



Annual Report

2016-17

West Bengal Minorities' Commission



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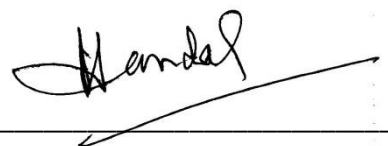
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Preface

The West Bengal Minorities' Commission (WBMC) is a Statutory body under Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department. West Bengal Minorities' Commission was constituted through a memorandum no. 84- P.M. dt.14/07/1994 read with the resolution vide Notification No. 178-PM dt. 13/04/1994; although the West Bengal Minorities' Commission Act was enacted in 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 grievances of Minorities. Six religious groups namely, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Parsee, Sikh and Jain enjoy the status of Religious Minority in our state. Apart from that, six linguistic groups namely, Urdu, Hindi, Nepali, Odiya, Gurumukhi and Santhali are recognised as Linguistic Minorities under West Bengal Minorities' Commission Act 1996. The Annual Report, containing a brief account of the functions of the Commission during the financial year 2016-17, has been finalised and approved in the 113th meeting of the Commission held on 22nd November, 2017. This Annual Report is, therefore, forwarded to the State Government and Hon'ble M.I.C. of Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education Department for kind perusal and consideration.

Dated: 22nd November, 2017





Chairman,
West Bengal Minorities' Commission

Place: "Khadya Bhawan",
Block A, Ground Floor,
11A, Mirza Ghalib Street,
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Detail about the Commission

List of Members (During the F.Y. 2016-17)

	Alhaj Intaj Ali Shah, M.A., L.L.B., W.B.H.J.S. (Retd. Judge)	Chairman
	Prof. Maria Fernandes, M.A., M.Phil. (History), P.G.B.S. (Christian Member)	Vice Chairperson
	Sri N.F. Tankariwala, (Parsee Member)	Member
	Sri Derek O' Brien, MP,	Member
	Sri Ashok Turakhia (Jain Member)	Member
	Sri Bikash Barua, (Buddhist Member)	Member
	Syed Marshood Ali Al-Quadri, (Muslim Member)	Member
	Mr. Jaidul Islam Khan,	Member
	Shri Gurbux Singh, (Sikh Member)	Member
	Syed Nasiruddin Ahamed, Ex-MLA ,	Member
	Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery, (Woman Member)	Member
	S. Suresh Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary , MA & ME Department	Ex-Officio Member
	Shri Shakeel Ahmed, WBCS(Exe); Member-Secretary & Ex-Officio Special Secretary	Ex-Officio Member

Detail 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.	Personal Assistant	3	2	1
3.	U. D. Assistant	2	1	1
4.	Typist	2	2	0
5.	Accountant	1	0	1
6.	L. D. Assistant	1	0	1
7.	Peon	4	2	2
	TOTAL	14	8	6

No. of Complaints Disposed

2015-16			2016-17		
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.
337	337	ALL	234	234	200

No. of Meetings

Meeting No.	Date
101 st Meeting	15 th May, 2016
102 nd Meeting	8 th July, 2016
103 rd Meeting	1 st September, 2016
104 th Meeting	3 rd November, 2016
105 th Meeting	1 st January, 2017
106 th Meeting	1 st March, 2017

Hearing

Petitioner	Sk. Intesarul Haque and others, 46/C, Imdad Ali Lane, Kolkata-16 (File No. C-181-2016)
Date of Hearing	23 rd February, 2017, 02:00 p.m.
Hearing Bench	Janab Intaj Ali Shah, Chairman, Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery, Member
Petition	Molla Mosaraf Hossain, Munsif Ehsanul Haque and some others from Vill-Kaknan, P.S.- Thanakul, Hooghly, created a committee named Anjuman Committee and declared themselves as the leaders of the village. They were involved in a family problem of the petitioners and ordered every villager to boycott the family socially. All types of social services were stopped. The committee was running a parallel administration. Every villagers were frightened. Several FIRs had been lodged against them and they were pressurising the villagers to withdraw the complaints by torturing them physically and mentally. The petitioner and his family were compelled to leave the village. District administration have been informed about this matter.
Verdict	During hearing, it was found that one Writ petition is pending before the Hon'ble High Court in this matter, which the petitioners didn't inform. As the matter was sub-judice, the Commission advised the petitioners to wait for the disposal of the Writ petition.

Important intervention by the Commission

The Commission receives complaints on a regular basis in the form of written letters submitted by hand or sent via post or e-mail and tries to provide redressal to those complaints as early and as effectively as possible. A few noteworthy cases for the Financial Year 2016-17 are stated below:-

	PETITIONER	GRIEVANCE	ACTION TAKEN	OUTCOME
1	Syed Altaf Hossain & others, 3 No. Sonatuli Lane, Chinsurah, Hooghly, PIN- 712 101 (C-87-2016)	The land under Dag No. 2694, JL No.- 10, Khatian No.- 143/1 under Kapasdanga Mouza at Sonatuli, Ward No. 8 is a Wakf Estate and some unknown miscreants have built a temporary Hanuman Mandir on it in order to create Communal Tension in the area.	D.M. and S.P., Hooghly were asked to enquire into the matter and report.	Police failed to trace the responsible persons for the act. The petitioners were advised to lodge a written complaint to the competent authority. P.S. Chinsurah has also requested the B.L.& L.R.O. to fix up the ownership of the disputed land.
2	Mamtaj Bibi, Vill-Khapur, P.O.- Sohail Kumarpur, P.S.- Deganga, North 24 Pgs, PIN- 743 423 (C-88-2016)	Sahabuddin Mondal, husband of the complainant, was murdered by his brother, Alauddin Mondal and seven others on 19.02.2016 over a land dispute. The accused persons also threatened the petitioner and as a result they are unable to go outside their house.	S.P., South 24 Pgs was asked to look into the matter and send a report to this Commission.	Police submitted a charge sheet vide C.S. No. 249/16 dt. 15.05.16 u/s 341/448/302/ 427/34 IPC against all eight FIR named accused persons.
3	Sultana Khatun, Vill-Ukhila, P.O.- Narendrapur, P.S.- Sonarpur, South 24 Pgs, PIN- 743613 (C-96-2016)	Sultana Khatun, a minor, aged 14 yrs 2 months, was allegedly raped by one Nazir Sardar of Ukila Majher Para, Sonarpur on 24.04.2016 evening when she went to the boy to take back her bicycle .	S.P., South 24 Pgs was asked to look into the matter and report this Commission.	Medical test was done on both the victim and the accused person. On the basis of the report and statement of the victim, a charge sheet was framed against the accused Nazir Sardar.
4	Nizamuddin Mia, Parascole Colliery, Kajora Gram, Andal, Burdwan, PIN- 713338 (C-99-2016)	Six people, namely, Birbahadur Singh and five others attacked the petitioner with iron rod and lathi on 21.05.2016 morning while he was at the Pit of Parascole West Colliery. They also attacked his house and threatened his wife and daughter with dire consequences.	D.M. and S.P. of Burdwan were asked to look into the matter and send an enquiry report to the Commission.	After enquiry, a prosecution u/s 107/116 (C) Cr.P.C. had been submitted against the accused six persons. Now, they all are living peacefully in the locality and a close vigil is being kept on the matter.
5	Sk. Ariful Islam and others, P.O.+P.S.- Titagarh, North 24	The petitioners had completed a diploma course on Fire & Safety	The petition was sent to M.D.,	WBMD&FC stated that various irregularities were found in the training

	Pgs, Kol-119 (C-106-2016)	management from Epitome Educational Society in collaboration with WBMD&FC. But they were given a certificate without any signature from the M.D. of WBMD&FC and the promise of placement wasn't kept either.	WBMD&FC and was asked to submit a detailed status report.	programme conducted by various Private Organization in collaboration with them and as a result no Authentic Certificate has been issued by the Finance Corporation and the matter is under consideration of higher authorities.
6	Hazibul Molla, Vill- Chhotomollakhali, P.O.- Nathpara, P.S.- Sundarban Coastal, South 24 Pgs, PIN- 743312 (C-124-2016)	Roup Ali Molla, Darap Ali Molla and 19 others of 11 no. Aamjhara, P.O.- Baria, P.S. Basanti have forcefully driven away Hazibul Molla and his family from his village as he belongs to Ahmadia group of Muslims. They also threatened him with dire consequences.	A report was sought from S.P. South 24 Parganas.	These is an issue of land dispute between the petitioner and some of the alleged persons. Both parties have been asked to approach Ld. court and maintain peace. Strict vigil is kept over the matter.
7	Urmi Makhal, Vill- Chawk Balai Bagh, P.O.- Nepalganj, P.S.- Bishnupur, South 24 Pgs (C-126-2016)	Debu Naskar and other 3 members of his family, neighbour of the petitioner, were constantly causing disturbance in every possible way to the petitioner and her family since they arrived at the new house. They even ransacked the house with the help from outsiders and threatened them with dire consequences again and again.	The Commission asked a report from the S.P., South 24 Parganas.	During investigation, the accused persons surrendered to the Court and a prosecution has been submitted against them.
8	Nargis Khanam Biswas, Vill- Humaipur, P.O.- Madhyamgram Abdalpur, 24Pgs (N),PIN- 743275 (C-155-2016)	One Swapan Mondal, who was convicted for murdering the father-in-law of the petitioner, has falsely implicated her husband, Jiaur Rahman Biswas in the Murder case of Mr. Arun Sikdar, TMC president of Ranaghat Block- II.	A report was sought from SP, Nadia and SP, North 24 Pgs.	Mr. Jiaur Rahman has been released from the Murder case for lack of evidence against him and Mr. Swapan Mondal is in Judicial Custody serving life sentence.
9	Sk. Ajjul & others, 121, M.G.Road, P.O.+P.S.- Haridevpur, Kolkata - 700082 (C-166-2016)	A promoter named Somnath Halder and his associates are running syndicate business in the Haridevpur area and threatens other contractors for giving him sub-contracts otherwise, their works would forcefully be stopped by his associates .	A report was sought for from the Jt. Commissioner of Police (intelligence), Special Branch, Kolkata.	Somnath Halder has surrendered before the court and is on CB till 25.01.17. Many other cases against him are under investigation.

10	Bankura Sarak Samaj Unnayan Sanstha, Dist.- Bankura (C-176-2016)	The petitioner organization claimed that the people of Sarak group belongs to Jain Community and seek for Minority Scholarship for their students. Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Department has asked for the opinion of this Commission.	Backward Classes Welfare Department was asked to cause an enquiry through Cultural Research Institute about the Claim.	The report of the Cultural Research Institute was passed in the 108 th Meeting of this Commission and this Commission has opined that the Sarak group may be included under Jain Community.
11	Sk. Ibrahim Ali, MLA, Kolkaghat, Purba Medinipur (C-178-2016)	The Minorities of the Kolaghat Panchayet Samity under the Constituency of the Petitioner were deprived of Gitanjali Housing Scheme.	D.M., Purba Medinipur and other District level officers were asked to submit an enquiry report.	The concerned Panchayet is an IMDP block and fund for Gitanjali Housing Scheme has been approved and released by Minority Affairs & Madrasah Education Department under IMDP Scheme.
12	Ashok Turakhia, 7, Sarat Bose Road, Flat No.- 3/C, 3 rd Floor, Dwarka Building, Kol- 20 (C-210-2016)	One Mr. Rajendra Kumar Baheti has started illegal civil works in the purchased terrace area of the petitioner at 15C, Sarat Bose Road, 3 rd Floor, Bhowanipur, Kol-20.	The Commissioner of Police, Kolkata was asked to submit an enquiry report.	Police have stopped the illegal civil work by Mr. Rajendra Kumar Baheti. Both the parties were asked to seek redressal from the appropriate Court of Law.
13	Sk. Iqbal & Ors, Ward No -5, Kharagpur Town, Paschim Medinipur, PIN- 721301, (C-211-2016)	Several Shops were looted and destroyed on 18 th & 19 th September, 2016 at the Gole-bazar Area during a communal clash which was fuelled by the murder of a Hindu boy allegedly by some Muslim Community people.	A report was sought from the SP, Paschim Medinipur.	Police have identified the miscreants and arrested 28 of them. Police Administration has taken all the steps to bring peace and harmony in the area and ensured commercial activities too.
14	Nafisa Hasmat, 46, Middle Road, Kolkata- 14 (C-214-2016)	Parvez Alam, paternal cousin of the petitioner and his family have harassed the family members of the petitioner again and again both physically and with abusive languages. They also have ransacked the house.	The Commissioner of Police, Lalbazar was asked to submit an enquiry report.	Police have investigated the matter and the charge sheet has been framed against the miscreants.
15	Nurul Islam, Furfura Darbar Sarif, Jangipara, Hooghly, PIN- 712 706 (C-230-2016)	On 29.10.2016 at about 11:00p.m. one miscreant named Samad Ali Gayen a.k.a. Hasa and his associates attacked the petitioner near Motijhil Lane, Kol-15 with sharp weapons and injured him badly.	A report was sought from the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata.	The accused person has been arrested on 03.11.2016 and charge sheet has been submitted on 18.12.2016.

16	Sumati Chandra Raisurana, 16/1, Shelter Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., BC-15/16, Salt Lake, Sector-1, Kol-64 (C-02-1017)	Mr. Siddharth Shankar Mukherjee, one neighbour of the petitioner has been pressurising him to sell his flat at a very low rate. He also threatened him with dire consequences if the flat was not sold to him.	A report was asked from the Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate.	Police has submitted a prosecution u/s 506 IPC before Bidhannagar court against the accused Mr. S.S. Mukherjee and kept a sharp vigil over the matter.
17	Mr. M.K.Tamang, Tamang Buddhist Welfare and Development Foundation, 66/1, Banerjee para Road, Paschim Putiyari, Kol-41 (C-28-2017)	No progress in construction of 2 nd phase of road leading to the Buddha Monastery at Natunhat, Buddhanagar under Ashuti Gram Panchayet.	D.M., South 24 Pgs was asked to submit a report.	South 24 Parganas Zilla Parishad has prepared a Scheme for constructing the approach road leading to the Buddha temple with an estimated cost of Rs. 6,23,034/-.
18	Raisuddin Purkuit, Bangio Islam Parishad, 53/10A, Tiljala Road, Kol-46 (C-50-2017)	One text book, named, 'Bangla Bhasa O Porichay' of Class VI, written by Dr. P.C. Das and published by 'Katha O Kahini Prakashani' contains the imaginary picture of Prophet Hajrat Mohammad on page no. 185. This is an insult to Islamic belief as no one has ever seen the picture of Prophet Hajrat Mohammad.	The Secretary, School Education Department was asked to submit action taken report.	The controversial picture of Prophet Hajrat Mohammad was removed from the book in the next publication.
19	Dula Bibi, Vill-Selimpur, P.O.-Aurangabad, P.S.-Suti, Murshidabad, PIN- 742201 (C-57-2017)	The petitioner has been facing problems in withdrawing E.P.F fund of her deceased Husband, Bisuruddin Sk. From the Jangipur EPF Office. One staff of the office also asked for bribe from her.	A report was sought from the concerned office.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The concerned officials have been warned. 2. One area enforcement officer has been appointed for early settlement.
20	Sakera Begum, Vill-Satmasa, P.O.-Dakshin Narayanpur, P.S.-Arambagh, Hooghly, PIN-712413 (C-59-2017)	The Husband, Alauddin Hazari and other members of the petitioner's in-law's house were torturing her mentally and physically since her marriage for more dowry and later compelled her to leave the house and live in her father's house.	S.P., Hooghly was asked to furnish a report	The police has lodged an FIR against Alauddin Hazari and six other members of his family. Alauddin has surrendered before the Arambagh Court.

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 2016-17, 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:-

	Incident	Intervention	Redressal
1	Several Police personal from Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate Lathi charged mercilessly on the Muslim people of Sisir Para and Masjid Para, Dakshindari on the night of 9 th May, 2016. They also had desecrated the hole Mosque, uttered abusive words against Islam and Assaulted the Imam (Suomoto-95-2016)	The Commission came to know about the incident through a Newspaper report published in the Bengali daily News Paper, Kalom on 11 th May, 2016. The Commission immediately asked for action taken report from the Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate	The Police Report states that on the night of 9 th May, 2016, Bidhannagar Police got information about clashes between two local rowdy groups, one led by Haider Ali and the other by Guddu, was about to take place. Police rushed at the 27no. Rail Gate, Dakshin Danri to stop the incident and was attacked by the unruly mob without any provocation. Several police personnel got injured including the Lake Town OC. Three Govt. vehicles were set on fire. To prevent themselves, some lady constables entered into the mosque unintentionally. After the arrival of reinforcement, a mild lathi charge was applied to bring the situation under control. Bidhannagar Police arranged meeting with the local people and Religious leaders to explain their act and maintain peace in the locality
2	Some unknown miscreants set fire several houses and looted household items during a political violence at Panigobra Uttar Para village under Basirhat P.S. on 01.06.2016; and as a result, the villagers left the village and took shelter at South Rajberia Anganwadi Centre. The villagers are suffering due to non-availability of food, cloth, shelter and cannot even perform their weekly prayer of Jumma on Friday during the month of Ramzan (Suomoto-110-2016)	The news came to the knowledge of this Commission through a news clipping published on Bengali Newspaper, Kalom on 11 th June, 2016. D.M. and S.P. of North 24 Parganas were immediately asked to submit the enquiry report	Police took control of the situation and round the clock police vigil has been kept in the locality. The civil administration are doing its best to reconstruct the damaged/ destroyed houses. Food and clothing have also been supplied. The local people have started performing daily Namaaz in the Local Masjid. Situation is now peaceful in Panigobra village

3	Several incidents of Communal tension took place in Asura, Beejpur under Barrackpore Commissionerate on 12 th and 13 th October, 2016 during the Holy Muharram. (C-215-2016)	The Commission came to know about the incident through a news report published in Bengali Newspaper, Kalom on 14 th October, 2016. An status report was sought for from the Barrackpore Police Commissionerate	Police report reveals that a bomb was hurled in a Procession of two thousand Muslim people during Muharram near IPP more, as a result several persons were injured. It created a communal tension between the two communities and several clashes took place in the area on 12 th and 13 th October, 2016. Some people got injured, some houses were burnt. Police has arrested 69 persons and 98 persons have surrendered before the Ld. Court. The situation is peaceful now.
4	Five Minority Candidates were deprived of appearing at the written examination, held on 18/12/2016 at Nambangi High School, for the post of 'Krishi Prayukti Sahayak', conducted by West Bengal Staff Selection Commission, on an unknown ground (C-278-2016)	The Commission came to know about the incident from the news published on weekly newspaper, 'The Voice of Wadi' on 23 rd December, 2016. A report was sought from the D.M., Dakshin Dinajpur	<p>The report reveals that:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to exam rules and regulation, candidates must report to the venue at least 45 minutes before the commencement of the examination 2. The main gate was closed in time and no candidate was found waiting during the closing of the main gate. <p>Allegation proved to be baseless.</p>
5	The D.I. of School, Secondary Education, Howrah issued an order to close the Tehatta High School until further order, after the Teacher-in-charge, Utpal Mullick, had urged the higher administration to take action regarding the communal tension running around the School. The future of 1700 students become uncertain.	The Commission came to know about the news through Internet as well as Bengali Newspaper, Ei Samay dt. 09.02.2017. A report was asked from the DM & SP, Howrah as well as from the DI of School(SE), Howrah	Some students of class IX & X with the influence of local people celebrated Biswa Nabi Diwas on 28.01.2017 inside the school premises without any permission and disturbed the school atmosphere. As a result the DI of school, Howrah has suspended the classes on 29.01.2017 until further order. Some school students and local people resorted to road blockade of NH-6 on 31.01.2017 with the demand to observe Saraswati Puja inside the School Premises. The mob turned violent as the police tried to disperse them. Some police personal got injured, one girl student was hit on the head. Then the police used minimum force to bring the situation under control. Later a police picket was installed to maintain peace in the locality. A close vigil is being maintained to prevent further breach of peace. The school has been re-opened on 15.02.2017 as per order of the concerned authority

Study Visit

As per power conferred under section 4(1) of West Bengal Minorities' Commission Act 1996, the Commission conducts district study tours in order to (a) evaluate the progress of the development of minorities of West Bengal and review implementation of the policies and Programme of the State Government, (b) monitor the working of the safeguards provided in the Constitution and in laws enacted by Parliament or the State Legislature and (c) make recommendations for the effective enforcement and implementation of safeguards for the protection of the interests of minorities provided by the Central or State Government.

The Study visit team comprises of Hon'ble Chairman and/ or Vice Chairperson and other Hon'ble members of this Commission. Generally, the tour is taken place in two sessions, namely a). Administrative meetings, and b) Sensitization Camps/ Interactive Session.

In the Administrative meeting, generally held in the 1st Half at the District Head quarter, the members of this Commission meet the entire District Administrative heads and Police Administration. The Commission enquires about the development of minorities and review implementation of different policies and Programme of the State Government in the District, listens to the difficulties faced by the District Administration and advises them accordingly.

During the 2nd half of the study tour, sensitization camp is organized in order to directly interact with the local minority people, listen to their problems, and sensitizes them about their rights.

Synopsis of Study Tours

	Date	Place
1	12/07/2016	Kolkata
2	19/07/2016	Nadia
3	26/07/2016	Burdwan
4	28/07/2016	South 24 Parganas
5	10/08/2016	North 24 Parganas
6	23/08/2016	Birbhum
7	21/09/2016	Purulia
8	22/09/2016	Bankura
9	19/10/2016	Howrah
10	24,25/10/2016	Uttar Dinajpur
11	26/10/2016	Malda
12	26/10/2016	Dakshin Dinajpur
13	08/11/2016	Jalpaiguri
14	10/11/2016	Paschim Medinipur
15	07/12/2016	Purba Medinipur
16	20/12/2016	Darjeeling
17	21/12/2016	Alipurduar
18	21,22/12/2016	Coochbehar
19	30/01/2017	Murshidabad
20	16/02/2017	Hooghly
21	22/03/2017	North 24 Parganas

A pictorial view of the District Visits by the Commission:-

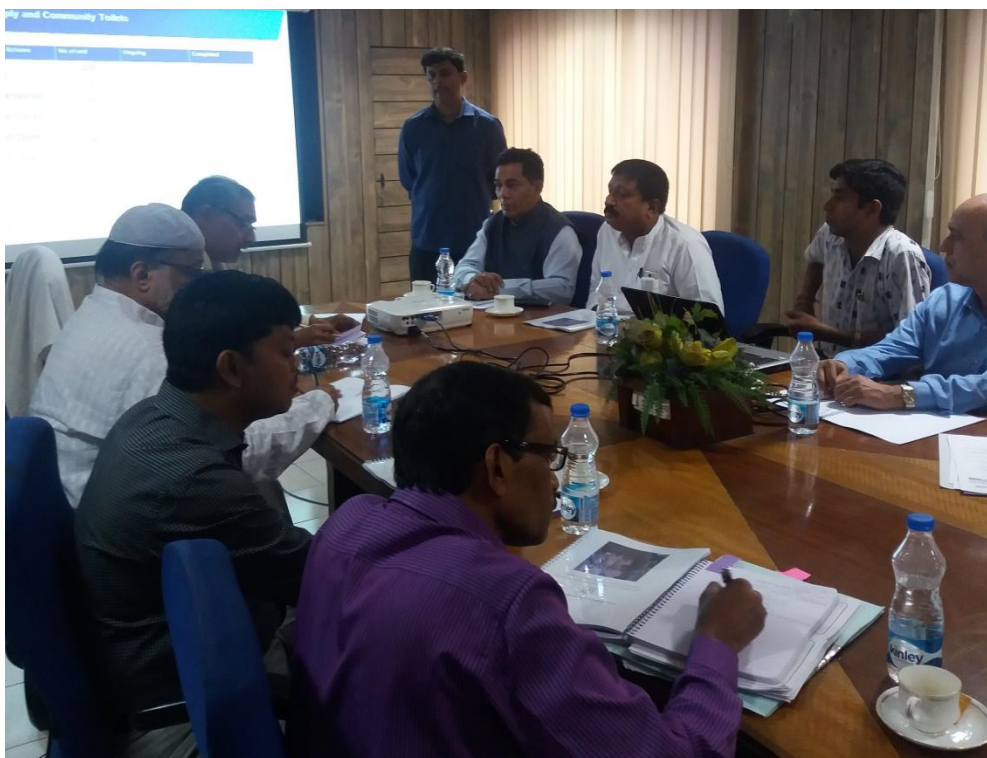


Figure 1:- Kolkata, 12.07.2016



Figure 2:- Nadia, 19.07.2016



Figure 3:- Burdwan, 26.07.2016



Figure 4:- South 24 Parganas, 28.07.2016



Figure 5:- Birbhum, 23.08.2016



Figure 6:- North 24 Parganas, 10.08.2016



Figure 7:- Purulia, 21.09.2016



Figure 8:- Bankura, 22.09.2016



Figure 9:- Howrah, 19.10.2016



Figure 10:- Paschim Medinipur, 10.11.2016



Figure 11:- Alipurduar, 21.10.2016



Figure 12:- Murshidabad, 30.01.2017

Minorities' Rights Day

The International 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 24th Minorities' Rights Day on 18th December, 2016 at Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata with the theme, " Is it a Myth that Minorities are 2nd Class Citizen?".

The Programme was presided over by Janab Intaj Ali Shah, WBHJS (Retd. Judge), Chairman of this Commission.

The Chief Guest was His Excellency, The Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi.

Special Guest, Janab Siddiquilla Chaudhury, Hon'ble M.O.S. (Independent Charge), Department of Mass Education Extension and Library Science also graced the Occasion.

Other dignitaries like religious representatives from different communities attended the programme.

Welcome address was delivered by Alhaj Intaj Ali Shah, Hon'ble Chairman, W. B. Minorities' Commission.

Special Guest, Janab Siddiquilla Chaudhury, Hon'ble M.O.S. and Janab Nasiruddin Ahmed, Ex-M.L.A. and Hon'ble Member of this Commission delivered their speech on the theme at the event.

The Auspicious Lamp was lit by His Excellency, The Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi.

His Excellency, The Governor of West Bengal also addressed to the Audience.

Vote of Thanks was given by Marshood Ali Al-Quadri, Hon'ble Member of the Commission.

About 300 enthusiastic audience comprising all Minority communities were present at the auditorium.

Pictorial View of the Minorities' Rights Day on 18th December, 2016



Figure 13:- Vice Chairperson, Prof. Maria Fernandes introduced the Dignitaries



Figure 14:- Janab Siddiqulla Chaudhury, Hon'ble MOS, was Special Guest at the Event



Figure 15:- Hon'ble Member, Ashok Turakhia reciting Holy Scriptures



Figure 16:- Member Secretary of the Commission, SHAKEEL AHMED, WBCS(EXE.)



Figure 17:- Hon'ble Chairman, Janab Intaj Ali Shah, delivering Welcome Address



Figure 18:- Hon'ble Member & Ex-MLA, Nasiruddin Ahamed



Figure 19:- Hon'ble Member, N.F.Tankariwala



Figure 20:- Chief Guest, His Excellency, The Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi is being presented by a Shawl by Hon'ble Chairman of West Bengal Minorities' Commission



Figure 21:- His Excellency, The Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi lit the Auspicious Lamp



Figure 22:- His Excellency, The Governor of West Bengal, Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi addressed the audience



Figure 23: Distinguished Guests in the Audience



Figure 24:- Vote of thanks was given by Hon'ble Member, Marshood Ali Al Quadri

Annual Conference of State Minorities' Commissions

Date : 17th January, 2017
Time : 10:00 a.m. onwards
Venue : Vigyan Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Room No. 6, New Delhi
Organizer : National Commission for Minorities

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 Gurbux Singh, Member
4. Shri Nasiruddin Ahmed, Member
5. Shri Ashok Turakhia, Member
6. Shri Bikash Barua, Member
7. Syed Marshood Ali Al Quedri, Member
8. Mrs. Shehnaz Quadery, Member

Introductory Speech By	Mr. Pravin Dover
Welcome Address By	Mr. Nasim Ahmed, Hon'ble Chairman, National Commission for Minorities
Inaugural Address by	Mr. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Hon'ble MOS, Minority & Parliamentary Affairs

Points raised by Mr. Intaj Ali Shah, WBHJS (Retd.), Chairman:-

1. Two success stories were presented by Hon'ble Chairman, as it was the topic of the 1st Technical Session.
2. During the 2nd technical session, Hon'ble Chairman described the role of West Bengal Minorities' Commission in West Bengal

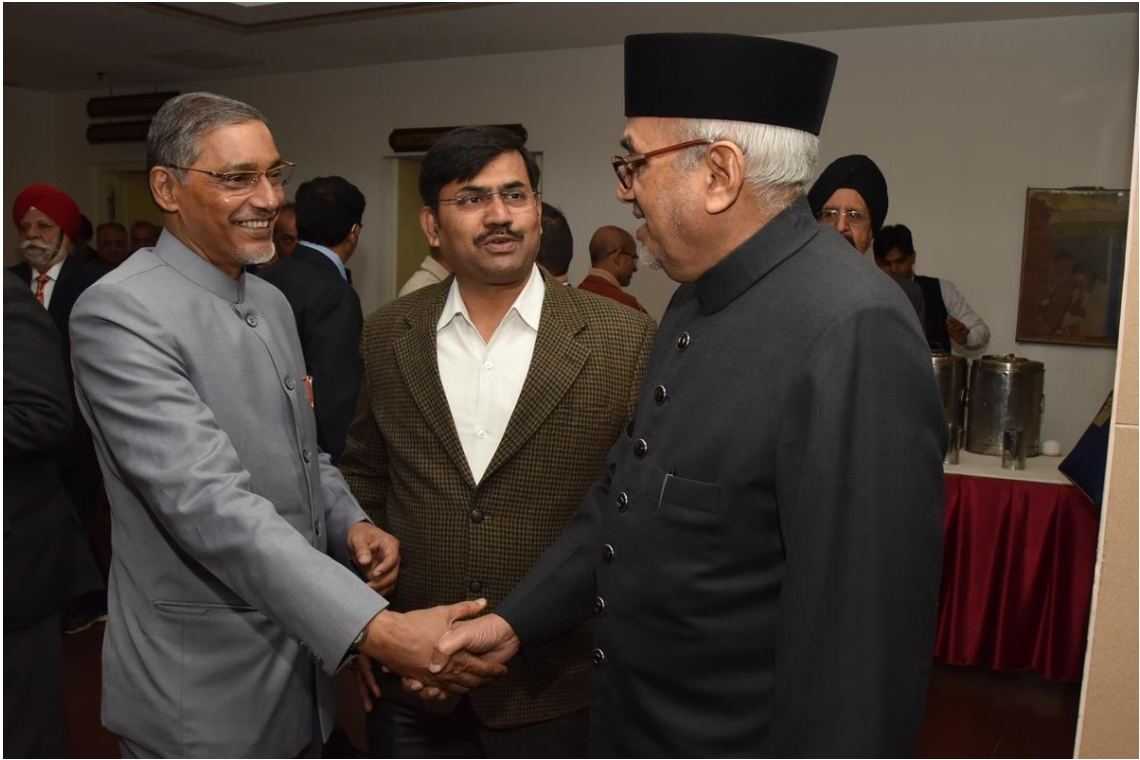


Figure 25:- Hon'ble Chairman with some Dignitaries



Figure 26:- Hon'ble Chairman, Intaj Ali Shah, WBHJS (Retd.) delivering speech at Annual Conference

Audit Report for the Financial Year 2016-17

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 2017, 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 2017;
- ii. in the case of the statement of Income & Expenditure, of the excess of expenditure over income 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.
06-02-2018



For, L.R.SARKAR & Co.
Chartered Accountants

(L.R. SARKAR, F.C.A)
FRN – 313030E
Partner - 050981

WEST BENGAL MINORITIES' COMMISSION

Khadya Bhavan, Block-A, Ground Floor, 11A, Mirza Galib Street, Kolkata-700087

Receipt & Payment Account for period ended 31.03.2017.

Receipt & Payment Account for period ended 31.03.2017.					
PreviousYear	Receipt	Amount (')	PreviousYear		Amount (')
	To Opening Balance		35,444.00	By Office Expenses	45,489.00
2,54,764.91	Cash at Bank	34,78,027.91	32,265.00	By Sitting Fees	30,381.00
35,803.50	Cash in Hand	34,526.50	5,46,548.00	By Car Hiring Charges	3,96,834.00
			1,00,895.00	By Telephone Charges	1,28,502.00
51,42,166.00	To Govt. Grant in Aid received	18,22,000.00	38,148.00	By Postage	40,208.00
			1,81,495.00	By Printing & Stationery	1,44,995.00
			8,750.00	By Paper & periodicals	8,618.00
			3,43,101.00	By Travelling & Conveyance	4,53,364.00
			1,08,084.00	By Minorities Right Day	1,64,260.00
			5,315.00	By Meeting Expenses	23,354.00
			43,262.00	By Miscellaneous tea & Cleaning expenses	45,262.00
			11,660.00	By Exgratia	8,150.00
			1,63,520.00	By Salary & wages	1,99,820.00
			24,500.00	By A.M.C.Charges	24,400.00
			12,350.00	By Computer & Accessories	61,450.00
			2,252.00	By Xerox Charges	5,807.50
			1,33,717.00	By Fuel Charges	2,15,866.00
			1,12,500.00	By Annul Report Charges	21,000.00
			11,200.00	By Furniture & Fittings	72,135.00
			4,560.00	By Audit Fees	-
			500.00	By Legal Charges	4,000.00
			114.00	By Bank Charges	460.00
				By Mobil Purchase	11,430.00
				By Fax Machine Charges	600.00
				By Closing Balance	
			34,78,027.91	Cash at Bank	32,13,011.41
			34,526.50	Cash in Hand	15,157.50
					<u>53,34,554.41</u>

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Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.2017.

PreviousYear	Expenditure	Amount (')	PreviousYear	Income	Amount (')
35,444.00	To Office Expenses	45,489.00	51,42,166.00	By Govt. Revenue(Aid) Grant	18,22,000.00
32,265.00	To Sitting Fees	30,381.00			
5,46,548.00	To Car Hiring Charges	3,96,834.00			
1,00,895.00	To Telephone Charges	1,28,502.00			
38,148.00	To Postage	40,208.00		By Excess of expenditure Over Income	1,39,370.50
1,81,495.00	To Printing & Stationery	1,44,995.00			
8,750.00	To Paper & periodicals	8,618.00			
3,43,101.00	To Travelling & Conveyance	4,53,364.00			
1,08,084.00	To Minorities Right Day	1,64,260.00			
11,660.00	To Exgratia	8,150.00			
1,63,520.00	To Salary & wages	1,99,820.00			
5,315.00	To Meeting Expenses	23,354.00			
43,262.00	To Miscellaneous tea & Cleaning expenses	45,262.00			
24,500.00	To A.M.C.Charges	24,400.00			
1,33,717.00	To Fuel Charges	2,15,866.00			
1,12,500.00	To Annul Report Charges	21,000.00			
2,252.00	To Xerox Charges	5,807.50			
4,560.00	To Audit Fees	-			
114.00	To Bank Charges	460.00			
500.00	To Legal Charges	4,000.00			
	To Fax Machine Charges	600.00			
32,45,536.00	To Excess of income over expenditure				
<u>51,42,166.00</u>		<u>19,61,370.50</u>	<u>51,42,166.00</u>		<u>19,61,370.50</u>

Dated: Kolkata.
06-02-2018

Member-Secretary
W. B. Minorities' Commission



Vide our report of even date
For, L. R. SARKAR & CO.
Chartered Accountants

(L. R. SARKAR, F.C.A.)
Partner (50981)
FRN - 313030E

WEST BENGAL MINORITIES' COMMISSION
Khadya Bhavan, Block-A, Ground Floor, 11A, Mirza Galib Street, Kolkata-700087

Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2017				
Previous Year	Amount (₹)	Previous Year	Assets	Amount (₹)
General Fund		100.00	Office Equipment	
4,42,145.41	Last Balance	36,96,381.41	Last Balance	100.00
32,54,236.00	Less: Excess of expenditure Over Income	1,39,370.50	100.00	Civil & Electrical Works
			(including Electrical fittings, Accessories and Air Conditioner)	
36,96,381.41		35,57,010.91	Last Balance	100.00
	Less: Grant utilised for assets Acquisition	-		
36,96,381.41		35,57,010.91	1,08,200.00	Computer & Accessories
			Last Balance	1,08,200.00
			Addition this year	61,450.00
				1,69,650.00
			100.00	Television
			Less: Asset acquired out of Govt. Grant	100.00
			7,035.00	Fax Machine
				7,035.00
			68,092.00	Furniture & Fixture
			Last Balance	68,092.00
			Addition this year	72,135.00
				1,40,227.00
				Mobile Purchase
			Addition this year	11,430.00
			100.00	Water Filter
				100.00
			100.00	Xerox Machine
			Last Balance	100.00
			34,78,027.91	Cash & Bank Balances
			State Bank of India - (Park Street Branch) A/C .No:10916349935	32,13,011.41
			34,526.50	Cash in Hand
				15,157.50
36,96,381.41		35,57,010.91	36,96,381.41	35,57,010.91

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Partner, 050981

Annexure – “A”

Notes on account and significant accounting policies, forming part of our Audit Report for the year ended 31.03.2017.

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.


Member-Secretary
W. B. Minorities' Commission

