

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2711**  
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024

**SOCIAL HARMONY AMONG RELIGIOUS MINORITIES**

2711. SMT. MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government envisions the role of interfaith initiatives and education in promoting social harmony and understanding among the different minority religious communities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) & (b): To promote social harmony and understanding among the different minority religious communities, regular holding of interfaith meetings (Sarv Dharm Samvad) with the representatives of minority communities and celebrations of festivals of all religions are done by the National Commission for Minorities, a statutory body under the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The list of such meetings and celebrations since 2021 onwards is annexed.

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**Annexure to the reply of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 2711 for answer on 11.12.2024 regarding “Social Harmony Among Religious Minorities”**

**1. Details of the celebrations of festivals of all religions held in the National Commission for Minorities since 2021:**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	Guru Nanak Jayanti celebration	18.11.2021
2.	Budh Purnima Celebration with Buddhist Community Members	13.05.2022
3.	Christmas Celebration	23.12.2022
4.	Mahavir Jayanti celebration	03.04.2023
5.	Iftar party	18.04.2023
6.	RakshaBandhan	30.08.2023
7.	Diwali Celebration	10.11.2023
8.	Guru Nanak Jayanti	27.11.2023
9.	Christmas Celebration	22.12.2023
10.	Celebration of International Women’s Day	08.03.2024
11.	Celebration of Krishna Janmashtami	27.08.2024
12.	Celebration of Milad-un-Nabi (Birthday of Prophet Mohammed)	12.09.2024
13.	Diwali Celebration	30.10.2024
14.	Guru Nanak Jayanti celebration	15.11.2024

**2. Details of the significant meetings held in the National Commission for Minorities since 2021:**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.	Interfaith Meeting	12.11.2021
2.	Interfaith Meeting	15.11.2021
3.	Meeting with Jain Community Members	03.12.2021
4.	Celebration of Minority Rights Day	18.12.2021
5.	Interfaith Meeting	03.06.2022
6.	Meeting with Sikh and Christian Community Members regarding issues in Punjab.	16.06.2022
7.	Meeting with Bank officials to discuss Economic Development of Minorities.	01.07.2022

8.	Meeting with Sikh Community Members	22.07.2022
9.	Buddhist Personal Law meeting	22.11.2022
10.	Meeting with Buddhist Community representatives for Development of Sowa Rigpa (Traditional medicine).	27.11.2022
11.	Meeting with Sikh community on Veer Bal Diwas celebration	06.12.2022
12.	Meeting on safety headgear for Sikh members of Indian armed forces	03.02.2023
13.	Meeting with Educationists	03.03.2023
14.	Meeting to discuss the incidents in Manipur	11.5.2023
15.	Meeting to discuss intercommunity brotherhood.	27.6.2023
16.	Meeting to discuss the issue of Minority certificate	24.7.2023
17.	Meeting to discuss the issues of Christian community	25.9.2023
18.	An interfaith meeting in NCM	20.10.2023
19.	Seminar on Nation Building with Students in Chandigarh	07.11.2023
20.	NCM felicitated Rat Miners, the rescue heroes from Minority community engaged in the Silkyara Tunnel Operation in Uttarakhand.	08.12.2023
21.	Celebration of Minority Day in NCM	18.12.2023
22.	Meeting of Sikligars	18.12.2023
23.	Meeting with Chief Secretaries on 1984 Sikh Riots.	19.12.2023
24.	Interfaith meeting in NCM	09.01.2024
25.	Interfaith meeting in NCM	18.01.2024
26.	Meeting with Christian Community in NCM	30.01.2024
27.	Meeting with Muslim Community in NCM	14.02.2024
28.	Meeting with prominent representatives of Sikh Community in NCM	23.02.2024
29.	Meeting on 1984 Sikh riots	23.02.2024
30.	Felicitation ceremony of living legends of 1975	15.03.2024

	Hockey World Cup	
31.	Sarv Dharm Samvad Meeting	20.06.2024
32.	Meeting with Sikh Leaders of Haryana	26.06.2024
33.	Meeting with Sikh Women	02.07.2024
34.	Meeting with Muslim Leaders (Mangol Puri) Delhi	08.07.2024
35.	Meeting with Buddhists	16.07.2024
36.	Meeting with Shia and Sunni Muslim on Muharram	16.07.2024
37.	Meeting with Sikh women	06.08.2024
38.	Meeting on Sikh Issues	09.09.2024
39.	The Sarv Dharam Samvad meeting	09.09.2024
40.	Meeting with eminent Jain personalities	27.09.2024
41.	Meeting with Sikh Retired persons	30.09.2024
42.	Meeting with DPCC Minority Delegation	07.10.2024
43.	Meeting with eminent Sikhs	09.10.2024
44.	Interfaith dialogue with Baha-i and the minority community representatives	05.11.2024
45.	Meeting with families of victims of 1984 anti – Sikhs riots	08.11.2024
46.	Meeting with Sikh taxi union representatives	11.11.2024