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Sh Narindra Damodar Das Modi
Prime Minister,
South Block, Secretariat Building
Raisina Hill, New Delhi

Subject: Implementation of Recommendations of NCRWC in Article 25 Sought

Dear Shri Narendra Damodar Das ji Modi,

It was your Party at the Centre, which, in its wisdom, formed a national commission to review the working of the Constitution in 2000 [NCRWC], which comprised of eleven renowned, celebrated personalities, selected on the basis of their proven expertise and knowledge in the field of constitutional law, economics, politics, law, sociology, political science and other relevant subjects. It was headed by Justice Shri M N Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India.

Sikhs had represented to this Body highlighting certain imprecisions in Article 25, and also offered suggestions towards rectifying the same. The National Commission approved of these and recommended them in its Report submitted to the Government in 2002. (The recommendations of NCRWC are reproduced below.)

We hereby reiterate our demand and request you to kindly implement these recommendations of NCRWC regarding Article 25 of the Constitution of India, on a priority basis.

Under your able leadership, your party with a huge mandate, is now again at the helm of affairs. We, therefore, are hopeful that you will give due attention to this serious, genuine matter.

Moreover, with 'Good Governance' being your hallmark as well as your motto, we anticipate that the day is not far when you would address this long-pending demand of the Sikhs.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and May your Visionary Ideas for the Progress and Development of our Country Materialise!

Yours sincerely,

(Birendra Kaur)

Recommendations of NCRWC:

(19) Explanation II to article 25 should be omitted and sub-clause (b) of clause (2) of that article should be reworded to read as follows:

"(b) providing for social welfare and reform or the throwing open of Hindu, Sikh, Jaina or Buddhist religious institutions of a public character to all classes and sections of these religions."

[Para 3.23.2] <http://lawmin.nic.in/ncrwc/finalreport/v1ch11.htm>