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

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

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

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 29.09.2025

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

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

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

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 29.09.2025

Dominic Savio Hr. Sec. School, London Mission Road, Tirupattur, Vellore District, T.N.

V/s.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Secretariat, Chennai, T.N.

CASE NO. 447 OF 2020

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

On 25.08.20025, learned counsel for the petitioner filed list of students and faculty for the last academic years of petitioner institution, which is taken on record.

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

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 29.09.2025

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

V/s.

Secretary, Backward Secretary and Minority Welfare Department,

Government of Madhya Pradesh.

CASE NO. 27 OF 2023

Date: 29.09.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending letter to Chief Secretary, Government of M.P. and 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 reminder letters 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 also 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 copies of the said letters to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with both the offices.

List on 03.12.2025.

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.

On 26.08.2025, physical inspection report received from the District Minority Welfare Officer, Ghaziabad, U.P., which is taken on record.

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

List for final arguments on 11.12.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 29.09.2025

St. Joseph's School, 16-2-741, Asmangadh Palace, Malakpet, Hyderabad District, Telangana – 500 036.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 187 OF 2023

Date: 29.09.2025

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

The District Minorities Welfare Officer, Hyderabad Dist. addressed a letter dated 25.08.2025 to District Education Officer, Hyderabad, Telangana, and a copy thereof sent to this Commission, which was received by post on 02.09.2025. The District Minorities Welfare Officer, Hyderabad Dist. has requested to the concerned officer to look into the matter and furnish the report to this commission at the earliest. Today, the said letter is taken on record.

Despite sending letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana and 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 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 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, failing which, the petition will be proceeded ex-parte against them.

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

List on 03.12.2025.

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: 29.09.2025

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

On 29.07.2025, a communication dated 15.07.2025 has been received from the Collector, Vadodara, which is taken on record. It is mentioned in the said communication that the petitioner school is unable to provide the information as per the physical inspection form. Letter in Guajarati language are also annexed therewith.

Office is directed to provide the said communication alongwith its annexures to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel seeks adjournment on the ground that the petitioner institution will furnish all the details as sought by the said committee for inspection of the institution.

Office is directed to 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. Also intimate therein that directions already given to petitioner institution to furnish information to the said committee as required by 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 03.12.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

M.S. Creative School, C – 4/88 A, Yamuna Vihar (East), Delhi – 110 053.

V/s.

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

CASE NO. 273 OF 2020

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for the petitioner. Mr. A.K. Goswami, o/o. DDE (Zone – IV) for the respondent.

Despite sending notice under Order VIII Rule 9 of Section 151 of CPC read with Section 12 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 to the respondent, no reply has been received from them till date.

Mr. A.K. Goswami appeared on behalf of the respondent and stated that he has directed the District Magistrate of Maujpur to send the physical inspection report to this Commission, but no response has been received till now. He further stated that again he will direct the concerned official to submit the said report to this Commission before the next date of hearing.

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

Office is directed to issue notice in terms of orders dated 07.05.2025 to respondent for filing their reply, failing which, the application filed by the petitioner under order VI Rule 17 CPC read with Section 12(2) of the NCMEI Act, 2004 will be allowed.

Office is directed to issue letters to members of the physical inspection committee of Maujpur, Delhi 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 copy of the aforesaid reminder letter. Office is also directed to provide copy of the said letter to learned counsel for the petitioner for pursuing the matter with members of the said committee.

List on 03.12.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 29.09.2025

Fatima Convent Primary School (English Medium), Jail Road, Bhavnagar, Gujarat- 364 001.

Vs.

Director, Primary Education, Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhawan, 2nd Floor 12/1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Case No. 54 of 2024

29.09.2025

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

Renotify for final arguments on 11.11.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Mary's Primary School, Kasbatiwada, Ghogha, Bhavnadar District, Gujarat- 364 110.

Vs.

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

Case No. 66 of 2024

29.09.2025

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

An email dated 16.9.2025 has been received from 'minoritycell@gmail.com' attaching therewith a copy of letter dated 13.8.2025 of District Social Welfare Officer, District Panchayat, Bhavnagar, which is taken on record.

Despite sending clarification affidavit to the members of the physical inspection committee in terms of order dated 18.3.2025, no response has been received from the members of the physical inspection committee till now. Hence, the case is proceeded ex-parte.

Renotify for final arguments on 11.11.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Deepti Convent School, Raniguda Farm, Rayagada P.O., Rayagada District, Odisha- 765 001.

Vs.

Director, Secondary Education 6th Floor, HOD Building, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar, Khordha, Odisha.

Case No. 120 of 2024

29.09.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending clarification affidavit to the members of the physical inspection committee in terms of order dated 22.7.2025, no response has been received from the members of the physical inspection committee till now.

Office is directed to again send the clarification affidavit to the members of the physical inspection committee for filing their response, failing which, the case will be proceeded ex-parte.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has filed the clarification affidavit before the Commission's office on 31.7.2025 but the same was sent to the members of the physical inspection committee on 3.9.2025.

Office is directed to issue show cause notice to the concerned official as to why the notice was sent late to the members of the physical inspection committee despite compliance by the learned counsel of the petitioner.

In the interest of justice, list on 03.12.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Infant Jesus Nursery and Primary School, Melapudur, Trichy District, Tamil Nadu- 620 001.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600009.

Case No. 246 of 2024

29.09.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the State Government has granted minority status certificate to the petitioner institution. A copy of the order dated 19.03.2025 issued by the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare, Chepauk, Chennai, has been filed before the Court of the Commission, which is taken on record.

- 2. It is observed that the petitioner institution had applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC on 29.02.2024. The said application remains pending and neither NOC has been granted nor the application was rejected and also no communication has been made to the petitioner with respect to the application.
- 3. As per Section 10 and 11(f) of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act, 2004 ("NCMEI Act"), the petitioner filed the present petition for grant of Minority Status Certificate (MSC) directly before this Commission after lapse of 90 days from the date of application sent to the State Competent Authority.
- 4. Upon registration of the case, notice was issued to the respondent. Despite service of notice, no reply was filed by the respondent. The Commission vide order dated 05.11.2024, constituted a committee for inspection of the petitioner institution and filing physical inspection report.
- 5. Despite reminders to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu and members of the physical inspection committee, no response/ physical inspection report has been received till date.
- 6. Today, learned counsel for the petitioner reiterates that the State Government has granted minority status certificate to the petitioner institution.
- 7. This Commission observes that in terms of the NCMEI Act, 2004, during pendency of the case before the Commission, the State Government is not empowered to grant minority status certificate to the petitioner institution. The Commission views the respondent's action with seriousness.

- 8. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in Civil Appeal No. 3945 of 2018 (Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny vs. The State of West Bengal and Ors.) vide order dated 18.04.2018 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.
- If, within 90 days from receipt of the application, the competent authority does not grant NOC or rejects the application but fails to communicate such rejection, it shall be deemed that NOC has been granted, and the petitioner may file application for MSC directly to the Commission.
- The aggrieved person by order of refusal to grant NOC may prefer an appeal before this Commission under Section 12A of NCMEI Act, 2004.
- 9. Office is directed to write to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu and to the respondent informing that the State Government has not devised any mechanism for grant of NOC and is granting minority status certificates directly which is contrary to settled procedure and is arbitrary and illegal.
- 10. During pendency of cases before this Commission for grant of MSC, the State Government is not empowered to issue minority status certificates as per settled procedure.
- 11. List of all cases pending before the Commission for grant of MSC from Tamil Nadu be annexed with the said letter.
- 12. The Office is further directed to send letter to the respondent to explain as to why the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare, Chepauk, Chennai granted minority status certificate to Infant Jesus Nursery and Primary School, Melapudur, Trichy District, Tamil Nadu during pendency of case before the Court of the Commission.
- 13. In the interest of justice, list on 03.12.2025.

St. Joseph's Matriculation School, No. 23, Erusappan Street, JJ Khan Road, Royapettah, Chennai, Tamil Nadu- 600 034.

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600009.

Case No. 247 of 2024

29.09.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending letter by post to the Chief Secretary, Tamil Nadu and 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 again send reminder 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 and also 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 03.12.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Vibgyor Roots and Rise, Panathur Main Road, Panathur Post, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 103.

Vs.

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

Case No. 248 of 2024

29.09.2025

Present: Mr. Prasanth Kulambil, 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 send letter to the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka 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 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 03.12.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Basil School, Near Makarpura, Jakatnaka, Jambuva, Vadodara, Gujarat- 390014.

Vs.

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

Case No. 93 of 2025

29.09.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite service of notice by registered AD and email, there is no appearance on behalf of the respondent and no reply has been filed by the respondent.

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 also to provide a copy of the letter to 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 is directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents.

In the interest of justice, list on 03.12.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Mary's School, Opp. Alembic Nagar Society, Gorwa- Refinery Road, Vadodara, Gujarat-390016.

Vs.

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

Case No. 94 of 2025

29.09.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite service of notice by registered AD and email, there is no appearance on behalf of the respondent and no reply has been filed by the respondent.

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 also to provide a copy of the letter to 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 is also directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents.

In the interest of justice, list on 03.12.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Mar Gregorios Memorial School, Near Chanakyapuri, New Sama Road, Vadodara, Gujarat-390024.

Vs.

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

Case No. 95 of 2025

29.09.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite service of notice by registered AD and email, there is no appearance on behalf of the respondent and no reply has been filed by the respondent.

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 also to provide a copy of the letter to 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 is also directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents.

In the interest of justice, list on 03.12.2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER