

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

Case No. 487 of 2019

In the matter of :-

**Al-Haneef Educational Centre, Chak Badhiya, Bhuiily Khas,
Adalhat, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh-231305**

..... **Petitioner**

V/s

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

..... **Respondent**

**Present : Mr. Shubham Singh, Advocate for the petitioner
None for the respondent**

ORDER

DATED 06.03.2024

Dr. Shahid Akhter, Member, NCMEI

1. This petition has been received on 23.05.2019 by hand through Mr. Waseem Ahmad, Secretary of the Al-Haneef Educational Society for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to Al-Haneef Educational Centre, Chak Badhiya, Bhuiily Khas, Adalhat, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh-231305.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner filed an affidavit of Mr. Waseem Ahmad, Manager of Al-Haneef Educational Society 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/2018/0208992 of the petitioner's Society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, photocopy of application dated 15.02.2019 sent to the State Competent Authority i.e. Principal Secretary, Secondary Education, Department of Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh alongwith postal receipt, notarized copy of Certificate of Registration of Al-Haneef Educational Society, notarized copy of renewed Certificate of Registration dated 08.12.2022 of the said society, notarized copy of Memorandum of Association dated

10.01.2019 alongwith list of founding and present members of the Society, notarized copy of Office Order dated 30.06.2022 issued by the Registrar, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi to the unaided petitioner institution for the Academic Session 2022-23 for the Bachelor Courses and resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Mr. Haji Waseem Ahmad, Chairman, Al-Haneef Educational Centre, Chak Badhiya, Bhuiy Khas, Adalhat, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh-231305 for obtaining MSC from this Commission.

4. As per the information supplied by the unaided petitioner institution with regard to students strength as on 31.01.2019, it is mentioned that out of the total 229 students, 156 students are from the Muslim minority community and 73 students are Hindus. It is relevant to mention here that as on 31.01.2019, out of the total 15 teachers, 9 teachers are from the Muslim Minority community.
5. It is stated in the petition that on dated 15.02.2019, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC which was received by the State Competent Authority on _____ 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 30.08.2022, 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 02.02.2023. After service of letters/emails to the physical inspection committee dated 08.02.2023, 28.03.2023, 29.05.2023, 03.08.2023, 13.09.2023 and 06.11.2023, Physical

Inspection Committee, Mirzapur has sent physical inspection report dated 21.12.2023 which was received in the Commission's Office on dated 29.12.2023 wherein they have recommended to grant MSC to the petitioner institution.

7. Heard the Learned Counsel for the petitioner, perused the pleading of the petition, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit of Mr. Waseem Ahmad, Manager of Al-Haneef Educational 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 Al-Haneef Educational 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. Waseem Ahmad, Manager of Al-Haneef Educational Society.
10. I have perused the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner institution which was registered before the Assistant Registrar, Varanasi on dated 10.01.2019 which is before the filing of NOC application U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 15.02.2019 and petition for grant of MSC on dated 23.05.2019. 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 Memorandum of Association dated 10.01.2019 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 Al-Haneef Educational Centre, Chak Badhiya, Bhuiy Khas, Adalhat, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh-231305 run by Al-Haneef Educational 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, Al-Haneef Educational Centre, Chak Badhiya, Bhuiy Khas, Adalhat, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh-231305 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, updated affiliation order issued by the concerned University and resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Mr. Waseem Ahmad, Manager of Al-Haneef Educational Society for obtaining MSC from this Commission. 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, 6th Day of March, 2024.**

**DR. SHAHID AKHTER
MEMBER**

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