

MINUTES, MEETING OF GOACS (GROUP OF ADVISORY COUNCILS) HELD ON 13th MAY 2022

1. Meeting of the Advisory Councils of ISC was held on 13th May 2022 at Plot No.1, Madhya Marg, Sector 28, Chandigarh in the Office of ISC. The following members, some in person and others through Zoom participated in the meeting:-

| SN | Name (Attended in Person) | SN | Name (Attended on Zoom) |
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| 1 | Col Jagtar Singh Multani | 7 | Col AS Kandhari |
| 2 | Brig G J Singh, VSM | 8 | S Jawant Singh |
| 3 | Dr Birendra Kaur | 9 | S Gurbir Singh |
| 4 | S Jagdeep Singh (Ludhiana) | 10 | Jot Savi |
| 5 | S Sarwan Singh | 11 | S Mangat Singh Rahi |
| 6 | S Balwinder Singh Multani | 12 | S Sukhdev Singh Laaj |
| | | 13 | S Lakhwinder Singh Mansa |
| | | 14 | Dr Punpreet Singh (Delhi) |

2. The meeting commenced with the recitation of 'Mool Mantra' followed by confirmation of the minutes of previous Group of Advisory Councils (GoACs) meeting held on 16th April 2022.

3. Col Jagtar Singh Multani welcomed all the members present to the meeting of Advisory Council. He updated all members on the progress regarding the Seminar on Shri Akal Takht. He also gave the details of the data collected in this respect by ISC about SGPC, prominent Sikh Personalities, Sikh Organizations, etc.

4. Dr Birendra Kaur suggested that we write a petition on the issue of Akal Takht Sahib and asked members to give suggestions. She also praised S Gurbir Singh Ji who represented ISC in South Korea Conference (Interfaith Dialog Source) held at Chandigarh on 06th May 2022.

5. Other members who gave suggestions and expressed views on the subjects are as follows:-

- a) S Gurbir Singh - He spoke about the administration and limitations of SGPC. He added that SGPC is only for Gurudwara Management and is not the final decision maker of any Sikh issues. It must take suggestions of Sikh panth on socio-religious affairs.
- b) Col A.S Kandhari - He suggested that we should get information on working of SGPC and elections of their members. Incase no reply is received then we can take the course of filing a RTI and in case we choose to do so our RTI should be first addressed to the Election Commissioner and based on the reply of Election Commissioner further RTI be lodged with SGPC.
- c) S Lakhwinder Singh Mansa – He shared his views on the selection of SGPC President and suggested that person selected for this position should be multi-lingual so that he represents Sikh Community world-wide. President SGPC must be member of SGPC. The Jathedar of Shi Akal Takht Sahib should have worked as Jathedar of any one of the four Takhts.

6. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

