Jain Public School, Opposite Kendriya Vidhyalaya, Sagod Road, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh – 457 001.

V/s.

Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Government of M.P.

CASE NO. 91 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

Pleadings are complete. Learned counsel for the petitioner is heard. Reserved for orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Paragon Primary School (Arabic Oriental), Vattepally, Hyderbad, Telangana – 500 053.

V/s.

Secretary, Minorities Welfare Department, "D" Block, Ground Floor, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad – 500 022.

CASE NO. 254 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

Despite sending afresh reminder letter by post and email to the members of physical inspection committee, no response/ physical inspection report received from them till now.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected petitioner institution.

Office is directed that if the above-said inspection report is not received, then again send reminder letter by post and also by e-mail to members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report duly signed by all the members of the said committee positively before the next date of hearing.

List on 06.02.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph's Public School, Survey No. 3/p, 5/p, Sama Nagar Colony, Kalvancha (V), Hayathnagar (M), Rangareddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana.

V/s.

Secretary, Minorities Welfare Department, "D" Block, Ground Floor, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad.

CASE NO. 272 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

It has been observed that the petitioner institution is situated at Rangareddy district, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh and the Commission has issued notice to the DEO of Hyderabad, Telangana. Official concerned has been warned for the serious lapse.

Letter dated 20.09.2024 addressed to the District Education Officer (Member), Hyderabad, Telangana returned back on 09.10.2024 from the Assistant Director, Office of the District Education Officer, Hyderabad, Telangana with remarks that the petitioner institution does not come under the purview of District Education Officer, Hyderabad. The same is taken on record.

A communication dated 05.11.2024 alongwith physical inspection report has been received from the District Collector, Ranga Reddy Dist., which is also taken on record.

Copy of the aforementioned report has also been received through email from the District Minorities Welfare Officer, Ranga Reddy on 07.11.2024, which is also taken on record.

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

List the matter for final arguments on 06.02.2025.

Lourdes Convent School (Primary-Gujarati Medium), Compound, Indoor Stadium, Athwalines, Surat District, Gujarat – 395 007. .

V/s.

Director, Primary Education, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, 2nd Floor, 12/1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat – 382 010.

CASE NO. 277 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

Heard at some length.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to produce original Memorandum of Association of the petitioner society before the court of the Commission on the date fixed for hearing.

List for further arguments on 11.12.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Xavier's Primary School, Opp. Axis Bank, Near Ram Chowk, Ghod-Dod Road, Surat, Gujarat – 395 001.

V/s.

Director, Primary Education, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, 2nd Floor, 12/1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat – 382 010.

CASE NO. 278 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner filed clarification affidavit in terms of orders dated 17.10.2024.

List the case for further arguments on 11.12.2024.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Anne's Matriculation Higher Secondary School, J.N. Road, Behind R.C. Church, Thiruvallur Dist., Tamil Nadu – 602 001.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 826 OF 2019

Date: 13.11.2024

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

Order dictated separately and pronounced, which reads as under: -

Relying on the said unrebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that the St. Anne's Matriculation Higher Secondary School, J.N. Road, Behind R.C. Church, Thiruvallur Dist., Tamil Nadu, run by The Madras Society of Sister's of St. Anne's (Madras Province), 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 Christian minority community.

Consequently, St. Anne's Matriculation Higher Secondary School, J.N. Road, Behind R.C. Church, Thiruvallur Dist., Tamil Nadu, is declared as 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 for undertaking to the fact that the petitioner institution shall not deny admission of eligible candidate of the Christian 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.

After compliance of the above order, a minority status certificate be issued accordingly.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of in accordance with this order.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

National College of Education, 428, Kharupetia Hospital Colony, Kharpetia Ward No. 2, Darrang District, Assam – 784 115.

V/s.

Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Assam Secretariat, Block C, Secretariat Complex, Dispur, Guwahati.

CASE NO. 325 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

A communication dated 17.09.2024 alongwith physical inspection report has been received from the District Commissioner, Darrang, Mangaldai, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file updated recognition order of the petitioner institution issued by the appropriate authority.

List the matter on 06.02.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

National Institute of Nursing, Town – Ward No. 2, Kharupetia, PO & PS – Kharupetia, Darrang District, Assam – 784 115.

V/s.

Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Assam Secretariat, Block C, Secretariat Complex, Dispur, Guwahati.

CASE NO. 326 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

A communication dated 17.09.2024 alongwith physical inspection report has been received from the District Commissioner, Darrang, Mangaldai, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file updated recognition order of the petitioner institution issued by the appropriate authority.

List the matter on 06.02.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Jatiya Vidyalaya H.S. School, Town Hospital Colony, PO & PS – Kharupetia, Darrang District, Assam – 784 115.

V/s.

Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Assam Secretariat, Block C, Secretariat Complex, Dispur, Guwahati.

CASE NO. 327 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

A communication dated 17.09.2024 alongwith physical inspection report has been received from the District Commissioner, Darrang, Mangaldai, which is taken on record.

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

List the matter for final arguments on 11.02.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

R.N. Central Academy, P.O. Kharupetia, District – Darrang, Assam – 784 115.

V/s.

Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Assam Secretariat, Block C, Secretariat Complex, Dispur, Guwahati.

CASE NO. 328 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

A communication dated 17.09.2024 alongwith physical inspection report has been received from the District Commissioner, Darrang, Mangaldai, which is taken on record.

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

List the matter for final arguments on 11.02.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Peter Convent School, Lasuldiya Amla Road, Nalkheda Tehsil, AgarMalwa Dist., Madhya Pradesh – 465 445.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 329 OF 2023

Date: 13.11.2024

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

Despite sending afresh reminder letter by post and email to the members of physical inspection committee, no response/ physical inspection report received from them till now.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected petitioner institution.

Office is directed that if the above-said inspection report is not received, then again send reminder letter by post and also by e-mail to members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report duly signed by all the members of the said committee positively before the next date of hearing.

List on 06.02.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Mount Carmel (EM & TM) High School, Kosigi (V&M), Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh- 518 313. Vs.

Secretary to Government, Minorities Welfare Department, 3rd Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh-522 503.

Case No. 331 of 2023

13.11.2024

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

District Educational Officer, Kurnool vide letter dated 31.8.2024 has sent Physical Inspection Report along with some documents which is only signed by District Educational Officer, Kurnool, which was received before the Commission's office on 10.9.2024. The same is taken on record.

Collector and District Magistrate, Kurnool vide his letter dated 24.10.2024 has sent Physical Inspection Report duly signed by all the members of the Physical Inspection Committee along with some documents, which was received before the Commission's office on 30.10.2024. The same is also taken on record.

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

List the case for final arguments on 12.2.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Annai Khadeeja Arts & Science College for Women, Kandanivayal, Manmelkudi Taluk, Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu- 614 620.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600009.

Case No. 332 of 2023

13.11.2024

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed notarized copy of the latest affiliation of the petitioner institution before the Commission's office on 25.9.2024, which is taken on record.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner. Reserved for orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Acharya Vidyasagar Public School, G-Pothyai, Gaushala, New Pichhore Road, Khaniyadhana, District - Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh-473 990.

Vs.

Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Mantralaya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Appeal No. 03 of 2023

13.11.2024

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

Despite sending notice to the respondent along with copy of the Affidavit filed by the learned counsel for the appellant, no reply/ response has been received from the respondent till now.

In this case no proper reply has been received from the competent authority.

One communication dated 4.1.2024 has already been received through email from Commissioner, Backward Classes & Minority Welfare, Madhya Pradesh along with copy of letter dated 4.1.2024 and another email dated 22.5.2024 has been received from Nodal Officer, OBC & Minority Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh enclosing therewith copy of the letter dated 20.5.2023 of Deputy Director, Backward Classes & Minority Welfare, Madhya Pradesh, which has already been taken on record on 4.9.2024. It has been stated in both the letters that NOC cannot be granted to the institutions which have been established and there is provision to grant NOC only to the newly established institutions. The reply received from the State Government does not hold much water. Hence, this is the fit case for intervention by this Commission.

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 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 6.2.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Peter's College Kolencherry, Ernakulam District, Kerala- 682 311.

Vs.

- 1. Mahatama Gandhi University, Priyadarshini Hills, Kottayam P.O., Kottayam District, Kerala- 686 560.
- 2. Department of Higher Education, State of Kerala.

Misc Case No. 06 of 2023

13.11.2024

Present: Mr. Prasanth Kulambil, Advocate for the petitioner. Mr. Shakti Singh, Proxy counsel for Respondent No. 1. Mr. Keerthipriyan. E., Advocate for Respondent No. 2.

Ms. Sakshi Kakkar, Advocate for Respondent No. 1 has filed Vakalatnama before the Commission's office on 18.9.2024, which is taken on record.

Mr. Shakti Singh, Proxy counsel for Respondent No. 1 has prayed for time to file reply.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has also prayed for time to file rejoinder. Time prayed for is allowed.

In the interest of justice, list on 6.2.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Lancers Army School, London House, Dumas Road, Vesu Patiya, Surat, Gujarat- 395 007.

Vs.

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

Case No. 111 of 2024

13.11.2024

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

Despite sending reminder letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee, no response/Physical inspection report has been received from the members of the Physical Inspection Committee till now.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has already submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed to issue reminder letter again by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the physical inspection report positively before the next date of hearing.

In the interest of justice, list on 6.2.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Lancers Army School, London House, Dumas Road, Vesu Patiya, Surat, Gujarat- 395 007.

Vs.

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

Case No. 111 of 2024

13.11.2024

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

Despite sending reminder letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee, no response/Physical inspection report has been received from the members of the Physical Inspection Committee till now.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has already submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed to issue reminder letter again by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the physical inspection report positively before the next date of hearing.

In the interest of justice, list on 6.2.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Lancers Play Way, London House, Dumas Road, Vesu Patiya, Pipload, Surat, Gujarat- 395 007. Vs.

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

Case No. 112 of 2024

13.11.2024

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

Despite sending reminder letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee, no response/Physical inspection report has been received from the members of the Physical Inspection Committee till now.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has already submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed to issue reminder letter again by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the physical inspection report positively before the next date of hearing.

In the interest of justice, list on 6.2.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Lancers Army School, London House, Dumas Road, Vesu Patiya, Surat, Gujarat- 395 007.

Vs.

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

Case No. 113 of 2024

13.11.2024

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

It transpires from the record of Case No. 111 of 2024 and 113 of 2024 that the name and address of the petitioner institutions are similar. Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for time to clarify the said inconsistency and file appropriate application in this regard. Time prayed for is allowed.

Despite sending reminder letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee, no response/Physical inspection report has been received from the members of the Physical Inspection Committee till now.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has already submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have already inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed to issue reminder letter again by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the physical inspection report positively before the next date of hearing.

In the interest of justice, list on 6.2.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Montfort School, Vadakal B Village, Theresapuram, Pondur P.O., Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu- 602 102.

Vs.

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

Case No. 202 of 2024

13.11.2024

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

An internal communication dated 18.10.2024 has been received on 30.10.2024 from District Educational Officer (Secondary), Kanchipuram, which is taken on record.

On 7.11.2024, learned counsel for the petitioner has filed application under Order VIII Rule 9 along with Section 151 of CPC read with Section 12 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 to accept the Rejoinder Affidavit along with envelope and postal stamp for sending notice to the respondent. The said documents are taken on record.

Office is directed to issue notice of the above application to the respondent by registered AD and e-mail.

Despite sending letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee, no response/Physical inspection report has been received 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 inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is also directed to issue reminder letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the physical inspection report positively before the next date of hearing.

In the interest of justice, list on 6.2.2025.

DNS College of Pharmacy, NH-24, JP Nagar, Didauli, Amroha, Uttar Pradesh- 244 222.

Vs.

Principal, Technical Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Room No. 63, Naveen Bhawan, U.P. Secretariat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226 001.

Case No. 255 of 2024

13.11.2024

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

Despite service of notice by registered AD and email, none appeared on behalf of the respondent even in second round and no reply has been filed by the respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for time to comply with the Commission's earlier order dated 4.9.2024. Time prayed for is allowed.

In the interest of justice, list on 6.2.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER