St. Joseph's High School, Kottaikuppam, Pulicat, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu - 601205.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600009.

Case No. 207 of 2020

16.01.2024

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

- 1. District Collector, Tiruvallur has sent physical inspection report along with covering letter dated 12.12.2023 by post, which was received before the Commission' Office on dated 22.12.2023 and is taken on record.
- 2. As per the meeting held in the Commission on dated 16.10.2023, the State Government of Tamil Nadu has intimated that as per the Government Orders the Chief Educational Officer/ District Education Officer are authorized to issue recognition certificate to all private schools in Tamil Nadu and recognition certificate is a sufficient document to prove that the institution is affiliated to Tamil Nadu State Examination Board. Hence, the pendency of affiliation matter from Tamil Nadu State Examination Board is now resolved.
- 2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has filed certified copies of all the relevant documents which are already on record.

In the interest of justice, now, fix the case for final arguments on 20.03.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

R.C.M. Primary School, Walajabad, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu - 635601

V/s.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600009

Case No. 208 of 2020

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

- 1. Learned counsel for the petitioner filed notarized recognition order of R.C.M. Primary School by hand, before the Commission's Office on dated 10.01.2024, which is taken on record.
- 2. An internal communication received from Thiru S.V. Baskar, Deputy Secretary to Government, Chennai addressed to The Director of Elementary Education, Chennai, which was received by post before the Commission's Office on dated 29.11.2023 and is taken on record.
- 3. On dated 04.12.2023 Counter Affidavit same six sets have been received from the Director of Elementary Education, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, which is taken on record.
- 4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that same Counter Affidavit already sent by the respondent and rejoinder has also filed by learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 5. In the interest of justice, re-notify the case for final arguments on 15.02.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

16.01.2024

Mount Saint Joseph Matric HSS, 27, Avalurpet Road, Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu - 606601.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600009.

Case No. 419 of 2020

16.01.2024

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

- 1. As per the meeting held in the Commission on dated 16.10.2023, the State Government of Tamil Nadu has intimated that as per the Government Orders the Chief Educational Officer/ District Education Officer are authorized to issue recognition certificate to all private schools in Tamil Nadu and recognition certificate is a sufficient document to prove that the institution is affiliated to Tamil Nadu State Examination Board. Hence, the pendency of affiliation matter from Tamil Nadu State Examination Board is now resolved.
- 2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has filed certified copies of all the relevant documents which are already on record.

In the interest of justice, now, fix the case for final arguments on 14.03.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Dominic Savio Hr. Sec. School, London Mission Road, Tirupattur, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600009.

Case No. 447 of 2020

16.01.2024

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

- 1. Despite sending letter by post and email to the Chief Secretary, State of Tamil Nadu and the members of Physical Inspection Committee, we have not received any response/ physical inspection report till now.
- 2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has already submitted long back that the members of the Physical Inspection Committee have already inspected the petitioner institution.
- 3. Office is directed to send again reminder letter to the Chief Secretary, State of Tamil Nadu to direct the members of the inspection committee to send the inspection report positively before next date of hearing.
- 4. Office is also directed to again send reminder by post and also by email to the members of Physical Inspection Committee, for sending the original inspection report positively before next date of hearing.
- 5. Office is also directed to provide the copy of the above two reminder letters to the learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 6. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to approach the members of Physical Inspection Committee for sending the physical inspection report positively before next date of hearing.
- 7. As per the meeting held in the Commission on dated 16.10.2023, the State Government of Tamil Nadu has intimated that as per the Government Orders the Chief Educational Officer/ District Education Officer are authorized to issue recognition certificate to all private schools in Tamil Nadu and recognition certificate is a sufficient document to prove that the institution is affiliated to Tamil Nadu State Examination Board. Hence, the pendency of affiliation matter from Tamil Nadu State Examination Board is now resolved.

In the interest of justice, list on 20.03.2024.

St. Dominic's English High School, Hallikkere, Barandur P.O., Bhadravathi (T.K.), Shimoga District, Karnataka - 577245.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Sixth Floor, MultiStoreyed Building, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560001.

Case No. 13 of 2021 16.01.2024

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

- 1. As per the meeting held in the Commission on dated 16.10.2023, the representative of State of Karnataka confirmed that they are issuing recognition certificate to all private schools in Karnataka and recognition certificate is a sufficient document to prove that the institution is affiliated to Karnataka State Examination Board. Hence, the pendency of affiliation matter from Karnataka State Examinationn Board is now resolved.
- 2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has filed certified copies of all the relevant documents which are already on record.
- 3. In the interest of justice, now, fix the case for final arguments on 20.03.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

David Matriculation Higher Secondary School, No. 132, Gandhi Road, Velachery, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600042.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600009

Case No. 19 of 2021 16.01.2024

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

- 1. On 13.11.2023, a communication has been received from Director of Private Schools, Valagam, Chennai enclosing therewith Counter Affidavit filed by the respondent, which is taken on record.
- 2. It is also mentioned in the above communication that petitioner institution is an un-aided private school and petitioner has not filed the application for grant of MSC before their Office.
- 3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that same Counter Affidavit already sent by the respondent and rejoinder has also filed by learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 4. As per the meeting held in the Commission on dated 16.10.2023, the State Government of Tamil Nadu has intimated that as per the Government Orders the Chief Educational Officer/ District Education Officer are authorized to issue recognition certificate to all private schools in Tamil Nadu and recognition certificate is a sufficient document to prove that the institution is affiliated to Tamil Nadu State Examination Board. Hence, the pendency of affiliation matter from Tamil Nadu State Examination Board is now resolved.
- 5. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has filed certified copies of all the relevant documents which are already on record.

In the interest of justice, now, fix the case for final arguments on 21.03.2024.

M.M. Rahmani B.Ed. College, Plot No. 4, Village - Damodarpur, Pasopur P.O., Tehsil / Taluk - Teghra, Begusarai District, Bihar - 851112.

Vs.

Director, Secondary & Senior Secondary Education, Ground Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Daily Road, Patna, Bihar - 800015.

Case No. 58 of 2022 16.01.2024

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

- 1. On dated 04.12.2023 an email received from District Education Office, Begusarai attached therewith copy of letter of District Magistrate along with physical inspection report, which are taken on record.
- 2. Office is directed again to send reminder letter to the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the original inspection report duly signed by all the three members of the Physical Inspection Committee in the prescribed format positively before the next date of hearing.
- 3. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to approach and provide copies of all the relevant documents to the members of Physical Inspection Committee.

In the interest of justice, list on 20.03.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Lasalle English Medium High School, Keesara Post, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District, A.P. – 521 185 V/s.

Secretary, Department of Minorities Welfare, Govt. of A.P., 3rd Floor, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagagapudi, Amaravati, A.P.-521 185

Case No. 174 of 2022

16.01.2024

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

1. Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Reserved for Orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

BJT Degree College, D.No. 187, Keesara Post, Kanchikacherla Mandal, Krishna District, A.P.-521 185.

V/s.

Secretary, Department of Minorities Welfare, Government of A.P., Velagagapudi, Amaravati, A.P.-521 185

Case No. 175 of 2022

16.01.2024

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

1. Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Reserved for Orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph's Convent Nursery & Primary School, Indira Nagar, Palamdadai, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu - 627359.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600009.

Case No. 210 of 2022

16.01.2024

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

- 1. Learned counsel for the petitioner filed two documents by hand, before the Commission's Office on dated 10.01.2024, which are taken on record.
- Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner.
   Reserved for Orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Don Bosco Matriculation School, Nemilicherry, Chrompet, Chengalpattu, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 044.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 009.

Case No. 237 of 2022

16.01.2024

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner.

None for the respondent.

Despite sending reminder letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee, we have not received any response/Physical inspection report from the members of the Physical Inspection Committee till now.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the physical inspection committee has already inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed that if original Physical Inspection Report duly signed by all the three members of the Physical Inspection Committee is not received, then again send reminder letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the report positively before the next date of hearing.

In the interest of justice, list on 21.3.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Faith Foundation Global School, Village-Nagukhedi Square, Ujjain Road Bye Pass Square, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh- 455 001.

Vs.

Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Room No. 339, Mantralaya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Case No. 27 of 2023

16.01.2024

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed three documents

before the Commission's office on 16.10.2023, which are taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed application by hand under Order VIII Rule 9 of Section 151 C.P.C. read with Section 12 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 to accept the Rejoinder Affidavit along with Rejoinder Affidavit before the Commission's office on 11.1.2024, which are taken on record. Learned counsel for the petitioner has also filed envelope and postage charges for sending notice to the respondent.

Office is directed to issue notice of the above application to the respondent by registered AD and e-mail.

In the interest of justice, list on 21.3.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph's Primary School, Ranipet, Attur, Salem District, Tamil Nadu- 636 102.

Vs.

The Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 009.

Case No. 279 of 2023

16.01.2024

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

Despite service of notice by registered AD and email, there is no appearance on behalf of the respondent even in second round and no reply has been filed by the respondent.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations may be obtained from the Committee consisting of the following members for issuance of the minority status certificate to the petitioner institution:-

- 1. Representative of the concerned District Collector (Chairperson)
- 2. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
- 3. Concerned District Minority Welfare Officer/ Concerned District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)

Office is directed to issue letter to the above authorities and also to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner is directed to approach the members of the Physical inspection Committee and provide all the relevant documents to the said Committee and pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee for inspection of the petitioner institution.

In the interest of justice, list on 21.3.2024.

Convent of Jesus and Mary English Medium School, Press Road, Mariampura, Khambat, Anand District, Gujarat- 388 620.

Vs.

Director, Primary Education, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 12/1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat- 382 010.

Case No. 280 of 2023

16.01.2024

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner.

None for the respondent.

Despite service of notice by registered AD and email, there is no appearance on behalf of the respondent even in second round and no reply has been filed by the respondent.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations may be obtained from the Committee consisting of the following members for issuance of the minority status certificate to the petitioner institution:-

- 1. Representative of the concerned District Collector (Chairperson)
- 2. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
- Concerned District Minority Welfare Officer/ Concerned District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)

Office is directed to issue letter to the above authorities and also to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner is directed to approach the members of the Physical inspection Committee and provide all the relevant documents to the said Committee and pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee for inspection of the petitioner institution.

In the interest of justice, list on 21.3.2024.

Archana St. Xavier's School, Sahajanand Nagar, Mandvi (K), Mandvi, Kutch, Gujarat- 370 465.

Vs.

Deputy Director, Directors of Schools, Old Sachivalaya, Block 9/1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat- 382 010.

Case No. 281 of 2023

16.01.2024

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner.

None for the respondent.

Despite service of notice by registered AD and email, there is no appearance on behalf of the respondent even in second round and no reply has been filed by the respondent.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations may be obtained from the Committee consisting of the following members for issuance of the minority status certificate to the petitioner institution:-

- 1. Representative of the concerned District Collector (Chairperson)
- 2. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
- 3. Concerned District Minority Welfare Officer/ Concerned District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)

Office is directed to issue letter to the above authorities and also to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner is directed to approach the members of the Physical inspection Committee and provide all the relevant documents to the said Committee and pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee for inspection of the petitioner institution.

In the interest of justice, list on 21.3.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Archana St. Xavier's School, Virani Road, Gayatri Nagar, Nakhatrana Mota, Nakhatrana, Kutch, Gujarat- 370 615.

Vs.

Deputy Director, Directors of Schools, Old Sachivalaya, Block 9/1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat- 382 010.

Case No. 282 of 2023

16.01.2024

**Present:** Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner.

None for the respondent.

Despite service of notice by registered AD and email, there is no appearance on behalf of the respondent even in second round and no reply has been filed by the respondent.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations may be obtained from the Committee consisting of the following members for issuance of the minority status certificate to the petitioner institution:-

- 1. Representative of the concerned District Collector (Chairperson)
- 2. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
- 3. Concerned District Minority Welfare Officer/ Concerned District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)

Office is directed to issue letter to the above authorities and also to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner is directed to approach the members of the Physical inspection Committee and provide all the relevant documents to the said Committee and pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee for inspection of the petitioner institution.

In the interest of justice, list on 21.3.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

16.01.2024

Union Christian Public School, #29, Pachaippas College Hostel Road, Chetpet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 031.

Vs.

The Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 009.

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 3.1.2024 from Union Christian Public School, #29, Pachaippas College Hostel Road, Chetpet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 031 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 17.4.2023, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. The Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 009, which was received by the respondent on 20.4.2023. The said petition is still pending as per the petitioner institution. The petitioner has waited sufficiently for period of 90 days as per Section 10 of NCMEI Act, 2004, before filing this petition. The petitioner has already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.
- 3. The petitioner has filed copy of order dated 9.7.2021 issued by CBSE granting affiliation to the petitioner institution for the period from 1.4.2022 to 31.3.2027.
- 4. Petitioner has filed Resolution Passed by the Governing Body to obtain Minority Status Certificate from this Commission and envelope with postage for sending notice to the State Competent Authority.
- 5. It also transpires from the petition that the petitioner Institute is an unaided institution (Higher Secondary).
- 6. During the academic year 2021-22, out of total 860 students, 521 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of total 902 students, 534 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of total 881 students, 522 students are from the Christian minority community.
- 7. It transpires from the petition that the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner Society was registered prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act. 2004 and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 8. Office is directed to issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and e-mail.
- 9. List on 21.3.2024.

16.01.2024

Union Christian Matriculation Higher Secondary School, No. 33, Nowroji Road, Chetpet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 031.

Vs.

The Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 009.

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 3.1.2024 from Union Christian Matriculation Higher Secondary School, No. 33, Nowroji Road, Chetpet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 031 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 17.4.2023, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. The Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 009, which was received by the respondent on 20.4.2023. The said petition is still pending as per the petitioner institution. The petitioner has waited sufficiently for period of 90 days as per Section 10 of NCMEI Act, 2004, before filing this petition. The petitioner has already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.
- 3. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of order dated 14.7.2022 issued by Chief Educational Officer, Chennai granting affiliation to the petitioner institution upto 31.1.2024.
- 4. Petitioner has filed Resolution Passed by the Governing Body to obtain Minority Status Certificate from this Commission and envelope with postage for sending notice to the State Competent Authority.
- 5. It also transpires from the petition that the petitioner Institute is an unaided institution (Higher Secondary).
- 6. During the academic year 2021-22, out of total 829 students, 341 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of total 860 students, 360 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of total 814 students, 325 students are from the Christian minority community.
- 7. It transpires from the petition that the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner Society was registered prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act. 2004 and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 8. Office is directed to issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and e-mail.
- 9. List on 21.3.2024.

16.01.2024

UCA College of Para Medical Sciences, 30, Pachaiyappa's College Hostel Road, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 031.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 009.

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 3.1.2024 from UCA College of Para Medical Sciences, 30, Pachaiyappa's College Hostel Road, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 031 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 17.4.2023, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. UCA College of Para Medical Sciences, 30, Pachaiyappa's College Hostel Road, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 031, which was received by the respondent on 20.4.2023. The said petition is still pending as per the petitioner institution. The petitioner has waited sufficiently for period of 90 days as per Section 10 of NCMEI Act, 2004, before filing this petition. The petitioner has already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.
- 3. The petitioner has filed copy of order dated 19.6.2023 issued by Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University granting affiliation to the petitioner institution for the academic year 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- 4. Petitioner has filed Resolution Passed by the Governing Body to obtain Minority Status Certificate from this Commission and envelope with postage for sending notice to the State Competent Authority.
- 5. It also transpires from the petition that the petitioner Institute is an unaided institution (Higher Secondary).
- 6. During the academic year 2021-22, out of total 196 students, 30 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of total 196 students, 33 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of total 196 students, 33 students are from the Christian minority community.
- 7. It transpires from the petition that the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner Society was registered prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act. 2004 and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 8. Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for time to file updated recognition/ affiliation order Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University.
- 9. At the request of the learned counsel for the petitioner, issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and e-mail.
- 10. List on 21.3.2024.

16.01.2024

Shree Ashish Vidhyalya, Shree Unnati Educational Trust through President/ Managing Trustee, At. PO Kesharpur, Te-Idar, District Sabarkantha, Gujarat- 383 230.

Vs.

Deputy Director of Education (Secondary) Government of Gujarat, Office of Director of School, Second Floor, Vidahya Samiksha Centre, Opposite Punitvan, Sector-19, Gandhinagar- 382 021.

**Present:** Mr. Shubham Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been filed by the petitioner by hand on 4.1.2024 for issuance of minority status certificate to the petitioner institution. It be registered in the miscellaneous head of cases.

- 2. Pursuant to the order dated 6.7.2022 passed by the Commission in Misc. Case No. 05 of 2020, the petitioner institution on 2.8.2022 has applied for grant of minority status certificate to the District Education Officer, Sabarkantha District, Gujarat. On 9.11.2023, the Deputy Director of Education (Secondary), Gandhinagar has rejected petitioner's application for grant of minority status certificate on the ground that all the members of the petitioner Trust at the time of establishment were not of Muslim minority.
- 3. An appeal under Section 12(B) of the NCMEI Act, 2004 ought to have been filed by the petitioner against the rejection order 9.11.2023, the Deputy Director of Education (Secondary), Gandhinagar.
- 4. Learned counsel for the petitioner seeks leave to withdraw the petition with liberty to file fresh appeal under Section 12(B) of the NCMEI Act, 2004. Leave and liberty is granted.
- 5. The petition is disposed of as withdrawn. Record of Misc. Case No. 05 of 2020 be tagged with the record of this case.