OFFICE MEMORANDUM


The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of D.O. letter No. I-19034/04/2017-NI-II dated 03.11.2017 received from Hon’ble Minister of Home Affairs on the above mentioned subject.

1. It is therefore, requested that appropriate action in the matter be taken and a report sent to this Ministry.

Encl: As above

(Magan Lal)
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AS&DC(MSME)
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Copy for similar action to:
1. CEO, KVIC, Mumbai.
2. CMD, NSIC, New Delhi.
3. Chairman, Coir Board, Cochin.
4. Principal Director, NIMSME, Hyderabad.
Dear Shri Giriraj Singh ji,

With a view to fostering and reinforcing the spirit of Communal Harmony, National Integration and pride in our vibrant composite culture and nationhood, the "Qaumi Ekta Week" (National Integration Week) will be observed all over the country, this year also, from 19th to 25th November, 2017.

2. This occasion provides us an opportunity to reaffirm our age old traditions and faith in the values of tolerance, co-existence and brotherhood in a multi-cultural and multi-religious society. The observation of the "Qaumi Ekta Week" will also help to highlight the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand actual and potential threats to the eclectic and secular fabric of our country, and nurture a spirit of communal harmony in its widest sense.

3. I, therefore, request you to give appropriate directions and guidance to all concerned so that the "Qaumi Ekta Week" could be organised and celebrated in a befitting manner. The programmes may be given due publicity and organized in a manner that would include and involve participation of people from all walks of society, so that the message of Communal Harmony and National Integration could permeate every part of the State and the society. I feel that this should be an occasion to articulate loudly and clearly, the sentiment that our nation will not countenance any forces that seek to divide our society or threaten our rich composite cultural ethos. A list indicating suggested programmes is enclosed.

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4. The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), an autonomous organization with the Ministry of Home Affairs, also organizes a Communal Harmony Campaign coinciding with the “Qaumi Ekta Week” and observes the Communal Harmony Flag Day on 25th November, which needs wide publicity and your support. The Foundation promotes Communal Harmony and strengthens National Integration. It also provides financial assistance for relief and rehabilitation of children rendered orphan or destitute in communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence. These programmes may also be supported.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(Rajnath Singh)

Encl : Programme Sheet

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Medium Enterprises (I/C),
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PROGRAMMES TO BE OBSERVED DURING QAUMI EKTA WEEK (NATIONAL INTEGRATION WEEK) FROM 19 TH TO 25 TH NOVEMBER, 2017

19 TH NOVEMBER (Sunday) NATIONAL INTEGRATION DAY

Meetings, symposia and seminars are held to emphasize the themes of secularism, anti-communalism and non-violence.

20 TH NOVEMBER (Monday) WELFARE OF MINORITIES DAY

Items of the 15 Point Programme are emphasized. In riot prone towns, special fraternal processions are taken out.

21 ST NOVEMBER (Tuesday) LINGUISTIC HARMONY DAY

Special literary functions and Kavi Sammelans are organised to enable people of each region to appreciate the linguistic heritage of other parts of India.

22 ND NOVEMBER (Wednesday) WEAKER SECTIONS DAY

Meetings and rallies are organized to highlight programmes under various Government which help SCs/ STs and weaker sections with particular emphasis on the distribution of surplus land to landless labourers.

23 RD NOVEMBER (Thursday) CULTURAL UNITY DAY

Cultural functions are organized to present the Indian tradition of unity in diversity and for promoting cultural conservation and integration.

24 TH NOVEMBER (Friday) WOMEN'S DAY

The importance of Women in Indian Society and their role in development of nation-building are highlighted.

25 TH NOVEMBER (Saturday) CONSERVATION DAY

Meetings and functions are organized to emphasis the growing need for awareness and action to conserve the environment.