GOVERNMENT OF BHARAT NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NCMEI)

Case No. 399 of 2020

In the matter of :-

Madarsa Faroge Idrisiya, Barauni Ashraf Tota, Post-Sandila, District Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh-241204

V/s

- 1. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Bahu Khandi, Secretariat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 2. Additional Chief Secretary, Minority Welfare and Waqf Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bahu Khandi, Secretariat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Present : Mr. Saleem for the petitioner None for the respondent

<u>ORDER</u>

DATED 31.07.2024

Dr. Shahid Akhter, Member, NCMEI

- This petition has been received on 19.10.2020 by hand through Mr. Saleem, President of Anjuman-A-Faroge Idrisiya for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to Madarsa Faroge Idrisiya, Barauni Ashraf Tota, Post-Sandila, District Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh-241204 alongwith affidavit of Mr. Saleem, President of Anjuman-A-Faroge Idrisiya 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.
- 2. Mr. Saleem for the petitioner has filed notarized copy of Unique ID No.: UP/2017/0161108 of the petitioner's Society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, photocopy of application dated 18.07.2020 sent to the State Competent Authority i.e. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh alongwith postal receipt and its tracking report, notarized copy of Certificate of Registration of Anjuman-A-Faroge Idrisiya, notarized copy of Memorandum of Association alongwith list of

founding members of the Society, notarized copy of Amended Memorandum of Association dated 28.02.2018 alongwith list of present members of the Society, notarized copy of the recognition Order dated 04.06.2010 issued by the District Minority Welfare Officer, Hardoi to the unaided petitioner institution from 1st to 5th Std. and resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Mr. Saleem, President of Anjuman-A-Faroge Idrisiya for obtaining MSC from this Commission.

- 3. As per the information supplied by the petitioner unaided institution with regard to students strength, it is mentioned that out of total 212 students, 182 students were from the Muslim minority community and 40 students were Hindus. It is relevant to mention here that out of the total 9 teachers, 8 teachers were from the Muslim Minority community.
- 4. It is stated in the petition that on dated 18.07.2020, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC which was received by the State Competent Authority on 21.07.2020 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.
- 5. Despite service of registered notice / email dated 02.11.2020, 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 14.12.2021. After service of letters/emails to the physical inspection committee dated

- 23.12.2021, 12.05.2022, 14.09.2022, 21.04.2023, 06.07.2023, 11.09.2023 and 12.10.2023, Physical Inspection Committee, Hardoi District has sent physical inspection report dated 22.08.2023 which was received in the Commission's Office on dated 29.08.2023 wherein they have recommended to grant MSC to the petitioner institution.
- 6. Heard the petitioner, perused the pleading of the petition, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit of Mr. Saleem, President of Anjuman-A-Faroge Idrisiya.
- 7. 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%.
- 8. 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 Anjuman-A-Faroge Idrisiya 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. Saleem, President of Anjuman-A-Faroge Idrisiya.
- 9. I have perused the Amended Memorandum of Association of the petitioner institution which was registered before the Sub

Registrar dated 28.02.2018 which is before the filing of NOC applications U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 18.07.2020 and petition for grant of MSC on dated 19.10.2020. 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.

- 10. The Amended Memorandum of Association dated 28.02.2018 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.
- 11. Relying on the said unrebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that Madarsa Faroge Idrisiya, Barauni Ashraf Tota, Post-Sandila, District Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh-241204 run by Anjuman-A-Faroge Idrisiya 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.
- 12. Consequently, Madarsa Faroge Idrisiya, Barauni Ashraf Tota, Post-Sandila, District Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh-241204 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 fails 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.
- 13. After compliance of the above order, a minority status certificate be issued accordingly.
- 14. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of in accordance with this order.

Signed, pronounced and published on **Wednesday**, 31st Day of May, 2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

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