

## **Second Regional Conference by National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions**

**Bengaluru, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016:-** A Regional Conference was organized by National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) in collaboration with department of Primary & Secondary School Education, Govt. of Karnataka at Room No. 419, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Vikas Soudha, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The main agenda of the conference was to create awareness about National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) and its role and responsibilities related to minority education of Karnataka. The conference also aimed at ascertaining from these Institutions that educational rights guaranteed by Constitution of India is not violated or deprived of by the State agencies through an interactive session among stake holders and senior government officers.

Shri Zafar Agha, Member, NCMEI, welcomed with opening remarks and also welcomed Shri Qamar-Ul- Islam Hon'ble Minister for Municipalities &



Local Bodies, Minorities Welfare & Wakf. In Karnataka there are a large number of Minority Educational Institutions. The State Government took lot of pain in organising the Conference and he thanked the both Ministers for

cooperating with NCMEI in organizing the Conference. He hoped that coordination emerging out of this Conference between the State Government and the Commission will further expand and grow.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Qamar-Ul-Islam Hon'ble Minister for Municipalities & Local Bodies, Minorities Welfare & Wakf.



The Presidential address was

delivered by Shri Roshan Baig, Hon'ble Minister for Infrastructure, Development, Haj, Information & Public Relations and key note address by Shri Kimmane Ratnaka, Hon'ble Minister for Primary & Secondary Education.

The Conference was also addressed by Dr. Baltej Singh Mann, Member, NCMEI and Shri Ajay Seth, Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka. Dr. Mann said that the Commission does

not want to follow a line of confrontation with the State Government and issue bailable warrants for their attendance before the Commission for explaining



deprivation or violation of educational rights of Minority Education Institutions.

Representatives from 4 Minority Communities like Muslims, Christians, Jains, and Sikhs running minority education institutions in Karnataka participated in the Conference.

An interactive Session with the Minority Institutions and instances of deprivation and violation their

educational rights was held. The Session was presided over by Shri Zafar Agha, Member, NCMEI and clarifications were also given by



Shri Baltej Singh Mann, Member, NCMEI and Shri Ajay Seth answered clarifications relating to problems faced by the Schools from various decisions taken by Karnataka Government. Various issues were raised by Bhartesh Education Trust, Belgaon, Gomtesh Vidyapeeth, The Ursuline Franciscan Education Society, Farooqia

Educational Trust raised various problems being face by them like stoppage of grant to grant in- aid schools , non filling up posts of



teaches in aided schools, Not appointment of sufficient non teaching staff to the schools where there is enough strength of students. Appropriate clarifications

were given by Shri Zafar Agha, Hon'ble Member, NCMEI and also Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education, Karnataka.

An interaction was also held with the Press where various questions relating to Minority Educational Institutions were answered by the Members of the Commission.