St. Anne's Matriculation Higher Secondary School, J.N. Road, Behind R.C. Church, Thiruvallur, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu - 602001.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 9.

Case No. 826 of 2019 29.02.2024

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

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner again prayed for time to file updated Recognition certificate issued by Competent Authority State of Tamil Nadu. In the interest of justice, time prayed for is allowed.

List on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Anne's Matriculation Higher Secondary School, No. 495, T.H. Road, Ramana Nagar, B.D. Office, Minjur, Ponneri T.K., Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu - 601203.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 9.

Case No. 827 of 2019 29.02.2024

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

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner again prayed for time to file updated Recognition certificate issued by Competent Authority State of Tamil Nadu. In the interest of justice, time prayed for is allowed.

List on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Odisha Abibhabak Mahasanga (Odisha Parent's Federation), #226, Kharvela Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Vs.

- 1. Cambridge School Cantonment Road, Cuttack, Odisha- 753 001.
- 2. Director, Secondary Education, 6th Floor, HOD Building, Unit V, Bhubanesar, Khordha, Odisha.

Misc. Case No. 02 of 2021

29.02.2024

Present: Mr. Nilakanta Nayak, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Suvendu Suvasis Dash , Advocate for the respondent no.01. None for the Respondent no.02

- 1. Mr. Nilakanta Nayak, Advocate appeared on behalf of the arguing counsel Mr. Amit Yadav.
- 2. Mr. Suvendu Suvasis Dash, Advocate appeared on behalf of the respondent no.01.
- 3. On 14.02.2024 a reply received from the Joint Director (H&S), Directorate of Secondary Education, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, which is taken on record.
- 4. Office is directed to furnish the copy of the above reply to the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the respondent no.01

In the interest of justice, list on 15.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Minerva Institute of Management and Technology, Sudhowala, Chakrata Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand- 248 001.

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- 1. The Addl. Chief Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
- 2. Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Uttarakhand Govt., Devendra Shastri Bhawan, Uttarakhand Secretariat, Dehradun.
- 3. Incharge Secretary, Higher Education, Uttarakhand Govt., Room No. 7, Ground Floor, Late Soban Singh Jeena Bhawan (SBI Bank Building), Uttarakhand Secretariat.

Case No. 60 of 2022

29.02.2024

Present: Mr. Prasanth Kulambil., Advocate for the petitioner. None for the respondent.

- 1. Mr. Prasanth Kulambil, Advocate appeared on behalf of the arguing counsel Mr. Junais P.
- 2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner filed true notarized copy of the affiliation order of the petitioner institution by hand, before the Commission's Office on dated 23.02.2024, which is taken on record.
- 3. On 09.01.2024 a letter dated 29.12.2023 received from the Deputy Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand, which is taken on record.
- 4. Office is directed to furnish the copy of the letter dated 29.12.2023 to the learned counsel for the petitioner for filing rejoinder if any.

In the interest of justice, now, fix the case for final arguments on 03.04.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Mary's Convent School, Mithapur, Gulaothi P.O., Bulandshar District, Uttar Pradesh - 203408.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Secondary Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Case No. 30 of 2023 29.02.2024

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

Infant Jesus English Medium School, Modankapu, Bantwala Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District, Karnataka- 574219.

Vs.

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

Case No. 70 of 2023 29.02.2024

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

Christ The King College, Safa Village, Bedora Road, Babina Block, Jhansi District, Uttar Pradesh- 284 003.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Basic Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bapu Bhawan, 7th Floor, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh– 226 001.

Case No. 213 of 2023

29.02.2024

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

- 1. On 05.12.2023 an internal communication dated 01.12.2023 of State Government and on 28.02.2024 original physical inspection report received from District Basic Education Officer, Jhansi by hand, which are taken on record.
- 2. The Commission has not constituted physical inspection committee in this case but physical inspection report received from the District Basic Education Officer, Jhansi.
- 3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that if original physical inspection report has been sent by the Competent Authority, consider it for this time only.
- 4. Learned Counsel for the petitioner also submitted that the petitioner has filed certified copies of all the relevant documents which are already on record.

In the interest of justice, list on 03.04.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Doon International School, 392, Ratan Lal Nagar, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh- 208 022.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Basic Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bapu Bhawan, 7th Floor, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 226 001.

Case No. 256 of 2023

29.02.2024

Present: Mr. Prasanth Kulambil., Advocate for the petitioner. None for the respondent.

- 1. Mr. Prasanth Kulambil, Advocate appeared on behalf of the arguing counsel Mr. Junais P.
- 2. Despite sending letter by post and email to the members of Physical Inspection Committee, no response/ physical inspection report received from the Physical Inspection Committee till now.
- 3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected their institution.
- 4. Office is directed that if Physical Inspection Report is not received, then send reminder letter 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.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

IPS Academy, Bilidoz, Old Ranappur Road, Near Natural Residency, Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh- 457 661.

Vs

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

Case No. 257 of 2023

29.02.2024

Present: Mr. Prasanth Kulambil., Advocate for the petitioner. None for the respondent.

- 1. Mr. Prasanth Kulambil, Advocate appeared on behalf of the arguing counsel Mr. Junais P.
- 2. On 02.01.2024 Commissioner, Backward Classes & Minority Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh has forwarded the copy of letter dated 21.12.2023 of Deputy Director of Minority Welfare, Madhya Pradesh by email, which is taken on record.
- 3. On 22.12.2023, Commissioner, Backward Classes & Minority Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh has forwarded an internal communication of State Government by email, which is also taken on record.
- 4. Despite sending letter by post and email to the members of Physical Inspection Committee, no response/ physical inspection report received from the Physical Inspection Committee till now.
- 5. Office is directed that if Physical Inspection Report is not received, then send reminder letter 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.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Ahmad Noor Memorial H.S. School, Vijay Place, Manik Bagh Road, Indore, Madya Pradesh- 452 014.

Vs.

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

Case No. 263 of 2023

29.02.2024

Present: Mr. Prasanth Kulambil., Advocate for the petitioner. None for the respondent.

- 1. Mr. Prasanth Kulambil, Advocate appeared on behalf of the arguing counsel Mr. Junais P.
- 2. On 09.01.2024 Commissioner, Backward Classes & Minority Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh has forwarded the copy of letter dated 27.12.2023 of Deputy Director of Minority Welfare, Madhya Pradesh by email and also forwarded an internal communication of State Government, which are taken on record.
- 3. Despite sending letter by post and email to the members of Physical Inspection Committee, no response/ physical inspection report received from the Physical Inspection Committee till now.
- 4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected their institution.
- 5. Office is directed that if Physical Inspection Report is not received, then send reminder letter 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.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Aloysius English Medium School CBSE, Janum Angara, Ranchi District, Jharkhand- 836 103.

Vs

Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy S.E. & L. Department, MDI Building, Post - Dhurwa, District Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834 004.

Case No. 305 of 2023

29.02.2024

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

- 1. Despite service of regd. notice by post and also by email, none appeared on behalf of the respondent, even in the second round.
- 2. No reply is received from the State Competent Authority so far.
- 3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations for issuance of minority status certificate to the petitioner institution, may be obtained from the committee consisting of the following members: -
 - 1. Representative of the District Collector (Chairperson)
 - 2. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
 - 3. District Minority /Welfare Officer/ District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)
- 4. Office is directed to issue letter to the above Committee members for submitting the report.
- 5. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for a copy of the letter issued to the members of Physical Inspection Committee in order to pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee, for inspection of the petitioner institution.
- 6. Office is directed to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 7. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to provide all the relevant documents to the members of Physical Inspection Committee.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph's Industrial School, Kumananchavadi, Poonamallee, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 056.

Vs.

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

Case No. 306 of 2023

29.02.2024

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

- 1. Despite service of regd. notice by post and also by email, none appeared on behalf of the respondent, even in the second round.
- 2. No reply is received from the State Competent Authority so far.
- 3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations for issuance of minority status certificate to the petitioner institution, may be obtained from the committee consisting of the following members: -
 - 4. Representative of the District Collector (Chairperson)
 - 5. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
 - 6. District Minority /Welfare Officer/ District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)
- 4. Office is directed to issue letter to the above Committee members for submitting the report.
- 5. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for a copy of the letter issued to the members of Physical Inspection Committee in order to pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee, for inspection of the petitioner institution.
- 6. Office is directed to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 7. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to provide all the relevant documents to the members of Physical Inspection Committee.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph's Industrial School, 100, Portuguese Church Street, George Town, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 001.

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

Case No. 307 of 2023

29.02.2024

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

- 1. Despite service of regd. notice by post and also by email, none appeared on behalf of the respondent, even in the second round.
- 2. On 15.02.2024, an internal communication of State Government of Tamil Nadu has been received by post, which is taken on record
- 3. No reply is received from the State Competent Authority so far.
- 4. In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations for issuance of minority status certificate to the petitioner institution, may be obtained from the committee consisting of the following members: -
 - 7. Representative of the District Collector (Chairperson)
 - 8. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
 - 9. District Minority /Welfare Officer/ District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)
- 5. Office is directed to issue letter to the above Committee members for submitting the report.
- 6. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for a copy of the letter issued to the members of Physical Inspection Committee in order to pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee, for inspection of the petitioner institution.
- 7. Office is directed to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 8. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to provide all the relevant documents to the members of Physical Inspection Committee.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Our Lady of Fatima Convent School, Chaura Seel Road, AssarpurBudhanpur, Patiala, Punjab-147 021.

Vs.

Director of Public Instruction (S.E) Punjab, Block E, Vidya Bhawan, 4th Flor Complex, Punjab School Education Board, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab.

Case No. 308 of 2023

29.02.2024

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

- 1. Despite service of regd. notice by post and also by email, none appeared on behalf of the respondent, even in the second round.
- 2. No reply is received from the State Competent Authority so far.
- 3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations for issuance of minority status certificate to the petitioner institution, may be obtained from the committee consisting of the following members: -
 - 10. Representative of the District Collector (Chairperson)
 - 11. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
 - 12. District Minority /Welfare Officer/ District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)
- 4. Office is directed to issue letter to the above Committee members for submitting the report.
- 5. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for a copy of the letter issued to the members of Physical Inspection Committee in order to pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee, for inspection of the petitioner institution.
- 6. Office is directed to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 7. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to provide all the relevant documents to the members of Physical Inspection Committee.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Mother of Hope Primary School, Vapi, Valsad, Gujarat - 396191. Vs.

Director, Primary Education, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhawan, 2nd Floor 12/1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Case No. 320 of 2023

29.02.2024

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

- 1. Despite service of regd. notice by post and also by email, none appeared on behalf of the respondent, even in the second round.
- 2. No reply is received from the State Competent Authority so far.
- 3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations for issuance of minority status certificate to the petitioner institution, may be obtained from the committee consisting of the following members: -
 - 13. Representative of the District Collector (Chairperson)
 - 14. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
 - 15. District Minority /Welfare Officer/ District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)
- 4. Office is directed to issue letter to the above Committee members for submitting the report.
- 5. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for a copy of the letter issued to the members of Physical Inspection Committee in order to pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee, for inspection of the petitioner institution.
- 6. Office is directed to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 7. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to provide all the relevant documents to the members of Physical Inspection Committee.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Mary's High School, Chanod, Vapi, Valsad, Gujarat - 396195. Vs.

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

Case No. 321 of 2023

29.02.2024

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

- 1. Despite service of regd. notice by post and also by email, none appeared on behalf of the respondent, even in the second round.
- 2. No reply is received from the State Competent Authority so far.
- 3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations for issuance of minority status certificate to the petitioner institution, may be obtained from the committee consisting of the following members: -
 - 16. Representative of the District Collector (Chairperson)
 - 17. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
 - 18. District Minority /Welfare Officer/ District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)
- 4. Office is directed to issue letter to the above Committee members for submitting the report.
- 5. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for a copy of the letter issued to the members of Physical Inspection Committee in order to pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee, for inspection of the petitioner institution.
- 6. Office is directed to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 7. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to provide all the relevant documents to the members of Physical Inspection Committee.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Mary's Primary School, Chanod, Vapi, Valsad, Gujarat - 396195. Vs.

Director, Primary Education, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhawan, 2nd Floor 12/1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Case No. 322 of 2023

29.02.2024

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

- 1. Despite service of regd. notice by post and also by email, none appeared on behalf of the respondent, even in the second round.
- 2. No reply is received from the State Competent Authority so far.
- 3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations for issuance of minority status certificate to the petitioner institution, may be obtained from the committee consisting of the following members: -
 - 19. Representative of the District Collector (Chairperson)
 - 20. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
 - 21. District Minority /Welfare Officer/ District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)
- 4. Office is directed to issue letter to the above Committee members for submitting the report.
- 5. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for a copy of the letter issued to the members of Physical Inspection Committee in order to pursue the matter with the Physical Inspection Committee, for inspection of the petitioner institution.
- 6. Office is directed to provide a copy of the letter to the learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 7. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to provide all the relevant documents to the members of Physical Inspection Committee.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

29.2.2024

Sana Smart Matriculation School, No. 13/3B, Perambur High Road, First Street, Jamalia, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 012.

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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 21.2.2024 from Sana Smart Matriculation School, No. 13/3B, Perambur High Road, First Street, Jamalia, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 012 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 21.10.2022, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. 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 22.10.2022. 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 30.5.2023 issued by Director of Private Schools, Chennai regarding upgradation of the petitioner institution for the academic year 2023-24.
- 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 (Secondary). During the academic year 2022-23, out of 272 students, all students were from the Muslim minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of 374 students, all students are from the Muslim minority community.
- 6. It transpires from the petition that the amendment in the Trust Deed of the petitioner trust was done prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act. 2004 and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 7. Office has reported that the application for MSC has been signed by the applicant on 21.2.2024. However, the affidavit submitted is dated 28.10.2022. Application of NOC moved on 21.10.2022 and no reminders posted thereafter. Resolution for authorization to proceed the case of MSC is done by the Board of Trustees on 17.10.2022 wherein total of 12 trustees. However, in the application filed by the applicant, name of only one trustee is mentioned. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that one trustee is sufficient for carrying out amendment in the Trust Deed and the name of Mr. Saleem Sulthan is mentioned in the amended Trust Deed and also in the application for MSC. Hence, office report is ignored
- 8. Office is directed to issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and email.
- 9. List on 14.5.2024.

29.2.2024

St. Michael's Primary School, Vethakarankudiyiruppu, Edalakudy Post, Agasteeswaram T.K., Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu- 629 002.

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 21.2.2024 from St. Michael's Primary School, Vethakarankudiyiruppu, Edalakudy Post, Agasteeswaram T.K., Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu- 629 002 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 10.11.2023, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. 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 13.11.2023. 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 11.2.1965 issued by the District Educational Officer, Nagercoil granting permanent recognition to the petitioner institution.
- 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 aided institution (Primary). During the academic year 2021-22, out of 44 students, 27 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of 62 students, 34 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of 71 students, 37 students are from the Christian minority community.
- 6. It transpires from the petition that the amendment in the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner Society was done prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act. 2004 and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 7. Office has reported that there is no clarity of dates of issue in case of MOA, amended MOA, list of present members and Rule & regulations from the office of the Registrar of Societies. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the said documents have been certified by the Registrar of Societies and the seal is affixed on the backside of the said documents, which are in Tamil language. He has filed English translation of the same which shows that the amended MOA was registered on 23.3.2016. Hence, office report is ignored.
- 8. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for time to file updated recognition order issued by the competent authority.
- Office is directed to issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and email. Record of Case No. 321 of 2020 be tagged with the record of th0 is case.
- 10. List on 14.5.2024.

29.2.2024

St. Michael's High School, Vethakarankudiyiruppu, Edalakudy Post, Agasteeswaram T.K., Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu- 629 002.

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 21.2.2024 from St. Michael's High School, Vethakarankudiyiruppu, Edalakudy Post, Agasteeswaram T.K., Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu- 629 002 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 10.11.2023, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. 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 13.11.2023. 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 1.3.2023 issued by the District Educational Officer, Nagercoil granting temporary continuous approval to the petitioner institution from 1.6.2021 to 31.5.2024. The said order is in Tamil language. English translation thereof duly notarized by the Notary Public has been filed.
- 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 partially aided institution (Secondary). During the academic year 2021-22, out of 66 students, 31 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of 52 students, 27 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of 49 students, 24 students are from the Christian minority community.
- 6. It transpires from the petition that the amendment in the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner Society was done prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act. 2004 and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 7. Office is directed to issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and email. Record of Case No. 320 of 2020 be tagged with the record of this case.
- 8. List on 14.5.2024.