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#### Responsibilities

- (i) To cater to all matters of Parsi Minority including grievances – All Over India.
- (ii) To cater to other Minorities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Diu, Daman & Nagar Haweli and Goa.

#### Matters placed (for Parsis) before the National Commission.

1. Admission problems in Professional Colleges, Defence Courses and U.P.S.C. Examinations. (Initiated action with C.M.s and Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (Education) to restore seats in Parsi-established Institutions and others
2. State Minorities' Commissions –15 all over India—No Parsi Representative. Gujarat & Goa have no Commission (Written to all Chairmen of Commissions—Response awaited).
3. Defunct Anjumans – (action initiated).
4. Encroachment of Parsi Properties (All grievances individually handled).
5. Modernizing Madressa Education – P.M.'s 15 Point Programme—Introduction of additional facilities to attract young boys to priesthood—teaching of Avesta Pahlvi and Persian languages in schools and colleges, provided by the Commission.
6. Restoration of Udvarda Village – Infra-structural facilities, namely, sea-water surging and destroying structures, including Iranshah, (Wells contaminated) sewage system, widening of roads, high-rise buildings and so on (Action initiated—Work in Progress.)
7. Repair of Barot Caves – Archeological Dept. of M.S. activated.
8. Preservation of Vulture: Project – 7 Centres – 1 in Mumbai, P.M.'s office to initiate and Association of Medical Sciences to substitute the drug—banning of Diclofenac for veterinary use – B.N.H.S.'s cooperation (Matter under process).
9. All fire temples, agiaries to be covered under Heritage Rules.
10. Amendments in Adoption Bill protested strongly by all Parsi Associations.
11. Department of Minority Affairs, (M.S.) – No Parsi Representative.
12. Maharashtra State 18<sup>th</sup> Law Commission Report –Taking over of all trusts – action stayed. (Matter closed)
13. Project Report on Birth-rate of Parsis –3 months' Internship Scheme (for the year 2001-15.8.2007) Report completed – Copies forwarded to Anjumans and others—declining population
14. P.M.'s 15 Point Programme – Innumerable opportunities (1) Educational (2) Employment, Self-employment, Training Facilities, Credit Support, recruitment to State and Central Services (3) Improving living conditions, Priority Sector Lending Scheme through all domestic banks.
15. 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan Document – Empowerment of Minorities. Rs.7,000 Crores set aside for development of Minorities.

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