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CHARTER OF DEMANDS FROM CHRISTIANS

Submitted to Shri Nawab Malik, President Mumbai District, NCP and MLA on 4.12.2019 to be taken up with State Chief Minister for implementation.

- **Christian representation** on the Maharashtra State Minorities Commission.

-**State to object the National Education Policy.** The DNEP radically alters the very definition of education and its function in a postcolonial society. While earlier NEPs were rooted in the idea of responsibility the present DNEP efficiently turns around the very idea of education as an opportunity that allows for the diversification of corporate entities into what is essentially a constitutional responsibility for the state. Article 30 grants fundamental right to minorities to establish and administer educational institutions of their own choice which the DNEP tinkers on. Minority communities must be encouraged to open more colleges to train teachers as minorities and among them Christians suffer most in terms of employment, mentorship and in self-employment because of want of funds, especially seed capital, training and marketing. Democratic, republican, secular and socialist education is a basic right of all citizens and NEP cannot be an instrument of denial of constitutionalism.

- **Linking of Aadhar to Voters ID** as this will effectively curtail or put an end to bogus voting and tampering of EVMs. This is notwithstanding and without prejudice to the demand that EVMs must be scrapped and return to voting by ballot.

- **Recommending to the Centre** , to move legislation in the Parliament on the need to include Dalit Christian and Dalit Muslims in the list of Scheduled Castes. The SCs Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists are given the Constitutional protection and other benefits whereas the Christians and Muslims of SC origin are denied of the same protection and benefits which is discrimination based on religion.

- **Political representation to the Christian Community** by nominating at least one member to the Maharashtra Legislative Council and at least two Christians, if not more to the various Boards/ Commissions of the State

- **National Register of Citizens (NRC)** is an effective tool that can be used only against particular minorities like Muslims and Christians. Therefore should not be allowed in Maharashtra.

- **Citizen Amendment Bill**- must be opposed as the same isolates only Muslim community being given asylum/citizenship from neighbouring countries to begin with, which may be extended to others, specifically to Christians. Further such a law is against the democratic and secular fabric of our Constitution.

- **Amendment to the Police (Continuance & Amendment) the 2014**, in line with the Supreme Court Directives of 2006 to ensure accountable and better policing.

-**Special focus and emphasis for better safety for women and children** in Maharashtra. (According to NCRB - 2017 , Maharashtra was second after UP with 31979 cases of crimes against women reported).Upgrading of police resources, fill in the vacancies, ensure quota for women in police which now stands at 14.5 percent against the 33 percent is filled up and skill them for improved policing.

-**Relaxation of Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) (Amendment) Rules, 2010** for holding Mid-night Mass at 12.00 am for Easter & Christmas every year.

-**Implementation of recommendations of Minority Welfare Committee 2013 -2014**, Government of Maharashtra, as stated in Report dated 11th June 2014, for the removal of reservation of Export Processing Zone (Customs Bonded Area) in respect of St. John the Baptist Church, Conditia, SEEPZ, Andheri (East), Mumbai. The said Church be handed over to the Archbishop of Bombay having access 365 days round the clock and preservation and maintenance of the said Church at cost State Government.

-**Marking of all Gaothans/Koliwadass/Adivasi Padas in Development Plan - 2034**. No SRA Schemes to be permitted in these areas.

-**Exemption from property taxes** for residential houses in Gaothans/ Koliwadass/ Adivasi Padas. While 500 sq. ft. flats valued at Rs.4 crores are exempt, but 501 sq.ft. house in Gaothans/Koliwadass/Adivasi Padas valued at Rs.22 lakhs is charged property tax.

-**Implementation of Gaothan Extension Policy OR Land for Gaothan Bhavan**

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