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Notification

Sub: Constitution of a High Level Committee to prepare a report on the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community of India.

As it has been noted that there is lack of authentic information about the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community of India which comes in the way of planning, formulating and implementing specific interventions, policies and programmes to address the issues relating to the socio-economic backwardness of this community, Government has constituted a High Level Committee to prepare a comprehensive report covering these aspects.

2. The Committee has the following composition:

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| (1) | Justice Rajender Sachar | - Chairperson |
| (2) | Shri Saiyid Hamid | - Member |
| (3) | Dr. T.K. Ooman | - Member |
| (4) | Shri M.A. Basith | - Member |
| (5) | Dr. Rakesh Basant | - Member |
| (6) | Dr. Akhtar Majeed | - Member |
| (7) | Dr. Abu Saleh Shariff | - Member Secretary |

3. The Terms of Reference of the above High Level Committee (HLC) are as follows:

(1) The HLC will prepare a report on the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community of India. The HLC will finalize and present its report within fifteen months from the date of this notification.

(2) More specifically, the HLC will:

(a) Obtain relevant information from department/agencies of the Central & State Governments and also conduct an intensive literature survey to identify published data, articles and research on relative social, economic and educational status of Muslims in India at the State, regional and district levels, to address, inter alia, the following questions:-

(i) In which States, Regions, Districts and Blocks do Muslims of India mostly live?

(ii) What is the geographical pattern of their economic activity, i.e. what do they mostly do for a living in various States, Regions and Districts?

(iii) What is their asset base & income levels relative to other groups across various States and Regions?

(iv) What is the level of their socio-economic development in terms of relevant indicators such as literacy rate, dropout rate, MMR, IMR etc.? How does this compare with other communities in various States?

(v) What is their relative share in public & private sector employment? Does it vary across States and what is the pattern of such variation? Is the share in employment in proportion to their population in various States? If not, what are the hurdles?

(vi) What is the proportion of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from the Muslim community in the total OBC population in various States? Are the Muslim OBCs listed in the comprehensive list of OBCs prepared by the National and State Backward Classes Commissions and adopted by the Central and State Governments for reservation for various purposes? What is the share of Muslim OBCs in the total public sector employment for OBCs in the Centre and in various States in various years?

(vii) Does the Muslim community have adequate access to education & health services, municipal infrastructure, bank credit & other services provided by Government/public sector entities? How does this compare to access enjoyed by other

communities in various States? What is the level of social infrastructure (schools, health centres, ICDS centres etc.) located in areas of Muslim concentration in comparison to the general level of such infrastructure in various States?

(b) Consolidate, collate and analyse the above information/literature to identify areas of intervention by Government to address relevant issues relating to the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community.

4. The above High Level Committee will be provided all possible assistance by all Ministries/Departments and other bodies under the Government to ensure timely collection of data and information to facilitate their task.

5. The High Level Committee may co-opt or invite such person(s) as it deems appropriate, to participate in any of its meetings as special invitee(s).

6. The High Level Committee will be located under the Cabinet Secretariat and will be covered within the definition and explanation of High Level Committees as given in Cabinet Secretariat O.M. No. 105/1/1/75-CF dated 20.11.1975.

7. The Chairperson of the Committee shall work in an honorary capacity. However, he shall be provided conveyance facility and travelling facilities/allowances as admissible to a Chief Justice of a High Court.

8. The Committee will be provided required office space, equipment and secretarial/other staff. An officer not below the rank of Director to Government of India will be attached to the Committee during its tenure. On the recommendation of the Committee, the Cabinet Secretariat may appoint Consultants for specific periods, in accordance with the prescribed guidelines, to carry out specific technical tasks such as data collection, collation and analysis. Expenditure relating to the conveyance and travelling facilities/allowances made available to the Chairperson of the Committee, the meetings of the Committee, the functioning of its Secretariat, fees payable to Consultants, TA/DA of the Members of the Committee (as admissible to Grade-1 officers of the highest category in Government of India) and the TA/DA of the Consultants to cover the travel related to the work of the Committee, etc., will be borne by the Cabinet Secretariat.



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Copy to: All Members of the High Level Committee (as per list annexed)



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