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

Case No. 806 of 2019

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		V/s				
Secretary, Thiruvana			Department,	Govt.	of	Kerala,
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Present:	Mr. Junais	P, Advocate	for the petition	er		

ORDER

DATED 01.09.2022

Justice Narendra Kumar Jain, Chairman, NCMEI

None for the respondent

- 1. This petition has been received on 24.10.2019 by hand through Mr. Junais P, Advocate of the petitioner institution for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to M.S. Academy, Mohammadiya Compound, MM Road, Firdouse Nagar, Uppala, Manjeswar, District Kasargod, Kerala-671322.
- 2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner filed an affidavit of Mohammed Asif AM, Chairman of Al Qulam Educational Trust and the authorized representative of the applicant institution i.e. M.S. Academy, Mohammadiya Compound, MM Road, Firdouse Nagar, Uppala, Manjeswar, District Kasargod, Kerala-671322 in support of the averments made in the petition and also to prove that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are members of the Muslim minority community.
- 3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed notarized copy of Unique ID No.: KL/2018/0204676 of the petitioner's Trust as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, notarized copy of NOC application dated 14.03.2019 sent to the State Competent Authority i.e. Secretary, General Education Department, Govt. of Kerala alongwith its postal slip and tracking report, notarized copy of Trust Deed dated

05.05.2017 of Al Qulam Educational Trust, notarized copy of Amended / Supplementary Trust Deed dated 28.03.2019, notarized copy of Recognition Order dated 02.03.2020 issued by the Director (SSS), NIOS to the unaided petitioner institution for OBE Programmes (Upper Primary) upto 31.03.2025 and resolution of the General Body of the Trust in favour of Mohammed Asif AM, Chairman of Al Qulam Educational Trust for obtaining MSC from this Commission.

- 4. As per the information supplied by the unaided petitioner institution with regard to students strength, it is mentioned that all 491 students are from the Muslim minority community. It is relevant to mention here that all 19 teachers are from the Muslim 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 14.03.2019, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC which was received by the State Competent Authority on 18.03.2019 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 06.12.2019 and 02.02.2021, respondent has not sent reply. 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 02.03.2022, after service of notice to the physical inspection committee dated 07.03.2022, District Educational Officer, Kasaragod sent the physical inspection committee report through post vide letter dated 13.04.2022 wherein they have recommended to grant MSC to the petitioner institution.

- Heard the Learned Counsel for the petitioner, perused the pleading of the petitioner institution, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit of Mohammed Asif AM, Chairman of Al Qulam Educational Trust.
- 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 Muslim minority community and is being administered by the Al Qulam Educational Trust which is managed and run by the members of the Muslim 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 Mohammed Asif AM, Chairman of Al Qulam Educational Trust.
- 9. The Amended / Supplementary Trust Deed and all the documents produced by the petitioner institution clearly reflects that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are primarily members of the Muslim 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 M.S. Academy, Mohammadiya Compound, MM Road, Firdouse Nagar, Uppala, Manjeswar, District Kasargod, Kerala-671322 run by Al Qulam Educational Trust 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 Muslim minority community.

- 11. Consequently, M.S. Academy, Mohammadiya Compound, MM Road, Firdouse Nagar, Uppala, Manjeswar, District Kasargod, Kerala-671322, which is an Upper Primary School for OBE Programmes, 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 Muslim 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 Thursday, 1st Day of September, 2022.

JUSTICE NARENDRA KUMAR JAIN CHAIRMAN

> DR. JASPAL SINGH MEMBER

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER