

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

**Misc. Case No. 03 of 2022**

**In the matter of :-**

**Adventist College, Athwalines, Surat, Gujarat**

..... **Petitioner**

**V/s**

**Director of Higher Education, Office of the Commissionerate of  
Higher Education, Government of Gujarat**

..... **Respondent**

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner  
None for the respondent

**ORDER**

**DATED 06.09.2022**

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

1. Dr. Eliah David Srikakolli, Director / President & CEO of the Medical Educational Trust Association Surat of Seventh-Day Adventist filed an application through Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate on dated 11.05.2022 stating that this Commission has declared Adventist College, Athwalines, Surat, Gujarat as a minority educational institution covered under Section 2(g) of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act, 2004 vide order dated 29.03.2006 in Case No. 274 of 2006.
2. Dr. Eliah David Srikakolli, Director / President & CEO of the Medical Educational Trust Association Surat of Seventh-Day Adventist filed an affidavit stating that they will not misuse the duplicate minority status certificate and also submit that in the event of found the original minority status certificate they shall return it to the Commission
3. As per the petitioner original minority status certificate was lost and the same was reported to the Umra Police Station, Surat City on 04.05.2022. Head Constable, Umra Police Station, Surat City has issued a certificate to that effect. Petitioner has also declared that the minority status certificate is lost and traceless. Head Constable, Umra Police Station, Surat City has also given a certificate dated 24.08.2022 that efforts were made to trace the MSC, but not trace till date.
4. We have registered this petition and issued notice of the above petition to the State Competent Authority but despite service of registered notice and email also, none appeared on behalf of the

respondent even in second round. Hence the case is proceeded ex-parte against the respondent.

5. Learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner institution even though being a minority institution is not able to enjoy the Constitutional protection which is not happening now in the absence of Minority Status Certificate.
6. Vide order dated 29.03.2006, minority status certificate was granted to Adventist College, Athwalines, Surat, Gujarat run by Medical Educational Trust Association Surat of Seventh-Day Adventist by this Commission in Case No. 274 of 2006.
7. We have heard Learned Counsel for the petitioner and perused the relevant documents, application for duplicate minority status certificate, affidavit of Dr. Eliah David Srikakolli, Director / President & CEO of the Medical Educational Trust Association Surat of Seventh-Day Adventist, missing certificate report dated 04.05.2022 and also the original certificate dated 24.08.2022.
8. We have no reason to disbelieve the uncontroverted affidavit of Dr. Eliah David Srikakolli, Director / President & CEO of the Medical Educational Trust Association Surat of Seventh-Day Adventist filed on behalf of the petitioner institution. We are satisfied by the Affidavit, FIR and not traceable certificate issued by the Head Constable, Umra Police Station, Surat City.
9. Accordingly, in the interest of justice the duplicate minority status certificate be issued to Adventist College, Athwalines, Surat, Gujarat run by Medical Educational Trust Association Surat of Seventh-Day Adventist.

Accordingly, the application filed by the petitioner is disposed of.

Signed, pronounced and published on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2022.**

**JUSTICE NARENDRA KUMAR JAIN  
CHAIRMAN**

**DR. JASPAL SINGH  
MEMBER**

**DR. SHAHID AKHTER  
MEMBER**