Emmanuel Church Inter College, Utraula, Balrampur Dist., Uttar Pradesh – 271 604.

V/s.

Principal Secretary/ Additional Chief Secretary, Secondary Education Department, Government of U.P., Bapu Bhawan, 7th Floor, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 226 001.

CASE NO. 99 OF 2024

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

On 21.07.2025, physical inspection report received from the District Magistrate, Balrampur, U.P., which is taken on record.

It is stated against column no. 13 of the physical inspection report that the petitioner institution is not functioning for the benefit of the minority community.

Office is directed to furnish copy of the said report to the learned counsel for the petitioner for filing rejoinder.

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

List for further arguments on 23.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 23.07.2025

Hidayah Islamic School, H.No. 19-2-246/A, Chandulal Baradari, Bahadurpura (V), Bahadurpura (M), Hyderabad (Dist.), Telangana – 500 064.

V/s.

Secretary, Minorities Welfare Department, Government of Telangana.

CASE NO. 12 OF 2024

Date: 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

The Collector and District Magistrate, Hyderabad, Dist., vide its letter dated 07.05.2025 requested the District Educational Officer and District Minority Welfare Officer, Hyderabad, to inspect the petitioner institution and send the physical inspection report alongwith specific recommendation to this Commission. A copy thereof sent to this commission, which was received on 21.05.2025. Till date no such report has been received from the members of the physical inspection committee.

Office is directed to send reminder letters to Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and also to the members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the aforesaid reminder letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

List on 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Christ School, Majri Grant, Doiwala, Dehradun District, Uttrakhand – 248 140.

V/s.

Incharge Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Uttarakhand, Secretariat, Uttrakhand.

CASE NO. 266 OF 2023

Date: 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending reminder letter to members of physical inspection committee, no original physical inspection report received from them till now.

Office is directed to send letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Uttrakhand with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and reminder letter again by post and also by email to members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the aforesaid letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

List for final arguments on 23.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

A.G. Hashmi Degree College, Utraula, Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh -

271 604.

V/s.

Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department,

Government of Uttar Pradesh.

CASE NO. 264 OF 2023

Date: 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh and reminder letter by post and also by email to the members of physical inspection committee, no 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 issue reminder letters to the Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and members of the physical inspection committee for sending the said inspection report in the prescribed format, duly signed by all the members of the physical

inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing.

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Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the

said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter

with both the offices.

List on 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Ahmad Noor Memorial H.S. School, Vijay Place, Manik Bagh Road, Indore, Madhya Pradesh – 452 014.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 263 OF 2023

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

None for the respondent.

On 21.07.2025, learned counsel for the petitioner filed clarification affidavit, which is taken on record.

Office is directed to send the said affidavit to members of the physical inspection committee for filing their response, failing which, it will be presumed that the clarification recorded in the said affidavit is factually correct.

List for final arguments on 18.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 23.07.2025

Pakiza School – 1, 10, Manik Bagh Road, Near Vatika Greens Garden, Opp. Choithram Hospital, Indore, M.P.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 260 OF 2023

Date: 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

On 22.07.2025, an internal communication has been received from the Director, Directorate of Public Instruction, Bhopal, M.P., which is taken on record.

Despite sending letter to Chief Secretary, Government of M.P. and reminder letter to members of physical inspection committee, no 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 send reminder letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the aforesaid reminder letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

List on 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Tiny Tots School, Darshan Enclave Civil Lines, Station Road, Ayodhya (Faizabad), Uttar Pradesh – 224 001.

V/s.

Additional Chief Secretary, Basic Education Department,

Government of Uttar Pradesh.

CASE NO. 217 OF 2023

Date: 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending reminder letter to members of physical inspection committee, no physical inspection report received from them

till now.

Office is directed that if the above-said inspection report is not received, then send letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and reminder letter to members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee

positively before the next date of hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the aforesaid letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

List on 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph College, Kovur, Mangad Post, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 195 OF 2023

3 Date: 23.07.2025

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

Despite sending letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu and reminder letter by post and also by email to the members of physical inspection committee, no 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 issue reminder letters to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and members of the physical inspection committee for sending the said inspection report in the prescribed format, duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the aforesaid reminder letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

At the request of learned counsel for the petitioner, one more opportunity is granted to him for filing updated recognition/ affiliation order issued by the competent authority of the State Government.

List on 10.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Shrine Vailankanni Matriculation Hr. Sec. School, 7th Cross, Renga Nagar, K.K. Nagar Post, Trichy District, Tamil Nadu – 620 021.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 196 OF 2023 Date: 23.07.2025

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

Despite sending letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu and reminder letter by post and also by email to the members of physical inspection committee, no 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 issue reminder letters to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and members of the physical inspection committee for sending the said inspection report in the prescribed format, duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the aforesaid reminder letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

At the request of learned counsel for the petitioner, one more opportunity is granted to him for filing updated recognition/ affiliation order issued by the competent authority of the State Government.

List on 10.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Loyola Academy Matriculation School, Rajagopal Kandigai, Dharkast Post, Erumaiyur, Tambaram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 193 OF 2023 Date: 23.07.2025

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

On 04.06.2025, a communication in Tamil language has been received from the District Education Officer, Madhyavarti, Chengalpattu, which is taken on record.

Office is directed to furnish copy of the said communication to learned counsel for the petitioner for filing its English transliteration on or before the next date of hearing.

Despite sending letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu and reminder letter by post and also by email to the members of physical inspection committee, no 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 issue reminder letters to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and members of the physical inspection committee for sending the said inspection report in the prescribed format, duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the aforesaid reminder letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

At the request of learned counsel for the petitioner, one more opportunity is granted to him for filing updated recognition/ affiliation order issued by the competent authority of the State Government.

List on 10.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Paragon High School, Vattepally, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad District, Telangana – 500 053.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 111 OF 2023

Date: 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana and reminder letter by post and also by email to the members of physical inspection committee, no 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 issue reminder letters to the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana, with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and members of the physical inspection committee for sending the said inspection report in the prescribed format, duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing, failing which, the petition will be proceeded ex-parte against them.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the aforesaid reminder letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

List on 10.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph's English Medium School, Dumar P.O., Puthi P.S., Katihar Dist., Bihar – 855 107.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 94 OF 2023 Date: 23.07.2025

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

On 30.06.2025, a communication has been received from the Director, Primary Education, Education Department, Patna, Bihar, has been received, stating therein that No Objection Certificate has been issued to the petitioner institution, a copy of which is enclosed. Today the said communication alongwith it's enclosure is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner already filed downloaded copy of CBSE affiliation order dated 13.01.2025, which clearly proves that the petitioner institution has been upgraded and is affiliated to senior secondary school.

Despite service of notice to the respondent on the application filed by the petitioner under Order VI Rule 17 CPC read with Section 12(2) of the NCMEI Act, 2004 for permission to amend the Original application for Minority Status, no reply received from the respondent.

The amended petition filed by learned counsel for the petitioner is allowed.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, it just and proper that physical inspection report alongwith the recommendations may be obtained from the Committee constituting 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 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.

List on 10.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Sevaniketan Primary School, Gothada, Ta. Savli, Vadodara District, Gujarat – 391 770.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 55 OF 2023

Date: 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending reminder letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat and members of physical inspection committee, no 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 issue reminder letters again to the Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat, with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee for sending the physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and members of the physical inspection committee for sending the said inspection report in the prescribed format, duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing, failing which, the petition will be proceeded ex-parte against them.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the aforesaid reminder letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

List on 09.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Mary's School, S.L.F. Ved Vihar, Sadullabad Village, Loni P.O.,

District Ghaziabad, U.P. - 201 102.

V/s.

1. Additional Chief Secretary, Basic Education Department,

Government of Uttar Pradesh.

2. Additional Chief Secretary, Secondary Education Department,

Government of Uttar Pradesh.

CASE NO. 44 OF 2023

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending reminder letter to members of physical

inspection committee, no original 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 issue letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar

Pradesh with a request to direct members of the physical inspection

committee for sending the original physical inspection report before the

next date of hearing and reminder letter again by post and also by

email to members of the physical inspection committee for sending the

original physical inspection report duly signed by all the members of

the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of

hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the

aforesaid letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said

letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with

both the offices.

List on 09.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 23.07.2025

Faith Foundation Global School, Village Nagukhedi Square, Ujjain Road bye pass Square, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh – 455 001.

Secretary, Backward Secretary and Minority Welfare Department,

V/s.

Government of Madhya Pradesh.

CASE NO. 27 OF 2023

Date: 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending reminder letter to members of physical inspection committee, no original 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 issue letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya

Pradesh with a request to direct members of the physical inspection

committee for sending the original physical inspection report before the

next date of hearing and reminder letter again by post and also by

email to members of the physical inspection committee for sending the

original physical inspection report duly signed by all the members of

the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of

hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for copies of the

aforesaid letters. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said

letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with

both the offices.

List on 09.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

S.S. Mota Singh Sr. Sec. Model School, A4C Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110 058.

V/s.

Assistant Director of Education (Act), Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi, Room No. 214-A, Old Secretariat, Delhi – 110 054.

CASE NO. 39 OF 2022

Present: Mr. Aranya Moulick alongwith Ms. Namya Rishi, Advocates

for the petitioner.

None for the respondent.

In compliance with the Commission's earlier order, learned counsel for the petitioner wants to file some documents before court of the Commission. He is directed to file the same before office of the Commission.

Adjourned to 12.08.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 23.07.2025

St. Alphonsa College of Arts and Science, Soosaipuram, Kanyakumari Dist., Tamil Nadu – 629 157.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 179 OF 2022 Date: 23.07.2025

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner is heard, perused the pleadings and documents.

Notarized copies of relevant documents are already on record i.e., Trust Deed and amended Trust Deed of the Diocese of Thuckalay, Orders of affiliation dated 12.01.2023 and 30.09.2024 issued by the Registrar, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu. Downloaded copy of Unique ID No. TN/2018/0182485 of the petitioner's trust as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, copy of the application dated 28.03.2022 submitted before the State Competent authority for NOC alongwith postal receipt and its tracking report are also on record. He has filed original resolution of the General Body of the Trust in favour of Mr. Bishop George Rajendran, Managing Trustee of the said Trust, for obtaining MSC from this Commission.

Mr. Bishop George Rajendran, Managing Trustee of the said Trust, and authorized representative of petitioner institution has also filed his affidavit in support of the averments made in the petition and also to prove that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are members of the Christian minority community. He has also filed his clarification affidavit regarding numbers of existing teachers/ faculties and students in the petitioner institution and further stated that the petitioner institution shall not deny admission to the eligible candidates of Christian minority community.

As per the information supplied by the unaided petitioner institution with regard to students' strength during the academic year 2020-21, it is mentioned that out of the total 917 students, 02 students were from the Muslim minority community, 685 students were from the Christian minority community and 230 students were Hindu. In the year 2021-22, it is mentioned that out of the total 853 students, 02 students were from the Muslim minority community, 648 students were from the Christian minority community and 203 students were from Hindu. In the year 2022-23, it is mentioned that out of the total 762 students, 03 students were from the Muslim minority community, 597 students were from the Christian minority community and 162 students were Hindu. It is relevant to mention here that during the academic year 2020-21, out of the total 49 teachers, 42 teachers were from the Christian minority community and 07 teachers were Hindu. In the year 2021-22, out of the total 50 teachers, 41 teachers were from the Christian minority community and 09 teachers were Hindu. In the year 2022-23, out of total 52 teachers, 45 teachers were from the Christian minority community and 07 teachers were Hindu.

It is stated in the petition that on dated 28.03.2022, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC which was received by the State Competent Authority on 01.04.2022 and the same 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 application 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.

After service of registered notice/email dated 07.11.2022, 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 08.12.2022, after service of letter/ email to the physical inspection committee dated 30.12.2022, 30.05.2023, 22.03.2023, 12.09.2023, 17.11.2023, 23.02.2024, 09.05.2024. The District Backward Classes, Kanyakumari, T.N. has sent physical inspection report dated 12.06.2024, which was received in the Commission's Office on dated 16.07.2024 wherein members of the physical inspection committee have recommended the Commission to grant minority status certificate to the petitioner institution.

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 Christian minority community and is being administered by the Diocese of Thuckalay, which is managed and run by the members of the Christian 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. Bishop George Rajendran, Managing Trustee of the said Trust, and authorized representative of petitioner institution.

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 this Commission in Case No. 1320 of 2009 dated 06.07.2010) 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 Christian minority community in the State of Tamil Nadu as per the census of 2011 is 06.12%.

I have perused the amended Trust Deed of the petitioner trust, which was registered before the Joint Sub Registrar, Marthandam, on dated 07.03.2022, which is before the filing of NOC application U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 28.03.2022 and petition for grant of MSC on dated 27.09.2022.

The amended Trust Deed dated 07.03.2022 of the said society and all the documents produced by the petitioner institution clearly reflect that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are primarily the members of the Christian minority community. In addition, the said fact 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 before this Commission.

Relying on the said unrebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that the St. Alphonsa College of Arts and Science, Soosaipuram, Kanyakumari Dt., Tamil Nadu, run by the Diocese of Thuckalay, 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. Alphonsa College of Arts and Science, Soosaipuram, Kanyakumari Dt., Tamil Nadu, 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.

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

St. Ann's High School (E.M.), Kazipet, Warangal District, Telangana- 506 003.

Vs.

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

Case No. 100 of 2024 23.07.2025

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

Collector & District Magistrate, Hanumakonda has sent a letter dated 5.5.2025 along with enclosures, which was received before the Commission's office by post on 14.5.2025. The same is taken on record.

Despite sending letter to the members of the physical inspection committee in terms of order dated 22.4.2025, no response/ physical inspection report has been received from the said committee till now.

Office is again directed to send reminder letter to the members of the physical inspection committee to file clarification regarding total numbers of Christian students as mentioned in the physical inspection report and mentioned in the application submitted by the petitioner institution. A copy of the application be also annexed with the reminder letter.

In the interest of justice, list on 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Vimala EM Primary School, Govindapalli (V), Sirvel (M), Nandyal District, Andhra Pradesh.

Vs.

Secretary, Department of Minorities Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amravati, Andhra Pradesh.

Case No. 107 of 2024 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

District Educational Officer, Nandyal vide letter dated 19.4.2025 has sent Physical Inspection Report, which was received by post before the Commission's office on 24.4.2025, which is taken on record.

District Educational Officer, Nandyal vide letter dated 19.5.2025 has sent a copy of the physical inspection report, which was received by post before the Commission's office on 28.5.2025. The same is also taken on record.

It is stated in the application format that during the academic year 2022-23, out of 158 students, 80 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of total 156 students, 81 students were from the Christian minority community.

In the Physical Inspection Report, it is mentioned that during the year 2022-23, out of total 156 students, in the year 2023-24, out of total 254 students and in the year 2024-25, out of 180 students, none of the students were from the Christian minority community.

Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 defines a "Minority" as a community notified as such by the Central Government. Currently, six communities are notified as minorities under this section: Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis, and Jains. A self declaration is a sufficient document to prove the religion of a person.

Office is directed to issue letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for reinspecting the petitioner institution and sending the physical inspection report mentioning details of Christian students for all the academic years duly signed by all the members of the Physical Inspection Committee positively before the next date of hearing.

In the interest of justice, list on 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Allwyn Mount Carmel EM High School, Nandalur (M), YSR District, Andhra Pradesh- 516 150.

Vs.

Secretary, Department of Minorities Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amravati,

Andhra Pradesh.

Case No. 108 of 2024

23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

A letter dated 26.6.2025 along with internal communication

dated 26.6.2025 has been received by post on 2.7.2025 from Collector

& District Magistrate, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, which is taken on record.

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 original physical inspection report positively before the next date of

hearing.

In the interest of justice, list on 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Sanjoe English Medium High School, Dhone (M), Kurnool District,

Andhra Pradesh- 518 222.

Vs.

Secretary, Department of Minorities Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amravati,

Andhra Pradesh.

Case No. 109 of 2024

23.07.2025

Present: Mr. Junais P., 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 send a letter to the Chief Secretary, Andhra

Pradesh with a request to direct the members of the physical

inspection committee to send the physical inspection report positively

before the next date of hearing.

Office is also 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 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER **MEMBER**

St. Joseph's School, RS No. 864/3, Vedurupavuluru Village, Mustabada Panchayath, Gannavaram Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh- 521 101.

Vs.

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

Case No. 121 of 2024 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Though this case was fixed for final arguments, it transpires from the record that there is variance of students' details as mentioned in the application format and in the Physical Inspection Report sent by the Physical Inspection Committee.

It is stated in the application format that during the academic year 2022-23, out of 173 students, 16 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of total 270 students, 115 students were from the Christian minority community.

In the Physical Inspection Report, it is mentioned that during the year 2022-23, out of total 173 students, 16 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of total 270 students, 33 students were from the Christian minority community.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for time to file clarification in this regard within two week. Time prayed for is allowed.

Office is directed that after receipt of the clarification affidavit from the learned counsel for the petitioner, issue letter along with the clarification affidavit to the members of the physical inspection committee for filing their response.

List the case for further arguments on 24.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Christ Jyoti School, Padra, Panmar Sengram, Sidhi District,

Madhya Pradesh- 486 661.

Vs.

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

Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Case No. 122 of 2024

23.07.2025

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 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 in the prescribed format duly signed by

all the members of the said Committee positively before the next date

of hearing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for time to file

rejoinder. Time prayed for is allowed.

In the interest of justice, list on 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Asha Modern International School, 3.5 KM Janta Road, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh- 247 001.

Vs.

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

Case No. 208 of 2024

23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed renewed society registration certificate by hand before the Commission's office on 15.5.2025, which is taken on record.

Though this case was fixed for final arguments, it transpires from the record that there is variance of students' details as mentioned in the application format and in the Physical Inspection Report sent by the Physical Inspection Committee.

It is stated in the application format that during the academic year 2021-22, out of total 1101 students, 139 students were from the Jain minority community, in the year 2022-23, out of 1179 students, 150 students were from the Jain minority community and in the year 2023-24, out of total 1244 students, 200 students were from the Jain minority community.

The members of the physical inspection committee have supplied the data of students only for the academic year 2024-25. It is mentioned in the physical inspection report that during the year 2024-25, out of total 1175 students, only 11 students were from the Jain minority community.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for time to file clarification in this regard within two week. Time prayed for is allowed.

Office is directed that after receipt of the clarification affidavit from the learned counsel for the petitioner, issue letter along with the clarification affidavit to the members of the physical inspection committee for filing their response.

Office is also directed to issue reminder letter again by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee to re-inspect the petitioner institution and send the original physical inspection report in the prescribed format giving the complete details of students including students of Jain minority community for the last three academic years positively before the next date of hearing.

List the case for further arguments on 24.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Zion International Public School, Zion Avenue, Puthur, Mappedu, Chennai, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu- 600 126.

Vs.

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

Case No. 209 of 2024 23.07.2025

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 inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed that if the physical inspection report is not received, then send a letter to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu with the request to direct the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the physical inspection report positively before the next date of hearing.

Office is also directed to issue reminder letter again by post and email to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee duly signed by all 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 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Sir Syed National School, Village Jaula, Tehsil Budhana, District Muzaffar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

Vs.

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

Case No. 210 of 2024 23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

District Minority Welfare Officer, Muzaffarnagar vide letter dated 17.7.2025 has sent the physical inspection report which was received by hand before the Commission's office on 21.7.2025. The same is taken on record. A copy of the same letter has been received by post on 22.7.2025, which 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 25.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph's School, Gohpur P.O., Sonitpur, Assam- 784 168.

Vs.

1. Joint Secretary, Education Department (Higher), Assam Secretariat, Block C, Secretariat Complex, Dispur, Guwahati,

Assam-781 006.

2. Secretary, School Education Department, Government of

Assam, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam.

Case No. 261 of 2024

23.07.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Addl. District Commissioner, Sonitpur, Tezpur vide letter dated

11.3.2025 has sent a copy of physical inspection report, which was

received by post before the Commission's office on 13.6.2025. The

same is taken on reocrd.

Office is directed to issue reminder letter by post and e-mail to

the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the

original physical inspection report positively before the next date of

hearing.

Office is also directed to supply copy of the reminder letter to the

learned counsel for the peititoner for pursuing the matter with the

members of the physical inspection committee.

In the interest of justice, list on 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

GOVERNMENT OF BHARAT

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Greenland EM & Arabic UPS, Court Road, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh- 518 360.

Vs.

Secretary, Department of Minorities Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

Case No. 262 of 2024 23.07.2025

Present: Mr. Junais P., 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 inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed to issue reminder letter again by post and email to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the physical inspection 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 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

GOVERNMENT OF BHARAT

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITY **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

St. Joseph's Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Veerakoil, Veeraragavapuram P.O., Thiruvalangadu (Via), Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu- 631210.

Vs.

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

009.

Case No. 272 of 2024

23.07.2025

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, 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 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

physical inspection report positively before the next date of hearing, if

the inspection report is not received till sending the reminder letter.

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 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER **MEMBER**

 MD

St. Francis De Sales College, Electronics City Post, Bangalore,

Karnataka- 560 100.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Sixth Floor, Multi Storeyed

Building, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560 001.

Case No. 275 of 2024

23.07.2025

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, 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 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,

if the inspection report is not received till sending the reminder letter.

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 11.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER **MEMBER**

23.07.2025

Madarsa Arabia Azizia Mazharul Uloom, Nichlaul Bazar, District Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh- 273 304.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary/ Princiapl Secretary/ Secretary, Minority Welfare & Waqf Department, Room No. 620, 6th Floor, Indira Bhawan, Ashok Marg, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 226020.

Present: None.

An application has been received by post on 30.6.2025 for grant of minority status certificate to Madarsa Arabia Azizia Mazharul Uloom, Nichlaul Bazar, District Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh- 273 304. It be registered.

2. It transpires from the petition that on 3.8.2024, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, which is not the designated authority.

3. The petitioner has not supplied complete information of students' against Col. No. 6(a). The petitioner has also not filed updated Unique ID of the petitioner society and also not filed original resolution.

4. As per Notice dated 10.5.2024 issued by Commission in F. No.3-2/2020-NCMEI mentioning therein that the petitioner institution should apply for MSC within nine months from the date of submitting NOC application before the State Competent Authority.

5. Since the petitioner has not applied to the correct competent authority, this petition is not maintainable. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed in default. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner for filing a fresh petition for the same relief, if advised to do so. The petitioner be informed accordingly.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

23.07.2025

Fellowship Mission School, Silvassa Road, Dungra P.O., Vapi, Valsad District, Gujarat- 396 195.

Vs.

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

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

An application has been received by hand on 1.7.2025 through Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for grant of minority status certificate to Fellowship Mission School, Silvassa Road, Dungra P.O., Vapi, Valsad District, Gujarat- 396 195. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 21.3.2025, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Deputy Director, Directors of Schools, Old Sachivalaya Block 9/1 Gandhinagar, Gujarat, which was received by the respondent on 25.3.2025. 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. The petitioner has already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.
- 3. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of letter dated 4.5.2022 issued by CBSE granting affiliation to the petitioner institution for the period 1.4.2023 to 31.3.2028.
- 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).
- 6. During the academic year 2022-23, out of total 2493 students, 67 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2023-24, out of total 2810 students, 65 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2024-25, out of total 3065 students, 69 students were from the Christian minority community.
- 7. It transpires from the petition that the amendment in the Trust Deed of the petitioner Trust was done prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act. 2004 and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 8. Office is directed to issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and e-mail. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents.
- 9. List on 16.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

GOVERNMENT OF BHARAT

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

23.07.2025

Dayal Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Village - Bakkas, Lucknow District, Uttar Pradesh- 226 002.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Medical Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Hazrat Ganj, Janpath Road, Vikas Bhawan, Lucknow- 226 001.

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

An application has been received by hand on 7.7.2025 through Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for grant of minority status certificate to Dayal Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Village - Bakkas, Lucknow District, Uttar Pradesh- 226 002. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 26.3.2025, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Additional Chief Secretary, Medical Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Hazrat Ganj, Janpath Road, Vikas Bhawan, Lucknow- 226 001, which was received by the respondent on 1.4.2025. 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. The petitioner has already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.
- 3. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of letter issued by Pharmacy Council of India granting approval to the petitioner institution for the year 2024-25.
- 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).
- 6. During the academic year 2024-25, out of total 22 students, 01 student was from the Christian minority community.
- 7. It transpires from the petition that the amendment in the Trust Deed of the petitioner Trust was done prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act. 2004 and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 8. Office is directed to issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and e-mail. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents.
- 9. List on 16.09.2025.