,928.00			
130,893.00	To Printing & Stationery	292,059.50			
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47,095.00	To Minorities Right Day	29,254.00			
4,750.00	To Exgratia	4,750.00			
67,730.00	To Salary & wages	178,828.00			
15,165.00	To Meeting Expenses	25,390.00			
36,279.00	To Miscellaneous tea &				
0	To Cleaning expenses	49,461.00			
0	To A.M.C.Charges	18,200.00			
0	To Fuel Charges	48,979.00			
0	To Annul Report Charges	70,500.00			
4,000.00	To Audit Fees	4,000.00			
750.00	To Bank Charges	200.00			
466,990.00	To Excess of Income over Expenditure	-			
<u>1,502,000.00</u>		<u>1,866,112.50</u>	<u>1,502,000.00</u>		<u>1,866,112.50</u>

Dated:- Kolkata
18.09.2015



Vide our report of even date
For, L. R. SARKAR & CO.
Chartered Accountants

(L. R. SARKAR, F.C.A.)
Partner (50981)
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Annexure – “A”

Notes on account and significant accounting policies, forming part of our Audit Report for the year ended 31.03.2015.

1. Total Govt. Grants received are utilized for both revenue and capital expenditure. Grants utilised for acquisition of various assets have been adjusted in the year in which assets have been acquired and duly accounted for, keeping a nominal value to reflect the existence of a particular asset in the Balance Sheet.
2. The remaining grants has been utilised for revenue purpose and duly accounted for in the current year.
3. Accounting treatment in respect of Govt. Grants have been done as prescribed in AS-12.
4. Bank Balance confirmation certificate not obtained.



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