

# **ALL INDIA STATE WAQF BOARDS CONFERENCE**

**HELD AT R.C.V.P. ACADEMY OF ADMINISTRATION &  
MANAGEMENT, BHOPAL ON JUNE 20, 2012**

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An "All India State Waqf Boards Conference for the development of the Waqf Properties" was organized by Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board which was inaugurated by Mr. Salman Khurshid, the Union Law and Justice & Minorities Affairs at R.C.V.P. Naronha, Academy of Administration & Management, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on June 20, 2012.

**Mr. Salman Khurshid**, during his remarkable speech announced that a "National Wakf Development Corporation" will be constituted very soon to improve the financial condition and smooth running of Wakf Boards. He further said that the corporation would be able to provide more funds as subsidy to State Wakf Boards to develop the waqf properties.

The hon'ble Union Minister said that the problem of security and identifying Wakf properties across the country is a major challenge for all the states. He promised that the proposed Waqf Bill-2010 will be tabled in the next session of Parliament after making suitable amendments in it.

The minister also praised the computerization of Wakf properties in Madhya Pradesh and added that it will be completed at the national level also within a year.

He said that all the states Wakf Boards will meet once again at New Delhi to discuss the conclusions to be drawn at this conference. Mr Salman Khurshid congratulated Madhya Pradesh Wakf Board for organizing this national conference and assured that Cases pertaining to honorarium to Imams/Muazzens will be properly disposed of. Efforts will also be made to improve Wakf Boards' financial condition and structure. All the Wakf records will be rectified during the next two years.

Addressing the conference, **hon'ble Minister, Animal husbandry, Fisheries, Backward & Minority Welfare, Unconventional Energy department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh S hri Ajay Vishnoi** highlighted various steps like computerization and distribution of scholarship.

He said that Madhya Pradesh government headed by Chief Minister Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan is working by taking all the religions, sections and castes with it.

He further said that the Prime Minister and Union Government have lauded the minority welfare programmes and schemes implemented in Madhya Pradesh. The Union Government also recommended to other states to follow footsteps of Madhya Pradesh. At a recent meeting of Chairpersons and Principal Secretaries of Wakf, computerization work done in Madhya Pradesh was also hailed. NIC-PMU (Wakf) New Delhi has also declared Madhya Pradesh Wakf Board as the first State in record digitization.

**Mr. Gufran-e-Azam, chairman Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board** raised the issue of security and encroachment of Wakf properties and demanded that in the new Act, a provision of punishment should be added against those who failed in implementing government orders related to Wakf properties.

He further said that the problem of encroachment on Wakf properties in Madhya Pradesh, is a great challenge. He said that nearly 85 per cent Wakf properties are under unauthorized occupation. He did not hesitate to tell this fact that despite court orders, the local administration failed to get them vacated from unauthorized occupants, causing huge loss of rent to the Wakf. He firmly said that if encroachment from all these properties is removed, the State Wakf Board will not even need any grant to run its affairs

He explained in the conference that in view of the Supreme Court order, number of Imams-Moazzins keep coming to the Wakf Board office demanding salaries, but due to lack of funds the Board is unable to pay them, which some time becomes obstacle to run the official works and demoralize the officials.

**Mr. Shahid Ali Khan, the hon'ble Minister of Minority Welfare, Govt. of Bihar**, addressing the conference said that to protect the waqf properties from the encroachers is great challenge before the State Waqf Boards. He further said that the Waqf Properties belong to Allah, we must protect these for the betterment of the poor and weaker section of the Muslim Minority.

The Conference was address by the various personalities of the different State Waqf Boards from the country and after keen discussion a resolution was passed by the respective State Waqf Boards unanimously.

At the end of the programme, the scheme of Waqf Record Computerization under the aegis of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India was demonstrated with the help of Power Presentation. During the presentation, **Mr Naeem, the project co-coordinator, NIC-PMU(Waqf) New Delhi** has appreciated the computerization work held in Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board so far. He also visited the CCF of MP SWB, answered the WAMSI relating queries to the staff/manpower deployed at MP SWB and gave some precious suggestions to get this project completed. The programme was controlled by Mr. Ghufran Azam, Chairman, M.P. State Waqf Board and conducted by Dr. Saeedur Rahman, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.



## AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

**Agenda Point-1**      **Supreme Court's decision regarding the salary of the Imam-Moazzin and remuneration for the Muslim Divorced Woman.**

Resolution:            After deliberation, it was unanimously resolved that the Central Govt. and State Govt.s be requested to solve this long pending issue of implementing of the Supreme Court's decision regarding the salary of the Imam-Moazzin and the remuneration of Muslim Divorced Woman. The State Waqf Boards of the country are unable to pay, due to lack of income.

**Agenda Point-2**      **Encroachment problem on Waqf Lands and their better, effective solution.**

Resolution:            After a long discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the State Waqf Boards should be strengthened by providing more rights to remove the encroachments. For this, the Central Govt. be requested to direct the State Govt.s to provide the required assistance to the State Waqf Boards by their Govt. officials i.e. collectors, SDMs, Tahsildars, etc.

**Agenda Point-3**      **Development of Waqf Institutions to uplift the minorities and weaker section of the Muslim Community.**

Resolution:            After discussion, it was unanimously decided that the Central Govt. and State Govt.s be requested to provide the necessary helps to State Waqf Boards by funding unless the Boards stand on their own feet by developing their Waqf Institutions.

**Agenda Point-4**      **The Govt. Grant should be provided to each State Waqf Board by their respective State Government to run the Board smoothly.**

Resolution:            After a keen deliberation, it was resolved that the State Govt.s may be requested to provide more grants to the their respective State Waqf Boards so that the Boards could easily run the office activities properly and could do better for the welfare of the Muslim minorities.  
The Central Govt. may also be requested to grant in-aid to all State Waqf Boards in its five year plan for the Muslim Minority Community.

**Agenda Point-5**      **Proposed Waqf Bill-2010.**

Resolution:            After a long deliberation, it was unanimously resolved that the proposed Waqf Bill-2010 has to be finalized and the State Govt.s should be

requested to implement the Waqf Bill in their respective State Waqf Boards in no time after the appropriate amendments by including the effective suggestions in the Bill.

**Agenda Point-6 Centralized Waqf Record Computerization Project, achievements, problems and their effective solution and suggestions if any.**

Resolution: After little bit discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the Central Govt. may be requested to fund more grant to get the Centralized Waqf Record Computerization Project completed and the State Waqf Boards should be monitored and provided the necessary assistance by their respective State Govt.s time to time.

**Agenda Point-7 General issues relating to the Waqf Properties.**

**G.A.Point-1 The Constitution of "All India State Waqf Boards Chairman Federatio.**

Resolution: After a long discussion on the general issues raised by the representatives of the different State Waqf Boards of the country, it was unanimously resolved and declared that a separate "**All India State Waqf Boards Chairman Federation**" is constituted under the chairmanship of **Mr. Ghufan Azam, the chairman, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board** who will look after the burning problems, faced by the State Waqf Boards and will table before the Central Govt. for appropriate solution immediately.

**G.A.Point-2 Status of the chairman of the State Waqf Boards.**

Resolution: After a long discussion, it has been unanimously resolved that the State Governments and Central Govt. be requested to provide the status of "Cabinet Minister or Minister of State" to the Chairmen of the State Waqf Boards by including this request in the coming Waqf Bill-2012 for effective administration and the members of the State Waqf Boards should be facilitated by granting them "stay in the Govt. circuit houses/Rest houses" by their respective State Governments.

**The following Ministers, Govt. Officers & representatives of different Waqf Boards of the country attended the Conference:**

1. Mr. Salman Khurshid, hon'ble Union Law and Justice & Minority Affairs Minister, Govt. of India.
2. Mr. Ajay Vishnoi, Minister, Animal husbandry, Fisheries, Backward & Minority Welfare, Unconventional Energy department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
3. Mr. Shahid Ali Khan, hon'ble Minister, Minority Welfare & I.T. Department, Govt. of Bihar.
4. Mr. Ghufuran Azam, Chairman Madhya Pradesh, (State Cabinet Member Status)
5. Mrs. Suranjana Ray, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Ministries Welfare and Backward Classes, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
6. Mr. Raghveer Shrivastava, IAS, Commissioner, Department of Minorities Welfare and Backward Classes. Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
7. Mr. Abdul Khaleque, Chairman, Assam, State Waqf Board.
8. Mr. Mohd. Saleem Ashrafi, Chairman, Chhattisghs, State Waqf Board.
9. Mr. Mohd. Irshadullah, Chairman, Bihar (Sunni) State Waqf Board.
10. Mr. Syed Mohsin Ali Masumi, Chairman Bihar (Shia) State Waqf Board.\
11. Mr. U.C.K. Thangal, Chairman, Lakshadweep, State Waqf Board.
12. Mr. K.V. Abdulkadar, Chairman, Kerala, State Waqf Board.
13. Mr. Abdul Jaleel Khan, Administrator, Orissa, State Waqf Board.
14. Mr. Gulam Afzal Biyabani, Chairman, Andhra Pradesh, State Waqf Board.
15. Mr. A.I. Saiyed, Chairman, Gujrat, State Waqf Board.
16. Mr. Justice MD. Abdul Ghani, Chairman, West Bengal, State Waqf Board.
17. Mr. Syed Rafique Ali, CEO, Assam, State Waqf Board.
18. Mr. F. Abdul Razick, CEO, Tamil Nadu, State Waqf Board.
19. Mr. S.A. Farooqui, CEO, Chhattisgarh, State Waqf Board.
20. Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad Karimi, CEO Bihar (Sunni) State Waqf Board.
21. Mr. P.P. Atta, CEO, Lakshadweep, State Waqf Board.
22. Mr. B. Mohammad Jamal, CEO, Kerala, State Waqf Board.
23. Mr. Mohd. Ashaque, CEO, Orissa, State Waqf Board.
24. Mr. Mohammad A. Abid, CEO, ADM New Delhi, State Waqf Board.



25. Mr. N.D. Pathan, CEO, Maharashtra, State Waqf Board.
26. Mr. Abdul Hamid, CEO, Andaman & Nicobar, State Waqf Board.
27. Mr. G.H. Khan, CEO, Gujrat, State Waqf Board.
28. Mr. R. Abdul Riyaz Khan, CEO, Karnataka, State Waqf Board.
29. Dr. Akmal Hussain, CEO, Uttar Pradesh(Sunni) State Waqf Board.
30. Dr. Chitapure, MA, CEO, Dadar Nagar Haveli, State Waqf Board.
31. Mr. S.U. Saiyed, CEO, Madhya Pradesh, State Waqf Board.
32. Dr. Maneruddin Sheikh, Member, Manipur, State Waqf Board.
33. Dr. Riyazuddin Falahi, Member, Manipur, State Waqf Board.
34. Mr. L Abdul Khadir, Dy Executive Engg. Andhra Pradesh, State Waqf Board.
35. Mr. Ansar Mondal, Member, West Bengal, State Waqf Board.
36. Mrs. Rukhsana, Member, Dadar Nagar Haveli, State Waqf Board.
37. Mr. Arif Beg, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.
38. Dr. Saidur Rahman, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.
39. Mr. Mueen Ansari, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.
40. Mr. Muneer Ahmad, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.
41. Mr. Riyaz Khan, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.
42. Mr. Hameed Qazi, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.
43. Mr. Shafique Qureshi, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.
44. Mrs. Tabassum Zaidi, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.
45. Mr. Naeem Ahmad, Project, coordinator, NIC-PMU(Waqf) New Delhi.
46. Mr. Asim, Advocate, Legal Advisor, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board.
47. Mr. Ansarul Haque, Advocate.

**The Conference was also attended by the following gentlemen:**

1. Mr. Rashid Khan, Chairman, Madhya Pradesh, Madarsa Board.
2. Mr. Hakeem Qureshi, Chairman, Masajid Committee Bhopal.
3. Mr. Mohd. Ahmad Khan, A.S. Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board, Bhopal.
4. Mr. Younus Azeem, Office Superintendent (Incharge) Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board, Bhopal.
5. Mr. Akmal Yazdani, Nodal Officer for WASMI Waqf Record Computerization Project & ICT Incharge, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf Board, Bhopal.



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