

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITY
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NCMEI)**

Case No. 70 of 2025

In the matter of:-

**Echelon Institute of Technology, Village Kabulpur, Kheri-Manjhawali
Road, Naharpar, Faridabad- 121 101.**

.....Petitioner

V/s

**Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, Directorate of
Technical Education, Bays No. 7-12, Panchkula.**

..... Respondent

Present: Mr. Manan Sharma with Mr. Tulsi Garg for the petitioner.
None for the respondent.

ORDER

DATED: 16.07.2025

Dr. Shahid Akhter, Member, NCMEI

1. This petition has been received on 8.5.2025 by hand for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to Echelon Institute of Technology, Village Kabulpur, Kheri-Manjhawali Road, Naharpar, Faridabad- 121 101.
2. A letter dated 19.6.2025 has been received from Mr. Rahul Bansal, Secretary, Echelon Educational & Welfare Society, which is taken on record today.
3. An email dated 14.7.2025 has been received from the District Education Officer, Faridabad attaching therewith a copy of physical inspection report, which is also taken on record today.
4. An application dated 15.7.2025 has been received by hand from Mr. Rahul Bansal, Secretary, Echelon Educational & Welfare Society, stating therein that the admission process of the petitioner institution under Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University is underway, which is also taken on record today.
5. Dy. Commissioner, Faridabad vide letter dated 15.7.2025 has forwarded letter dated 14.7.2025 of the Sub-Divisional Officer (C), Faridabad along with the Physical Inspection Report, which was received

by hand before the Commission's office on 16.7.2025, which is taken on record today.

6. The petitioner has already filed affidavit of Mr. Rahul Bansal, Secretary, Echelon Educational & Welfare Society and authorized representative of the applicant institution i.e. Echelon Institute of Technology, Village Kabulpur, Kheri-Manjhawali Road, Naharpar, Faridabad- 121 101 in support of the averments made in the petition and also to prove that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are members of the Jain minority community. The petitioner has also filed affidavit of Mr. Rahul Bansal, Secretary, Echelon Educational & Welfare Society stating therein that petitioner institution shall not deny admission of eligible candidate of the Jain minority community subject to the eligibility of the students and availability of the accommodation in the petitioner institution.

7. The petitioner has already filed notarized copy of Unique ID No.: HR/2024/0475362 of the petitioner's society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, copy of application dated 3.12.2024 sent to the State Competent Authority i.e. Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, Directorate of Technical Education, Bays No. 7-12, Panchkula, notarized copy of Certificate of Registration dated 25.9.2013 of the Echelon Educational & Welfare Society, notarized copy of Memorandum of Association and Rules & Byelaws of the petitioner society, notarized copy of letter dated 12.9.2024 issued by J.C. Bose University of Science and Technology, Faridabad granting affiliation to the petitioner institution for 2024-25, and resolution of the Governing Body of the petitioner society in favour of Mr. Rahul Bansal, Secretary, Echelon Educational & Welfare Society and authorized representative of the applicant institution i.e. Echelon Institute of Technology, Village Kabulpur, Kheri-Manjhawali Road, Naharpar, Faridabad- 121101 for obtaining MSC from this Commission.

8. As per the information supplied by the petitioner unaided institution with regard to students strength in academic year 2022-23, it is mentioned that out of total 666 students, 28 students were from the Muslim minority community, 05 students were from the Christian minority community, 08 students were from the Sikh minority community, 18 students were from the Jain minority community and 607 students were Hindu. In the year

2023-24, out of total 1098 students, 39 students were from the Muslim minority community, 05 students were from the Christian minority community, 07 students were from the Sikh minority community, 22 students were from the Jain minority community and 1025 students were Hindu and in the year 2024-25, out of total 1927 students, 72 students were from the Muslim minority community, 05 students were from the Christian minority community, 10 students were from the Sikh minority community, 23 students were from the Jain minority community and 1817 students were Hindu. It is relevant to mention here that in academic year 2022-23, out of 225 teachers, 19 teachers were from the Muslim minority community, 05 teachers were from the Jain minority community and 201 teachers were Hindu. In the year 2023-24, out of total 215 teachers, 18 teachers were from the Muslim minority community, 05 teachers were from the Jain minority community and 192 teachers were Hindu and in the year 2024-25, out of total 246 teachers, 27 teachers were from the Muslim minority community, 01 teacher was from the Sikh minority community, 05 teachers were from the Jain minority community and 213 teachers were Hindu.

9. It is stated in the petition that on dated 3.12.2024, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC which was received by the State Competent Authority on 3.12.2024 and the said application is still pending before the State Competent Authority. The State Competent Authority has not granted NOC in favour of the petitioner institution till now and also not rejected the said application and not communicated the same to the petitioner. After 90 days from the receipt of the application for grant of NOC, the petitioner has filed this 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.

10. Despite service of registered notice to the respondent dated 19.5.2025, the respondent has failed to apprise the Commission about the status of the said application. 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 9.6.2025. After service of letter/email to the physical inspection committee dated 9.6.2025, Dy. Commissioner,

Faridabad vide letter dated 15.7.2025 has forwarded the letter dated 14.7.2025 of the Sub-Divisional Officer (C), Faridabad along with the Physical Inspection Report, which was received by hand before the Commission's office on 16.7.2025, which has been taken on record today.

11. Heard Mr. Manan Sharma and Mr. Tulsi Garg appearing on behalf of the petitioner institution and perused the pleadings of the parties, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit of Mr. Rahul Bansal, Secretary, Echelon Educational & Welfare Society and authorized representative of the applicant institution i.e. Echelon Institute of Technology, Village Kabulpur, Kheri-Manjhawali Road, Naharpar, Faridabad- 121 101.

12. 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 Jain minority community and is being administered by Echelon Educational & Welfare Society which is managed and run by the members of the Jain 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 Mr. Rahul Bansal, Secretary, Echelon Educational & Welfare Society.

13. Hon'ble Apex Court, various High Courts as well as this Commission in case of Buckley Primary School, Cuttack, Orissa Vs. Government of Orissa (order passed by the Commission in Case No. 1320 of 2009 dated 6.7.2010) have categorically held that the percentage of admission of students from notified minority community in a minority educational institution is not an indicia for determining the minority status of such institution. This Commission has also decided that there must be reasonable strength of students of particular minority community in a minority educational institution. The percentage could be determined based on the actual proportion of specific minority community in the State population as per prevailing census. Population of Jain minority community in the State of Haryana as per the census of 2011 is 0.21%.

14. I have perused the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner society which was registered on 7.11.2012 which is before the filing of NOC application U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 3.12.2024 and

petition for grant of MSC on dated 8.5.2025. So, it is clear that the MOA of the petitioner society was registered before the application filed before the State Competent Authority U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 and also petition for grant of MSC before this Commission.

15. The Memorandum of Association and all the documents produced by the petitioner institution clearly reflect that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are primarily the members of the Jain minority community. In addition, the said facts also stand 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.

16. Relying on the said un rebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that Echelon Institute of Technology, Village Kabulpur, Kheri-Manjhawali Road, Naharpar, Faridabad- 121101 run by Echelon Educational & Welfare Society 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 subserving the interests of the Jain minority community.

17. Consequently, Echelon Institute of Technology, Village Kabulpur, Kheri-Manjhawali Road, Naharpar, Faridabad- 121101 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.

18. A minority status certificate be issued Dasti.

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

DR. SHAHID AKHTER
MEMBER

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