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

Case No. 282 of 2019

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•	Petitione V/s
•	, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department ent of Madhya Pradesh, Mantralaya, Bhopal, Madhya
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Present:	Mr. Junais P., Advocate for the petitioner None for the respondent

ORDER

DATED 26.05.2022

Justice Narendra Kumar Jain, Chairman, NCMEI

- This petition has been received on 29.04.2019 by hand through Mr. Junais
 P., Advocate of the petitioner institution for grant of Minority Status
 Certificate (in short 'MSC') to Global Concept School, Kodiya Khedi Road,
 Karhi, District Khargone, Madhya Pradesh-451220.
- Learned Counsel for the petitioner filed an affidavit of Shri Pranjal Chhajed, Secretary of Vimal Gyan Shikshan Samiti 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/2017/0160725 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, notarized copy of Certificate of Registration of Vimal Gyan Shikshan Samiti, notarized copy of Memorandum of Association alongwith list of founding members of the Society, notarized copy of Amended Memorandum of Association alongwith list of present members of the Society, notarized copy of Recognition Order dated 24.06.2020 issued by the Joint Secretary (Aff), CBSE to the unaided petitioner institution from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2024 wherein the level of the petitioner institution is not mentioned and

- resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Shri Pranjal Chhajed, Secretary of Vimal Gyan Shikshan Samiti for obtaining MSC from this Commission. Learned Counsel for the petitioner also submitted the online census report of the Madhya Pradesh.
- 4. As per the information supplied by the unaided petitioner institution with regard to students strength, it is mentioned that out of the total 781 students, 60 students are from the Jain minority community, 47 students are from Muslim Minority Community, 2 students are from Christian Minority Community, 6 students are from Sikh Minority Community and 666 students are Hindus. It is relevant to mention here that out of total 40 teachers, 3 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 04.05.2019 and 10.11.2020, no reply / response 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 08.09.2021, after service of notice to the physical inspection committee dated 10.09.2021, 23.11.2021 and 29.03.2022, no reply has been received from the Physical Inspection

Committee Members. Pendency of the said application for grant of NOC and inspection report from the Committee members for such a disproportionately long period clearly indicates Government's disinclination to grant NOC to the petitioner institution and sending physical inspection report by the Committee members. Petitioner's rights to get MSC cannot be kept under suspended animation in this oldest case of this Commission. In this view of the matter, it is a fit case for intervention by this Commission.

- 7. Heard the Learned Counsel for the petitioner, perused the pleading of petitioner institution, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit of Shri Pranjal Chhajed, Secretary of Vimal Gyan Shikshan 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 Vimal Gyan Shikshan 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 Shri Pranjal Chhajed, Secretary of Vimal Gyan Shikshan 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 Global Concept School, Kodiya Khedi Road, Karhi, District Khargone, Madhya Pradesh-451220 run by Vimal Gyan Shikshan 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, Global Concept School, Kodiya Khedi Road, Karhi, District Khargone, Madhya Pradesh-451220, is declared as an 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, updated proper recognition / affiliation order issued by CBSE to the unaided petitioner institution in which level of educational institution mentioned and original copy of NOC application dated 14.12.2018 under Section 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 submitted before the State Competent Authority. 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 Thursday, 26th Day of May, 2022.

JUSTICE NARENDRA KUMAR JAIN CHAIRMAN

DR. JASPAL SINGH MEMBER

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

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