

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITY  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NCMEI)**

**Case No. 159 of 2019**

**In the matter of :-**

**The Royal Ecole, Village Batwani, Palari Road, Near Shani Mandir,  
Post Chawdi, Tehsil & District Seoni, Madhya Pradesh-480661**

..... **Petitioner**

**V/s**

**Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department,  
Government of Madhya Pradesh, Mantralaya, Bhopal, Madhya  
Pradesh**

..... **Respondent**

**Present: Mr. Junais P., Advocate for the petitioner  
None for the respondent**

**ORDER**

**DATED 10.05.2022**

**Justice Narendra Kumar Jain, Chairman, NCMEI**

1. This petition has been received on 29.03.2019 by hand through Mr. Junais P., Advocate of the petitioner institution for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to The Royal Ecole, Village Batwani, Palari Road, Near Shani Mandir, Post Chawdi, Tehsil & District Seoni, Madhya Pradesh-480661.
2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner filed an affidavit of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Maloo, Chairman of the Seoni Shekshanik Sahayarth Evem Samajik Uthan Samiti and the authorized representative of the applicant institution i.e. The Royal Ecole, Village Batwani, Palari Road, Near Shani Mandir, Post Chawdi, Tehsil & District Seoni, Madhya Pradesh-480661 in support of the averments made in the petition and also to prove that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are members of the Jain minority community.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed notarized copy of Unique ID No. : MP/2018/0192916 of the petitioner's Society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, copy of NOC application dated 14.12.2018 sent to the State Competent Authority i.e. Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh alongwith postal receipt and its tracking report, certified copy of Certificate of Registration of Seoni Shekshanik Sahayarth Evem Samajik Uthan Samiti, certified copy of Memorandum of Association alongwith list of

founding members of the Society, certified copy of Amended Memorandum of Association alongwith list of present members of the Society, notarized copy of Recognition Order dated 29.04.2020 issued by the Joint Secretary, CBSE to the unaided petitioner institution from 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023 for Senior Secondary School Examination Class 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> and resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Maloo, Chairman of the Seoni Shekshanik Sahayarth Evem Samajik Uthan Samiti for obtaining MSC from this Commission.

4. As per the information supplied by the unaided petitioner institution with regard to student strength, it is mentioned that out of the total 374 students, 125 students are from the Jain minority community, 15 students are from Muslim Minority Community and 234 students are Hindus. It is relevant to mention here that out of total 19 teachers, 11 teachers are from Jain Minority community. Hon'ble Apex Court, various High Courts as well as this Commission in case of Buckley Primary School, Cuttack, Orissa Vs. Government of Orissa (order passed by the Commission in Case No. 1320 of 2009 dated 6.7.2010) have categorically held that the percentage of admission of students from notified minority community in a minority educational institution is not an indicia for determining the minority status of such institution.
5. It is stated in the petition that on dated 14.12.2018, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC which was received by the State Competent Authority on 17.12.2018 and the said application is still pending before the State Competent Authority. The State Competent Authority has not granted NOC in favour of the petitioner institution till now and also not rejected the said application and not communicated the same to the petitioner. After 90 days from the receipt of the application for grant of NOC, the petitioner has filed this application for grant of MSC to this Commission straightway as per the provisions of Section 10 and 11(f) of National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (in short 'NCMEI') Act, 2004.
6. Despite service of registered notice dated 22.05.2019, 19.02.2020 and 13.11.2020, no reply has been received from the respondent. Thereafter in the facts and circumstances of the case, Commission deemed fit and proper that physical inspection report alongwith recommendation may be obtained from the Committee constituted by this Commission for issuance

of MSC to the petitioner institution vide order dated 29.03.2022, after service of notice to the physical inspection committee dated 30.03.2022, District Education Officer, District Seoni sent the physical inspection committee report vide letter dated 25.04.2022 which was received in the Commission's office on dated 29.04.2022 wherein they have recommended to grant MSC to the petitioner institution.

7. Heard the Learned Counsel for the petitioner, perused the pleading of petitioner institution, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Maloo, Chairman of the Seoni Shekshanik Sahayarth Evem Samajik Uthan Samiti.
8. The petitioner institution has applied for grant of minority status certificate on the ground that the same has been established primarily for the benefit of the members of the Jain minority community and is being administered by the Seoni Shekshanik Sahayarth Evem Samajik Uthan Samiti which is managed and run by the members of the Jain minority community. The aforesaid averments made in the petition find ample corroboration from the documentary evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner institution and the affidavit of Mr. Sanjay Kumar Maloo, Chairman of the Seoni Shekshanik Sahayarth Evem Samajik Uthan Samiti.
9. The Amended Memorandum of Association and all the documents produced by the petitioner institution clearly reflects that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are primarily members of the Jain minority community. In addition, the said facts are also stands proved from the documents and affidavit filed by the petitioner. There is no document on record to rebut the documentary evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner institution.
10. Relying on the said unrebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that The Royal Ecole, Village Batwani, Palari Road, Near Shani Mandir, Post Chawdi, Tehsil & District Seoni, Madhya Pradesh-480661 run by Seoni Shekshanik Sahayarth Evem Samajik Uthan Samiti is eligible for grant of minority status on religious basis. The evidence also proves that the said educational institution was established with the main objective of sub-serving the interests of the Jain minority community.
11. Consequently, The Royal Ecole, Village Batwani, Palari Road, Near Shani Mandir, Post Chawdi, Tehsil & District Seoni, Madhya Pradesh-480661,

which is for Senior Secondary School Examination Class 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, is declared as a unaided minority educational institution covered under Article 30 of the Constitution of India within the meaning of Section 2(g) of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act, 2004 subject to the condition that the petitioner would file an affidavit or undertaking to the fact that the petitioner institution shall not deny admission of eligible candidate of the Jain minority community subject to the eligibility of the students and availability of the accommodation in the petitioner institution. If the petitioner institution failed to comply the above order of this Commission within a period of three months from the date of order passed by this Commission then the petition filed by the petitioner for grant of MSC will be automatically deemed to be dismissed.

12. After compliance of the above order, a minority status certificate be issued accordingly.
13. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of in accordance with this order.

Signed, pronounced and published on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2022.**

**JUSTICE NARENDRA KUMAR JAIN  
CHAIRMAN**

**DR. JASPAL SINGH  
MEMBER**

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