- 1. Maharashtra Cosmopolitan Education Society, through its Presidents, Dr. P.A. Inamdar, 2390-B, K.B. Hidayatullah Road, New Modikhana, Azam Campus, Camp, Pune 400 001.
- 2. M.C.E. Society's Abeda Inamdar Senior College for Arts, Science & Commerce, Pune through its Principal i.e. Dr. Shaila Bootwala, 2390-B, K.B. Hidayatullah Road, New Modikhana, Azam Campus, Camp, Pune 400 001.

V/s.

- 1. State of Maharashtra, through its Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mantalaya Annex, Madam Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai.
- 2. Joint Director, Higher Education, Pune Region, Pune 17, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Near St. Mathew Marathi Church, Pune.
- 3. University Grant Commission (UGC), Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.
- 4. Savitribai Phule Pune University through its Registrar, Pune University Road, Ganeshkhind, Pune 411 007.

MISC. CASE NO. 28 OF 2019 Date: 20.08.2025

Present: Mr. Tejasvi Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Shantanu M. Adkar, Advocate for the respondent no. 4.

None for the remaining respondents.

None appeared on behalf of respondent nos. 1 to 3, nor has any reply been received on behalf of them.

This is the oldest case of the Commission.

On 20.03.2025, learned counsel for the respondent no. 4 has filed written submissions, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the aforesaid written submissions pertain to this case only and has mistakenly written the number of another case i.e. Misc. Case No. 29 of 2019. He further submitted that he will file separate written submissions in Misc. Case No. 29 of 2019.

Office is directed to furnish copy of the written submissions to learned counsel for the petitioner and also send the same to respondent nos. 1 to 3 for filing counter, if any, within four weeks. Also direct respondent nos. 1 to 3 that if they fail to file any response on or before the next date, the petition will be proceeded ex-parte against them.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for time to file the impugned order dated 18.02.2025 and order dated 08.05.2005 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Maharashtra. Time prayed for is allowed. He is directed to file the same within one week

List on 04.11.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

- 1. Maharashtra Cosmopolitan Education Society, through its Presidents, Dr. P.A. Inamdar, 2390-B, K.B. Hidayatullah Road, New Modikhana, Azam Campus, Camp, Pune 400 001.
- 2. M.C.E. Society's Allana College of Architecture, Pune through its Professor and In-Charge Principal i.e. Prof. Lina Debnath, 2390-B, K.B. Hidayatullah Road, New Modikhana, Azam Campus, Camp, Pune 400 001.

V/s.

- 1. State of Maharashtra, through its Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mantalaya Annex, Madam Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai.
- 2. Savitribai Phule Pune University through its Registrar, Pune University Road, Ganeshkhind, Pune 411 007.
- 3. Council of Architecture, through its Registrar, India Habitat Centre, Core 6A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

MISC, CASE NO. 29 OF 2019 Date: 20.08,2025

Present: Mr. Tejasvi Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

None for the respondent no. 1.

Mr. Shantanu M. Adkar, Advocate for the respondent no. 2.

Mr. Arjun Basra, Advocate for the respondent no. 3.

Learned counsels for the respondent nos. 2 & 3 seek time to file written submission. Time prayed for is allowed. Let the same be filed within four weeks before the Commission's office. Both the counsels are directed to furnish copies of the same to learned counsel for the petitioner and remaining respondent.

Subsequently, learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file counter, if any, within four weeks.

Thereafter, office is directed to send copies of the aforesaid written submissions to respondent no. 1, for filing counter, with a direction if he fails to file any response on or before the next date, the petition will be proceeded ex-parte against him.

List on 04.11.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Christian English College, Nowgong Road, Chhatarpur District, Madhya Pradesh – 471 001.

V/s.

Secretary, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Room No. 339, Mantralaya, Bhopal, M.P. – 462 004.

**CASE NO. 112 OF 2021** 

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

On 22.07.2025, an email has been received from the Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Government of M.P. attached therewith a letter dated 18.07.205 of Deputy Director, Backward Classes and Minority Welfare Department, Government of M.P., stating therein that due to non-availability of application in the prescribed format, action regarding the grant of minority status certificate to the petitioner educational can not be taken.

Renotify on 24.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 20.08.2025

Jamal Mohamed College of Teacher Education, No. 7, Race Course Road, Khaja Nagar, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

V/s.

Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 9.

CASE NO. 59 OF 2022 Date: 20.08.2025

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

On 18.07.2025, a letter dated 30.06.2025 has been received from the Chief Educational Officer, Tiruchirappalli Dist., Tamil Nadu, stating therein that the petitioner institution falls under the Higher Education Department, the same is taken on record.

Office is directed to furnish copy of the same to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Vide order dated 02.05.2023, the commission has constituted a physical inspection committee consisting of the following members: -

- 1. Representative of the District Collector (Chairperson)
- 2. Concerned District Education Officer (Member)
- 3. District Minority/ Welfare Officer/ District Social Welfare Officer (Member Secretary)

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

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

Office is directed that if the above-said inspection report is not received, then write a letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee to send original physical inspection report before the next date of hearing and also send reminder letter again by post and also by e-mail 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.

Office is also directed to supply copies of the above-said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to pursue the matter with both the offices.

List on 09.10.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Shalom Matriculation Higher Secondary School, G.S.T. Road, Vandalur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 048.

V/s.

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

**CASE NO. 264 OF 2022** 

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 to members of physical inspection committee, no response/ physical inspection report received from them till now.

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

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

Office is also directed to supply copies of the above-said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to pursue the matter with both the offices.

List on 15.10.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 20.08.2025

Rampur National Senior Secondary School, Khusro Bagh Road, Rampur District, Uttar Pradesh – 244 901.

V/s.

- 1. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of School Education, Government of U.P., Bahu Khandi, Secretariat, Lucknow, U.P.
- 2. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Secondary Education, Government of U.P., Bahu Khandi, Secretariat, Lucknow, U.P.

CASE NO. 268 OF 2022

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 to members of physical inspection committee, no response/ physical inspection report received from them till now.

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

Office is directed that if the above-said inspection report is not received, then write a reminder letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh with a request to direct members of the physical inspection committee to send 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.

Office is also directed to supply copies of the above-said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to pursue the matter with both the offices.

List on 15.10.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 20.08.2025

S.S.A. Inter College, Saidpur, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh.

V/s.

Additional Chief Secretary, Secondary Education Department, Government of U.P., Vidya Bhawan, Nishatganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh – 226 007.

**CASE NO. 177 OF 2023** 

Present: Mr. Shubham Singh, Advocate for the petitioner. None for the respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file certified copy of updated Certificate of Registration of the petitioner society within three weeks. He is heard. Reserved for orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 20.08.2025

National Public School, East Sy. No. 8/1, Chikkanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 035.

V/s.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Sixth Floor, Multi-Storeyed Building, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 001.

CASE NO. 64 OF 2024

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

On 28.07.2025, illegible physical inspection report received through email from District Officer, Department of Minority Welfare, Bangalore Urban Dist. On 31.07.2025, original physical inspection report received through email from District Officer, Department of Minority Welfare, Bangalore Urban Dist. Both the taken on record.

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

List for final hearing on 04.11.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 20.08.2025

Dashmesh Public School, V&PO Matkhera, District Rampur, Uttar Pradesh- 244 921.

Vs.

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

Case No. 150 of 2024 20.08.2025

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

None for the respondent.

District Magistrate, Rampur vide letter dated 7.5.2025 has sent physical inspection report which was received by post before the Commission's office on 14.5.2025. The same is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed notarized copy of the CBSE affiliation order of the petitioner institution by hand before the Commission's office on 19.8.2025, which is also taken on record.

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

List the case for final arguments on 03.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Don Bosco School, Khobong, Talap P.O., Tinsukia District, Assam- 786156.

Vs.

Joint Secretary, Education Department (Higher), Assam Secretariat, Block C, Secretariat Complex, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam-781 006.

Case No. 214 of 2024

20.08.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed notarized copy of the latest Registration Certificate of Don Bosco Khobong before the Commission's office on 14.05.2025, which is taken on record.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner. Reserved for orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Kid Star Public School, Domehla Road, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh-244901.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Basic Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh Vidya Bhawan, Nishantganj, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226 007.

Case No. 271 of 2024

20.08.2025

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 submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have not inspected the petitioner institution yet.

Office is directed to send final reminder letter again by post and also by email to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the inspection report in the prescribed format duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing.

At request one more opportunity is granted to the learned counsel for the petitioner for filing certified copies of all the relevant documents.

In the interest of justice, list on 06.11.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Amit Kumar, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

Vs.

Principal, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, San Martin Marg, Bapu Dham, New Delhi- 110 021.

Case No. Misc. 09 of 2024

20.08.2025

**Present:** None for the complainant.

Mr. Akshat Singh, Advocate for the respondent.

In compliance of the Commission's earlier order dated 25.03.2025, explanation from the concerned official has been received, which is taken on record.

Despite sending notice to the complainant, no response/counter has been received from the complainant. None appeared on behalf of the complainant on 4.4.2024, 30.7.2024, 26.9.2024, 5.12.2024 and 25.3.2025. Today also there is no appearance on behalf of the complainant. Accordingly, the case is dismissed for want of action on part of the complainant. Order be notified to the parties.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Sanjo English Medium School, Anayadi, Veeyyanoor Post, Kanniyakumari District, Tamil Nadu- 627 199.

Vs.

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

Case No. 11 of 2025

20.08.2025

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 above-said report is not received, then send reminder letter again by post and also by email to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the 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 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 06.11.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Sanjos Academy, NTPC-Gail Canal Road, Dibiyapur, Auraiya,

Uttar Pradesh- 206244.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Secondary Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Bapu Bhawan, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lucknow,

Uttar Pradesh- 226 001.

Case No. 12 of 2025

20.08.2025

**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 submitted as per his

information, members of the physical inspection committee have

inspected the petitioner institution and forwarded the physical

inspection report but the same has not been received yet.

Office is directed that if the above-said report is not received,

then send reminder letter again by post and also by email to the

members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the

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 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 06.11.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Pathways School, Vill. Balola, Baliawas, Gurgaon Faridabad Road, District Gurgaon, Haryana- 122 003.

Vs.

Secretary, School Education Department, Room No. 37, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector - 1, Chandigarh.

Case No. 47 of 2025

20.08.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed additional sets of application filed under Order VI Rule 17 CPC read with section 12(2) of the NCMEI Act, 2004, which are taken on record.

Despite sending notice to the respondent on the application filed by the learned counsel for the petitioner under Order VI Rule 17 CPC read with section 12(2) of the NCMEI Act, 2004, no response has been received from the respondent.

Accordingly, the case is proceeded ex-parte against the respondent and the application filed by the learned counsel for the petitioner is allowed.

It is stated against Col. No. 13 of the physical inspection report received on 16.7.2025 that 'the list of students provided is centralized list of Pathways school from where it cannot be ascertained that the students belong to this school. As per U-DISE school report card for the year 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, the minority strength filled by the school is zero'. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that it is stated in the Disclaimer of the School Report Card downloaded from 'kys.udiseplus.gov.in' that 'though all the efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy and currency of the content on this website (<a href="http://udiseplus.gov.in">http://udiseplus.gov.in</a>) the same should not be construed as a statement of law or used for any legal purposes'.

It transpires from the record that the detail of students mentioned against Col. No. 8 of the physical inspection report submitted by the members of the physical inspection committee is same as mentioned in the application submitted by the petitioner institution.

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

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner. Reserved for orders.

Pathways World School, Gurgaon, Aravali Retreat, Off. Gurgaon-Sohna Road, Gurugram, Haryana- 122102.

Vs.

Secretary, School Education Department, Room No. 37, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector - 1, Chandigarh.

Case No. 48 of 2025

20.08.2025

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

None for the respondent.

A letter dated 23.7.2025 has been received by post on 20.8.2025 from Superintendent PS, Directorate of Secondary Education, Haryana, Panchkula, which is taken on record.

Members of the physical inspection committee have filed physical inspection report which was received by hand on 20.8.2025, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed application under Order VI Rule 17 of C.P.C. read with Section 12 (2) of the NCMEI Act, 2004 seeking permission to amend the original application for minority status certificate before the Commission's office on 7.8.2025, which is taken on record. He has also filed envelope and postage charges for sending notice to the respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the company namely Sarla Holdings Private Limited has been demerged in RPJ Holdings Private Limited and the petitioner institution is being run by the latter. He has also filed copy of document of the said demerger along with the application.

Office is directed to issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and email for filing reply, failing which, the petition will be proceed ex-parte against the respondent and the aforesaid application filed by the petitioner will be allowed.

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

In the interest of justice, list on 17.09.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Bright Angels School, Chakrata Road, Jeevangarh, Vikasnagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248 125.

Vs.

- 1. Incharge Secretary, Higher Education, Uttarakhand Govt., Room No. 7, Ground Floor, Late Soban Singh Jeena Bhawan (SBI Bank Building), Uttarakhand Secretariat, Uttarakhand- 248 001.
- 2. Secretary, Secondary Education Department, Government of Uttarakhand, Secretariat, Dehradun.

Case No. 72 of 2025

20.08.2025

Present: Mr. Jasir Aftab, Advocate for the petitioner.

None for the respondent.

In compliance of the Commission's earlier order dated 21.5.2025, learned counsel for the petitioner has filed notarized copies/ certified copies of relevant documents by hand before the Commission's office on 14.7.2025, which are taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the level of institution mentioned against Col. No. 6 of the application is 'Higher Secondary' whereas the petitioner institution is a 'senior secondary school' and the same is also reflected in the affiliation order issued by the CBSE.

He has prayed for time to file application under Order VI Rule 17 of C.P.C. read with Section 12 (2) of the NCMEI Act, 2004 seeking permission to amend the original application for minority status certificate. Time prayed for is allowed.

After compliance, office is directed to issue notice to the respondents by registered AD and email.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file notarized copy of Certificate of Registration of the petitioner Society and also affidavit in support of the averments made in the petition.

In the interest of justice, list on 06.11.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER