Little Flower Degree College, 2-18-25, Little Flower Junior College Campus, Uppal R.R. District, Hyderabad, Telangana-500039
V/s

Secretary to Govt., Minorities Welfare Department, Government of Telangana, "D" Block, Ground Floor, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad-500022

Case No. 62 of 2020

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Junais P, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

- 1. Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 2. Reserved for Orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Ferrando School, Sengapather, PO/PS Mahadevpur, District Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh-792105

V/s

Secretary, Department of Education, Civil Secretariat, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

Case No. 23 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Tariq Adeeb, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

- 1. Director of Elementary Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has sent Physical Inspection Report duly signed by the Physical Inspection Committee members alongwith covering letter dated 21.03.2024 by post which was received before the Commission's office on 16.04.2024, is taken on record.
- 2. Photocopy of the same report has also been received by the Director of Elementary Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh alongwith covering letter dated 21.03.2024 by post which was received before the Commission's office on 26.03.2024, is also taken on record.
- 3. Learned Counsel for the petitioner has filed five documents by hand on 26.03.2024 before the Commission's Office which are taken on record.
- 4. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has filed certified copies of all the relevant documents which are already on record.
- 5. In the interest of justice, fix the case for final arguments on 18.09.2024

Shaheed Udham Singh Inter College, Rampur Kalan, Khutar, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh-242405

V/s

Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Secondary Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Bahu Khandi, Secretariat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Case No. 109 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Junais P, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

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- 1. District Inspector of Schools, Shahjahanpur has sent Physical Inspection Report duly signed by the Physical Inspection Committee members alongwith covering letter dated 18.04.2024 by post which was received before the Commission's office on 29.04.2024, is taken on record.
- 2. Same report has also been received through email before the Commission's office on dated 24.04.2024, is also taken on record.
- 3. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has filed certified copies of all the relevant documents which are already on record.
- 4. In the interest of justice, fix the case for final arguments on 18.09.2024

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Paragon High School, Vattepally, Bahadurpura, District Hyderabad, Telangana-500053

V/s

Secretary to Govt., Minorities Welfare Department, Government of Telangana, "D" Block, Ground Floor, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad-500022

Case No. 111 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Junais P, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

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- 1. A communication dated 06.07.2024 has been received from the Special Secretary to Govt., Government of Telangana, Minority Welfare Department alongwith some documents by post before the Commission's office on dated 10.07.2024, is taken on record.
- 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 the petitioner institution
- 4. Office is directed that if original 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.
- 5. In the interest of justice, list on 18.09.2024

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Taha School, 446/5, Musahib Ganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226003 V/s

Additional Chief Secretary, Basic Education Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Bahu Khandi, Secretariat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Case No. 133 of 2023 18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Junais P, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

- Despite sending reminder letter by post and email to the members of Physical Inspection Committee, to clarify some facts of physical inspection report which they had sent on 22.11.2023 but no response / physical inspection report received from the Physical Inspection Committee till now.
- 2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have re-inspected the petitioner institution
- 3. Office is directed that if original Physical Inspection Report is not received, then send reminder letter by post and also by email to the members of Physical Inspection Committee to clarify the said facts positively before next date of hearing.
- 4. Learned Counsel for the petitioner prayed for time to file notarized copy of all the relevant documents.
- 5. In the interest of justice, list on 18.09.2024

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Tiny Tots School, Darshan Enclave, Civil Lines, Station Road, Arodhya(Faizabad), Uttar Predesh-224001

Additional Chief Secretary, Basic Education Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

Case No. 217 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Junais P, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

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- 1. Despite sending reminder 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.
- 2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected the petitioner institution
- 3. Office is directed that if original 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.
- 4. In the interest of justice, list on 18.09.2024

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Linh Son Buddhist Inter College, Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh-274403 V/s

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

Case No. 267 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Junais P, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

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- 1. Despite sending reminder 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.
- 2. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected the petitioner institution
- 3. Office is directed that if original 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.
- 4. In the interest of justice, list on 18.09.2024

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Oxford Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Koothanallur, Tiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu-614101

V/s

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

Case No. 268 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

- 1. Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 2. Reserved for Orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Christ Academy Institute for Advanced Studies, Christ Nagar, Hulahalli Begur-Koppa Road, Sakkawara P.O., Bangalore, Karnataka-560083

V/s

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

Case No. 284 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

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- 1. On 10.07.2024, a letter no.: 1276/Estt.-II/2023-5 dated 06.07.2024 has been received from the Special Secretary to Govt., Government of Telangana, Minority Welfare Department. This matter pertains to State of Karnataka whereas aforesaid communication pertains to Govt. of Telangana but the response given by the State in Case No. 284 of 2023. Office is directed to place the aforesaid communication in the concerned file.
- 2. Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 2. Reserved for Orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Christ Academy PU College, Christ Nagar, Hulahalli Begur-Koppa Road, Sakkawara P.O., Bangalore, Karnataka-560083 V/s

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

Case No. 285 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

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- 1. Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 2. Reserved for Orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Christ Academy Institute of Law, Christ Nagar, Hulahalli Begur-Koppa Road, Sakkawara P.O., Bangalore, Karnataka-560083 V/s

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

Case No. 286 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner

None for the respondent

- 1. Learned Counsel for the petitioner has filed two documents by hand on 11.07.2024 before the Commission's Office which are taken on record.
- 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, fix the case for final arguments on 19.09.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

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St. Teresa's of Avila School, Neyyattinkara, District Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695121

V/s

Director, Directorate of Minority Welfare, Government of Kerala, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Case No. 287 of 2023

18.07.2024

Present: None

- 1. District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram has sent Physical Inspection Report duly signed by the Physical Inspection Committee members alongwith covering letter dated 01.07.2024 by post which was received before the Commission's office on 11.07.2024, is taken on record.
- 2. In the interest of justice, list the matter on 18.09.2024.

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DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Aloysius School, Gaur, S.A.I.T Campus, Mandla Road, Near Gaur Bridge, Jabalpur District, Madhya Pradesh- 482 020.

Vs.

Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Room No. 339, Mantralaya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh - 462004.

Case No. 345 of 2023 18.7.2024

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending 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 members of the Physical Inspection Committee have already inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed to issue reminder letter by post and email to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the report positively before the next date of hearing, if the inspection report is not received till sending the reminder letter.

In the interest of justice, list on 19.9.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Aloysius School, Niwas, Mandla District, Madhya Pradesh- 481 885.

Vs.

Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Room No. 339, Mantralaya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh - 462004.

Case No. 346 of 2023 18.7.2024

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

None for the respondent.

District Collector, Mandala vide his letter dated 8.7.2024 has sent Physical Inspection Report, which was received before the Commission's office on 15.7.2024. The same is taken on record.

A copy of the said letter has been received through email also. The same is also taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that certified copies of all the relevant documents are already on record.

List the case for final arguments on 19.9.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Aloysius School, Krisshna Colony, Barjhaiya, Panagar, Jabalpur District, Madhya Pradesh- 483 220.

Vs.

Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Room No. 339, Mantralaya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh - 462004.

Case No. 347 of 2023 18.7.2024

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending 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 members of the Physical Inspection Committee have already inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed to issue reminder letter by post and email to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the report positively before the next date of hearing, if the inspection report is not received till sending the reminder letter.

In the interest of justice, list on 19.9.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph's High School, Sarel, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu- 629 203.

Vs.

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

Case No. 127 of 2024

18.7.2024

**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 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 19.9.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Thomas School, Umari Manoharpur, Handia, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh-221 503.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Secondary Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bapu Bhawan, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226 001.

Case No. 129 of 2024

18.7.2024

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

Mr. Ajay Pratap Singh, A.DIOS for the respondent.

Mr. Ajay Pratap Singh appeared on behalf of the respondent and wants to file certain documents. He is directed to file the same before the Commission's office today itself.

The State of Uttar Pradesh is not filing proper replies on the applications of the petitioner institutions approaching them for grant of NOC. The State is sending physical inspection report in the cases where Physical Inspection Committee has not been constituted.

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)
- 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 petitioner.

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.

List on 19.9.2024.

St. Ann's Senior Secondary School, Near Doon Helidrome, Tarla Nagal, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand- 248 001.

Vs.

Incharge Secretary, Higher Education, Uttarakhand Govt., Room No. 7, Ground Floor, Late Soban Singh Jeena Bhawan (SBI Bank Building), Uttarakhand Secretariat, Uttarakhand- 248 001.

Case No. 130 of 2024

18.7.2024

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

None for the respondent.

A communication dated 19.6.2024 has been received by post on 25.6.2024 from Assistant Secretary, Higher Education, Uttarakhand, which is taken on record. It is mentioned in the said letter that the said department has not received the application dated 24.11.2023 of the petitioner institution for grant of No Objection Certificate. Also, no decision can be taken in this regard as the petitioner institution is not a higher educational institution in Dehradun.

It is pertinent to mention here that vide Notification NO. 402/XXIV (3)/2019-08(01)2017 dated 27.5.2019 issued by Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Uttarakhand, Incharge Secretary, Higher Education, Uttarakhand Government has been notified as 'competent authority' under Section 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004.

The petitioner institution has rightly applied to the said authority for grant of No Objection Certificate vide application dated 24.11.2023. The petitioner has also filed tracking report of the same. Hence, the reason mentioned by the respondent in the above-said letter is not correct in the eye of law.

Office is directed to send copy of this order to the respondent to clarify the said fact.

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 also directed to issue letter to the above authorities and also to provide a copy of the letter to the petitioner. 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.

List on 19.9.2024.

18.7.2024

New Public School, Kanampalli, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka- 563 125.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**Present:** Mr. Junais P., Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 28.5.2024 from New Public School, Kanampalli, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka- 563 125 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 3.1.2024, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka, which was received by the respondent on 8.1.2024. 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.
- 3. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of letter dated 1.2.2024 issued by Deputy Director Office, Department of Public Education, Karnataka granting recognition to the petitioner institution for the academic year 2023-24. The said order is in Kannada 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 an unaided institution (Secondary). During the academic year 2021-22, out of 399 students, 07 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of 365 students, 06 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of 403 students, 13 students were 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 before the State Competent Authority and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 7. Office has reported that NOC application addressed to competent authority of Karnataka. However, postal receipt of Lucknow is enclosed. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed not to mislead the Commission and be careful in future before filing application for grant of minority status certificate before the Commission.
- 8. Leaned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that inadvertently, this error has occurred. He seeks leave to withdraw the petition with liberty to file a fresh petition for the same relief. Leave and liberty is granted. Office is directed to return the additional sets, envelope and postage to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

18.7.2024

St. Anne's Pre-University College, N.R. Mohalla, Mysore, Karnataka-570 007.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**Present:** Mr. Junais P., Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 28.5.2024 from St. Anne's Pre-University College, N.R. Mohalla, Mysore, Karnataka- 570 007 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 3.1.2024, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka, which was received by the respondent on 8.1.2024. 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.
- 3. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of certificate issued by Department of Pre-University Education, Bangalore granting recognition to the petitioner institution from 2015-16 to 2016-17 which is valid upto 31.3.2017.
- 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). During the academic year 2021-22, out of 188 students, 20 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of 209 students, 30 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of 271 students, 45 students were 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 before the State Competent Authority and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 7. Office has reported that NOC application addressed to competent authority of Karnataka. However, postal receipt of Lucknow is enclosed. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed not to mislead the Commission and be careful in future before filing application for grant of minority status certificate before the Commission.
- 8. Leaned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that inadvertently, this error has occurred. He seeks leave to withdraw the petition with liberty to file a fresh petition for the same relief. Leave and liberty is granted. Office is directed to return the additional sets, envelope and postage to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

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St. Anne's Pre-University College, Changavara Road, Jyothinagara, Sira, Tumkur District, Karnataka- 572 137.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**Present:** Mr. Junais P., Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 28.5.2024 from St. Anne's Pre-University College, Changavara Road, Jyothinagara, Sira, Tumkur District, Karnataka- 572 137 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 3.1.2024, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka, which was received by the respondent on 8.1.2024. 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.
- 3. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of certificate issued by Department of Pre-University Education, Bangalore granting recognition to the petitioner institution from 2015-16 to 2016-17 which is valid upto 31.3.2017.
- 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). During the academic year 2021-22, out of 154 students, 25 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of 142 students, 24 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of 179 students, 32 students were 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 before the State Competent Authority and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 7. Office has reported that NOC application addressed to competent authority of Karnataka. However, postal receipt of Lucknow is enclosed. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed not to mislead the Commission and be careful in future before filing application for grant of minority status certificate before the Commission.
- 8. Leaned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that inadvertently, this error has occurred. He seeks leave to withdraw the petition with liberty to file a fresh petition for the same relief. Leave and liberty is granted. Office is directed to return the additional sets, envelope and postage to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

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St. Anne's Pre-University College, M.B. Road, Kolar, Karnataka- 563 101.
Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Present: Mr. Junais P., Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 28.5.2024 from St. Anne's Pre-University College, M.B. Road, Kolar, Karnataka- 563 101 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 3.1.2024, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka, which was received by the respondent on 8.1.2024. 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.
- 3. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of certificate issued by Department of Pre-University Education, Bangalore granting recognition to the petitioner institution from 2015-16 to 2016-17 which is valid upto 31.3.2017.
- 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). During the academic year 2021-22, out of 46 students, 08 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of 38 students, 05 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of 38 students, 04 students were 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 before the State Competent Authority and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 7. Office has reported that NOC application addressed to competent authority of Karnataka. However, postal receipt of Lucknow is enclosed. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed not to mislead the Commission and be careful in future before filing application for grant of minority status certificate before the Commission.
- 8. Leaned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that inadvertently, this error has occurred. He seeks leave to withdraw the petition with liberty to file a fresh petition for the same relief. Leave and liberty is granted. Office is directed to return the additional sets, envelope and postage to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

18.7.2024

St. Anne's Girls Pre-University College, N.E.S. Extension, Malavalli, Mandya District, Karnataka- 571 430.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

**Present:** Mr. Junais P., Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 28.5.2024 from St. Anne's Girls Pre-University College, N.E.S. Extension, Malavalli, Mandya District, Karnataka- 571 430 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 3.1.2024, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka, which was received by the respondent on 8.1.2024. 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.
- 3. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of certificate issued by Department of Pre-University Education, Bangalore granting recognition to the petitioner institution for the year 2016-17 which is valid upto 31.3.2017.
- 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). During the academic year 2021-22, out of 51 students, 06 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of 61 students, 08 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of 66 students, 10 students were 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 before the State Competent Authority and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 7. Office has reported that NOC application addressed to competent authority of Karnataka. However, postal receipt of Lucknow is enclosed. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed not to mislead the Commission and be careful in future before filing application for grant of minority status certificate before the Commission.
- 8. Leaned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that inadvertently, this error has occurred. He seeks leave to withdraw the petition with liberty to file a fresh petition for the same relief. Leave and liberty is granted. Office is directed to return the additional sets, envelope and postage to the learned counsel for the petitioner.