

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

Case No. 121 of 2025

In the matter of :-

**Loyola School, Telco River View Area, 1B Zone Birsanagar, Telco,
Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand – 821004.**

..... **Petitioner**

V/s

**Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education &
Literacy, District – Ranchi, Jharkhand**

..... **Respondent**

Present: Mr. Bibin John, Advocate for the petitioner
 None for the respondent

ORDER

DATED 08.10.2025

Dr. Shahid Akhter, Member, NCMEI

1. This petition has been received on 16.09.2025 by hand through Mr. Bibin John, Advocate of the petitioner institution for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to Loyola School, Telco River View Area, 1B Zone Birsanagar, Telco, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand – 821004.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner filed an affidavit of Fr. K.M. Joseph SJ, Secretary of Loyola Jamshedpur and the authorized representative of the applicant institution i.e. Loyola School, Telco River View Area, 1B Zone Birsanagar, Telco, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand – 821004 in support of the averments made in the petition.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed copy of Unique ID No. : JH/2023/0354214 of the petitioner's Society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, copy of NOC application dated 20.06.2025 submitted before the State Competent Authority i.e. Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, District – Ranchi, Jharkhand, notarized copy of Certificate of Registration of Loyola Jamshedpur, notarized copy of Memorandum of Association alongwith list of founding members of the Society, notarized copy of Rules & Regulations, notarized copy of Amended Memorandum of Association alongwith list of present members of the Society, notarized copy of order dated 18.06.2024 issued by the Chief Executive & Secretary, CISCE granting affiliation to the unaided petitioner institution and resolution of the General Body of the Trust in favour of Fr. K.M. Joseph SJ, Secretary of Loyola Jamshedpur and the authorized representative of the applicant institution for obtaining MSC from this Commission.
4. As per the information supplied by the petitioner institution with regard to students strength, it is mentioned that during the academic year 2023-24, out of total 1370 students, 92 students were from the Muslim minority community, 94 students were from the Christian community, 49 students were from the Sikh community and 1135 students were Hindu, in the academic year 2024-25, out of total 1525 students, 99 students were from the Muslim minority community, 109

students were from the Christian community, 54 students were from the Sikh community and 1263 students were Hindu and in the academic year 2025-26, out of total 1628 students, 105 students were from the Muslim minority community, 121 students were from the Christian community, 64 students were from the Sikh community and 1338 students were Hindu. It is relevant to mention here that during the academic year 2023-24, out of the total 52 teachers, 17 teachers were from the Christian minority community, 06 teachers were from the Sikh minority community and 29 teachers were Hindu. In the academic year 2024-25, out of the total 63 teachers, 01 teacher was from the Muslim minority community, 24 teachers were from the Christian minority community, 07 teachers were from the Sikh minority community and 31 teachers were Hindu and in the academic year 2025-26, out of the total 69 teachers, 01 teacher was from the Muslim minority community, 27 teachers were from the Christian minority community, 08 teachers were from the Sikh minority community and 33 teachers were Hindu.

5. It is stated in the petition that on dated 20.06.2025, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC before the Competent Authority i.e. Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, District – Ranchi, Jharkhand and the Competent authority पत्रांक:- 18/अ0स0-21/2025/1183 दिनांक 08.08.2025 has granted No Objection Certificate to the petitioner institution.
6. Heard the Learned Counsel for the petitioner, perused the pleading of the petition, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit of Fr. K.M. Joseph SJ, Secretary of Loyola Jamshedpur and the authorized representative of the applicant institution for obtaining MSC from this Commission. In fact and circumstances of the case, there appears no need to give notice of this petition as respondent has granted NOC in favour of the petitioner institution.
7. 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 Loyola Jamshedpur 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 Fr. K.M. Joseph SJ, Secretary of Loyola Jamshedpur and authorized representative of petitioner institution.
8. 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 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 Christian minority community in the State of Jharkhand as per the census of 2011 is 4.30%.
9. I have perused the Amended Memorandum of Association obtained on 26.03.2025 which was registered before Inspector General of Registration, Jharkhand, which is before the filing of NOC application U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 20.06.2025 and petition for grant of MSC on dated 16.09.2025,

So it is clear that the amendment has been done before filing the petition for grant of MSC before this Commission.

10. The Amended Memorandum of Association obtained on 26.03.2025 and all the documents produced by the petitioner institution clearly reflects that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are primarily the members of the Christian minority community. In addition, the said facts 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.
11. Relying on the said un rebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that Loyola School, Telco River View Area, 1B Zone Birsanagar, Telco, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand – 821004 run by Loyola Jamshedpur 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.
12. Consequently, Loyola School, Telco River View Area, 1B Zone Birsanagar, Telco, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand – 821004, is declared as 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 subject to the condition that the petitioner would file certified copy of Certificate of Registration of Loyola Jamshedpur, certified copy of Memorandum of Association alongwith list of founding members of the Society, certified copy of Rules & Regulations, certified copy of Amended Memorandum of Association alongwith list of present members of the Society an affidavit or undertaking to the fact that the petitioner institution shall not deny admission of eligible candidate of the Christian minority community subject to the eligibility of the students and availability of the accommodation in the petitioner institution. If the petitioner institution failed to comply the above order of this Commission within a period of three months from the date of order passed by this Commission then the petition filed by the petitioner for grant of MSC will be automatically deemed to be dismissed.”
13. After compliance of the above order, a minority status certificate be issued accordingly.
14. However, it is made clear that if state Government has any objection in granting MSC in favour of the petitioner institution i.e. Loyola School, Telco River View Area, 1B Zone Birsanagar, Telco, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand – 821004, the State is free to file an application for cancellation of MSC under Section 12C of the NCMEI Act, 2004.
15. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of in accordance with this order.

Signed, pronounced and published on **Wednesday, 08th of October 2025.**

DR. SHAHID AKHTER
MEMBER

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