

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

Case No. 204 of 2022

In the matter of :-

Madarsa Furqaniah Korra Sadat, Block-Hasawa, Village Kotta Sadat, District Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212622

..... **Petitioner**

V/s

**1. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of School Education,
Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bahu Khandi, Secretariat,
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226001**

**2. Additional Chief Secretary, Minority Welfare and Waqf
Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh**

..... **Respondents**

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

ORDER

DATED 17.01.2024

Dr. Shahid Akhter, Member, NCMEI

1. This petition has been received on 25.10.2022 by hand through Mr. Junais P, Advocate of the petitioner institution for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to Madarsa Furqaniah Korra Sadat, Block-Hasawa, Village Kotta Sadat, District Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212622.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner filed an affidavit of Mr. Najmuddin Ahmad, Manager of Madarsa Furqaniah Society and the authorized representative of the applicant institution i.e. Madarsa Furqaniah Korra Sadat, Block-Hasawa, Village Kotta Sadat, District Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212622 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. : UP/2022/0326695 of the petitioner's Society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, photocopy of application dated 07.10.2021 sent to the State Competent Authority i.e. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.

Pradesh alongwith postal receipt and its tracking report, notarized copy of Certificate of Registration of Madarsa Furquaniah Society, notarized copy of Memorandum of Association alongwith list of founding members of the Society, notarized copy of Amended Memorandum of Association dated 31.12.1999 alongwith list of present members of the Society notarized copy of permanent Recognition Order dated 15.03.2017 issued by the Registrar, UP Madarsa Education Council, Lucknow to the unaided petitioner institution for Alim (Arbi and Farsi) and resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Mr. Najmuddin Ahmad, Manager of Madarsa Furquaniah Society for obtaining MSC from this Commission.

4. As per the information supplied by the unaided petitioner institution with regard to students strength in academic year 2020-21, it is mentioned that out of the total 413 students, 327 students were from the Muslim minority community and 86 students were Hindus, in academic year 2021-22, it is mentioned that out of the total 397 students, 315 students were from the Muslim minority community and 82 students were Hindus and in academic year 2022-23, it is mentioned that out of the total 395 students, 325 students are from the Muslim minority community and 70 students are Hindus. It is relevant to mention here that in academic years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, out of the total 16 teachers, 15 teachers are from the Muslim Minority community.
5. It is stated in the petition that on dated 07.10.2021, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC which was received by the State Competent Authority on 20.10.2021 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 petition 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 23.12.2022, 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 10.05.2023. After service of letters/emails to the physical inspection committee dated 05.06.2023 and 11.08.2023, Physical Inspection Committee, Fatehpur has sent physical inspection report dated 04.08.2023 and 11.08.2023 which were received in the Commission's Office on dated 10.08.2023 and 17.08.2023 respectively wherein they have not mentioned any adverse / negative remarks to grant MSC to the petitioner institution.
7. Heard the Learned Counsel for the petitioner, perused the pleading of the petitioner, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit of Mr. Najmuddin Ahmad, Manager of Madarsa Furquaniah Society.
8. 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. This Commission has also decided that there must be reasonable strength of students of particular minority community in a minority educational institution. The percentage could be determined based on the actual proportion of specific minority community in the State population as per prevailing census. Population of Muslim minority community in the State of Uttar Pradesh as per the census of 2011 is 19.26%.
9. 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 Madarsa Furquaniah

Society 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 Mr. Najmuddin Ahmad, Manager of Madarsa Furqaniah Society.

10. I have perused the Amended Memorandum of Association of the petitioner institution which was registered before the Assistant Registrar, Fatehpur on dated 31.12.1999 which is before the filing of NOC application U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 07.10.2021 and petition for grant of MSC on dated 25.10.2022. So it is clear that the amendment has been done before the application filed before the State Competent Authority U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 and also petition for grant of MSC before this Commission.
11. The Amended Memorandum of Association dated 31.12.1999 and all the documents produced by the petitioner institution clearly reflects that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are primarily the members of the Muslim minority community. In addition, the said facts 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.
12. Relying on the said unrebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that Madarsa Furqaniah Korra Sadat, Block-Hasawa, Village Kotta Sadat, District Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212622 run by Madarsa Furqaniah Society 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.
13. Consequently, Madarsa Furqaniah Korra Sadat, Block-Hasawa, Village Kotta Sadat, District Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212622 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.

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

Signed, pronounced and published on **Wednesday, 17th Day of January, 2024.**

**DR. SHAHID AKHTER
MEMBER**

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