Nazia Girls Junior High School, Laliyana, Meerut, U.P.

V/s.

- 1. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of School Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bahu Khandi, Uttar Pradesh – 226 001.
- 2. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Secondary Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bahu Khandi, Uttar Pradesh 226 001.

CASE NO. 66 OF 2022

Date: 06.03.2025

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

At the request of learned counsel for the petitioner, last and final opportunity is granted to him to file updated recognition/ affiliation order issued by the competent authority of the State Government and also to clarify some objections raised by physical inspection committee in their report, failing which, the petition shall stand dismissed for want of action on part of the petitioner.

List on 13.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Thomas School, C – 1, Shastripuram, Near Prakshi Enclave, Police Chowki, Dist. Agra, Uttar Pradesh – 282 007.

V/s.

- 1. Principal Secretary, Secondary Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bapu Bhawan, 7th Floor, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 226 001.
- 2. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Higher & Secondary Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bahu Khandi, Secretariat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 226 001.

CASE NO. 248 OF 2022

Date: 06.03.2025

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, 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

St. Joseph International School, Mother Virgin Garden, R.S. No. 570, South Venganallur Village, Tirunelveli Road, Rajapalayam Taluk, Virudhunagar Dist., Tamil Nadu – 630 312.

V/s.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.

CASE NO. 199 OF 2023

Date: 06.03.2025

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

On 27.02.2025, in compliance of Commission's order dated 23.01.2025, learned counsel for the petitioner filed clarification affidavit which is taken on record.

List for further arguments on 13.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

CKC Academy, Dhurat Road, Ait, Jalaun District, Uttar Pradesh.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 203 OF 2023

Date: 06.03.2025

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

Renotify on 15.04.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Peters School, Village – Pattapani, P.O. Bailparao, Tehsil – Kaladungi, Nainital District, Uttarakhand – 263 140.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 252 OF 2023

Date: 06.03.2025

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, 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

St. Xaviers School, Ganjyawar, Bachedi P.O., Chakarnagar, Etawah District, Uttar Pradesh – 206 125.

V/s.

Additional Chief Secretary, Department of School Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bahu Khandi, Secretariat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

CASE NO. 293 OF 2023

Date: 06.03.2025

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, 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

Shams-UI-Uloom College of Education, Markapur Post, Prakasam District, A.P.

V/s.

Secretary, Minorities Welfare Department, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

CASE NO. 315 OF 2023

Date: 06.03.2025

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

An email dated 04.03.2025 has been received from the District Minority Welfare Officer, Prakasam Dist., Andhra Pradesh, attached therewith physical inspection report, which is taken on record.

Office is directed to send reminder letter again 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.

No rejoinder received on behalf of the petitioner in terms of orders dated 12.12.2024. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that today he will file the same before the office of the Commission. Let the same be filed today itself.

After compliance by the learned counsel for the petitioner, office is directed to send the rejoinder to respondent for filing its response, if any.

List the matter on 13.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Global Institute of Business Management, Markapur Post, Prakasam District, A.P.

V/s.

Secretary, Minorities Welfare Department, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

CASE NO. 316 OF 2023

Date: 06.03.2025

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

An email dated 04.03.2025 has been received from the District Minorities Welfare Officer, Prakasam Dist., Andhra Pradesh, attached therewith physical inspection report, which is taken on record.

Office is directed to send reminder letter again 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.

No rejoinder received on behalf of the petitioner in terms of orders dated 12.12.2024. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that today he will file the same before the office of the Commission. Let the same be filed today itself.

After compliance by the learned counsel for the petitioner, office is directed to send the rejoinder to respondent for filing its response, if any.

List the matter on 13.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Royal College of Education, Plot No. 973, 965/4, 975/1, Idupur Village, Markapur Post, Prakasam Dist., Andhra Pradesh.

V/s.

Secretary, Department of Minorities Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velangagpudi, Amravati, Andhra Pradesh – 521 185.

CASE NO. 318 OF 2023 Date: 06.03.2025

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

An email dated 04.03.2025 has been received from the District Minorities Welfare Officer, Prakasam Dist., Andhra Pradesh, attached therewith physical inspection report, which is taken on record.

Office is directed to send reminder letter again 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 the matter on 13.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Immaculate English Higher Secondary School, St. Francis Xavier Church Street, T.R. Pattinam P.O., Karaikal Dist., Puducherry – 609 606.

V/s.

Secretary (Education), Chief Secretariat, No. 1, Goubert Avenue, Beach Road, Puducherry – 605 001.

CASE NO. 348 OF 2023

Date: 06.03.2025

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner. Mr. Abbas B., Advocate for the respondent.

Learned counsel for the respondent seeks final opportunity to file his vakalatnama and reply. Let the same be filed on or before the next date of hearing, failing which, the petition shall proceed against the respondent.

List the matter for arguments on 22.04.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Kachhwa Christian School, Kachhwa Bazar, Mirzapur District, Uttar Pradesh- 231 501.

Vs.

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

Case No. 136 of 2024

06.03.2025

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

Renotify the case for further arguments on 01.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Roorkee College of Education, Plot/ Khasra No. 252, Village Sherpur Khelmau, Sherpur P.O., Tehsil/ Taluka Roorkee, District Haridwar, 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. 151 of 2024

06.03.2025

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

District Minority Welfare Officer, Haridwar vide letter dated 9.12.2024 has sent physical inspection report, which was received before the Commission's office on 16.12.2024, which is taken on record. A copy of the same report has also been received through email on 24.2.2025, which is also taken on record.

District Magistrate, Haridwar vide letter dated 17.1.2025 has sent physical inspection report, which was received before the Commission's office on 23.1.2025, which is also taken on record.

Officer Incharge (Grievance) for District Collector, Haridwar vide letter dated 22.2.2024 has sent original physical inspection report, which was received by post before the Commission's office on 28.2.2025. The same is also taken on record.

Learned counsel has prayed for time to file rejoinder in terms of order dated 3.10.2024. Time prayed for is allowed.

In the interest of justice, list on 13.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Michael's Prep School, Kamalnath Nagar, Ward No. 23, Bettiah, District West Chamaparan, Bihar- 845 438. Vs.

Director, Primary Education, Ground Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Daily Road, Patna, Bihar- 800 015.

Case No. 152 of 2024

06.03.2025

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

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

In the interest of justice, list on 13.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Arqam Academy Senior Secondary School, Vill. & Post Fatehpur Taga, District Faridabad, Haryana- 121 004. Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Room No. 37, 7th Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector - 1, Chandigarh- 160 001.

Case No. 204 of 2024

06.03.2025

Present: Dr. Faiyyaz Ahmad Ansari for the petitioner. None for the respondent.

Superintendent PS for Director Secondary Education, Haryana Panchkula has sent letter dated 3.1.2025, which was received by post before the Commission's office on 13.1.2025. The same is taken on record.

An email dated 10.2.2025 has been received from the petitioner institution forwarding therewith a copy of the letter sent to the Director, Secondary Education, Haryana withdrawing the NOC application dated 30.11.2024 filed by the petitioner institution before the State competent authority. The said communication is also taken on record.

Dr. Faiyyaz Ahmad Ansari appeared on behalf of the petitioner and has filed a copy of the letter dated 7.2.2025 of the District Education Officer, Faridabad, which is also taken on record. He has submitted that the respondent has forced the petitioner institution to withdraw their application for grant of NOC and directed them to deposit Endowment Fund of Rs. 1 crore.

It transpires from the record that the petitioner institution has filed an application dated 30.11.2023 before the competent authority of the State Government for No Objection Certificate.

Section 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 clearly state that subject to the provisions contained in any other law for the time being in force, any person, who desires to establish a Minority Educational Institution may apply to the competent authority for the grant of No Objection Certificate for the said purpose.

Where within a period of 90 days from the receipt of the application, if the competent authority does not grant NOC or application has been rejected but not communicated to the applicant, it shall be deemed that NOC has been granted and the applicant can file an application for grant of MSC straightaway to this Commission.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 3945 of 2018 in case of <u>Sisters</u> of St. Joseph of Cluny vs. The State of West Bengal and Ors. vide order dated 18.04.2018, has held that any person who desires to establish a minority educational institution after the amendment Act of 2006 came into force, must apply only to the competent authority for grant of No Objection Certificate for the said purpose.

All applications for the establishment of a minority educational institution after the amendment Act of 2006 must go to the competent authority set up under the statute.

Office is directed to issue show cause notice to the Director, Secondary Education, Haryana for not complying the law/provisions of Section 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 in letter and spirit and file reply before the next date of hearing.

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.

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 30.07.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Anthonys Convent School, NUH Road, Karna, Palwal, Haryana-121102.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Room No. 37, 7th Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector - 1, Chandigarh- 160 001.

Case No. 270 of 2024

06.03.2025

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

An internal communication dated 2.12.2024 addressed to District Education Officer, Palwal has been received by post before the Commission's office on 11.12.2024 from Superintendent PS for Director Secondary Education, Haryana Panchkula, which is taken on record.

An internal communication dated 1.1.2025 addressed to District Education Officer, Palwal has been received by post before the Commission's office on 13.1.2025 from Superintendent PS for Director Secondary Education, Haryana Panchkula, which is also taken on record.

It transpires from the record that the petitioner institution has filed an application dated 30.11.2023 before the competent authority of the State Government for No Objection Certificate.

Section 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 clearly state that subject to the provisions contained in any other law for the time being in force, any person, who desires to establish a Minority Educational Institution may apply to the competent authority for the grant of No Objection Certificate for the said purpose.

Where within a period of 90 days from the receipt of the application, if the competent authority does not grant NOC or application has been rejected but not communicated to the applicant, it shall be deemed that NOC has been granted and the applicant can file an application for grant of MSC straightaway to this Commission.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 3945 of 2018 in case of <u>Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny vs. The State of West Bengal and Ors.</u> vide order dated 18.04.2018, has held that any person who desires to establish a minority educational institution after the amendment Act of 2006 came into force, must apply only to the competent authority for grant of No Objection Certificate for the said purpose.

All applications for the establishment of a minority educational institution after the amendment Act of 2006 must go to the competent authority set up under the statute.

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.

Office is 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 13.05.2025.

L.C.P. College of Pharmacy, Khekada, Baghpat District, Uttar Pradesh- 250 101. Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education, Room No. 3, Naveen Bhawan, UP Secretariat, Lucknow- 226 001.

Case No. 288 of 2024

06.03.2025

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner. Ms. Monika Singh, Regional Higher Education Officer, Meerut for the respondent.

Despite service of notice by registered AD and email, no reply has been filed by the respondent.

Ms. Monika Singh appeared on behalf of the respondent and prayed for time to file reply. Time prayed for is allowed.

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.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for time to file certified copies of all the relevant documents. Time prayed for is allowed.

In the interest of justice, list on 13.05.2025.

St. Thomas School, Dhamri, Meharma P.O., Dhamri Meharma, Godda District, Jharkhand- 814 160. Vs.

Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, MDI Building, Post Dhurwa, District Ranchi, Jharkhand-834004.

Case No. 292 of 2024 06.03.2025

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

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

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.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for time to file certified copies of all the relevant documents. Time prayed for is allowed.

In the interest of justice, list on 14.05.2025.

06.03.2025

St. Joseph's Middle School, Damruhat, Sunderpahari, Godda District, Jharkhand-814153.

Vs.

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

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

An application has been received by hand on 20.02.2025 from Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for grant of minority status certificate to St. Joseph's Middle School, Damruhat, Sunderpahari, Godda District, Jharkhand- 814153. It be registered.

2. It transpires from the petition that on 6.11.2024, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, MDI Building, Post Dhurwa, District Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834 004, which was received by the respondent on 11.11.2024. 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 already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.

4. The petitioner has filed notarized Copy of order dated 24.10.2014 issued by District Education Superintendent, Godda granting permission to the petitioner institution from academic year 2023-24 for three years.

5. 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.

6. It also transpires from the petition that the petitioner Institute is un-aided institution (Middle).

7. During the academic year 2022-23, out of 810 students, 350 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2023-24, out of 926 students, 436 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2024-25, out of 993 students, 470 students were from the Christian minority community.

8. In this petition Amendment in the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner Society is 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.

9. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents.

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

11. List on 14.05.2025. Record of Case No. 1223 of 2017 be tagged with the record of this case.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Mary's School, Bada Poro, Sunderpahari, Godda District, Jharkhand- 814156. Vs.

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

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

An application has been received by hand on 20.02.2025 from Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for grant of minority status certificate to St. Mary's School, Bada Poro, Sunderpahari, Godda District, Jharkhand- 814156. It be registered.

2. It transpires from the petition that on 6.11.2024, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, MDI Building, Post Dhurwa, District Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834 004, which was received by the respondent on 11.11.2024. 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 already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.

4. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of order dated 9.10.2014 issued by District Education Superintendent, Godda granting permission to the petitioner institution from academic year 2023-24 for three years.

5. 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.

6. It also transpires from the petition that the petitioner Institute is un-aided institution (Middle).

7. During the academic year 2022-23, out of 590 students, 191 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2023-24, out of 641 students, 200 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2024-25, out of 650 students, 235 students were from the Christian minority community.

8. In this petition Amendment in the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner Society is 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.

9. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents.

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

11. List on 14.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

06.03.2025

Prabhath Tara Middle School, Saurichakla, Mehrama, Godda District, Jharkhand-814160.

Vs.

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

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

An application has been received by hand on 20.02.2025 from Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for grant of minority status certificate to Prabhath Tara Middle School, Saurichakla, Mehrama, Godda District, Jharkhand- 814160. It be registered.

2. It transpires from the petition that on 6.11.2024, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, MDI Building, Post Dhurwa, District Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834 004, which was received by the respondent on 11.11.2024. 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 already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.

4. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of order dated 9.10.2014 issued by District Education Superintendent, Godda granting permission to the petitioner institution from academic year 2023-24 for three years.

5. 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.

6. It also transpires from the petition that the petitioner Institute is un-aided institution (Middle).

7. During the academic year 2022-23, out of 842 students, 89 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2023-24, out of 931 students, 111 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2024-25, out of 879 students, 109 students were from the Christian minority community.

8. In this petition Amendment in the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner Society is 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.

9. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents.

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

11. List on 14.05.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER