

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

Case No. 274 of 2023

In the matter of :-

**Loyola English Medium School, Tenughat, Gomia, Bokaro
Jharkhand – 829 112.**

..... **Petitioner**

V/s

**Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education &
Literacy, MDI Building, Post Dhurwa, District Ranchi, Jharkhand
– 834 004**

..... **Respondent**

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

ORDER

DATED 19.11.2025

Dr. Shahid Akhter, Member, NCMEI

1. This petition has been received on 03.10.2023 by hand through Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate of the petitioner institution for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to Loyola English Medium School, Tenughat, Gomia, Bokaro Jharkhand – 829 112.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner filed an affidavit of Bishop Anand Jojo, President of Hazaribag Catholic Diocese 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 and also stating 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.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed notarized copy of Unique ID No. : JH/2017/0171999 of the petitioner's Society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, photocopy of application dated 24.02.2023 sent to the State Competent Authority alongwith postal receipt and its tracking report, notarized copy of Certificate of Registration of Hazaribag Catholic Diocese, notarized copy of Memorandum of Association alongwith list of founding members of the Society, notarized copy of Rules and Regulations of Society, notarized copy of Amended Memorandum of Association dated 16.02.2023 alongwith list of present members of the Society, downloaded copy of order dated 29.10.2021 issued by the Deputy Secretary/Joint Secretary (AFF.) CBSE granting affiliation to the unaided petitioner institution for the period of 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2027 for the Senior Secondary Level and original resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Bishop Anand Jojo, President of Hazaribag Catholic Diocese for obtaining MSC from this Commission.
4. As per the information supplied by the petitioner unaided institution with regard to students strength as on Academic Year 2020-21, it is mentioned that out of total 725 students, 76 students were from the Muslim minority community, 74 students were from the Christian minority community, 01 student was from the Sikh minority community, 01 student was from the Jain minority community and 573 students

were Hindu, in the year 2021-22, it is mentioned that out of total 738 students, 84 students were from the Muslim minority community, 72 students were from the Christian minority community, 03 students were from the Sikh minority community and 579 students were Hindu and in the year 2022-23, it is mentioned that out of total 537 students, 49 students were from the Muslim minority community, 59 students were from the Christian minority community, 01 student was from the Sikh minority community, 01 student was from the Jain minority community and 427 students were Hindu. It is relevant to mention here that during the academic year 2020-21, out of the total 32 teachers, 16 teachers were from the Christian minority community and 16 teachers were Hindu, In the academic year 2021-22, out of the total 32 teachers, 17 teachers were from the Christian minority community and 15 teachers were Hindu and in the academic year 2022-23, out of the total 31 teachers, 16 teachers were from the Christian minority community and 15 teachers were Hindu.

5. It is stated in the petition that on dated 24.02.2023, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC which was received by the State Competent Authority on 27.02.2023 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 petition 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.
6. Afterservice of registered notice / email dated 13.12.2023 and 14.08.2025, 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 09.01.2024. After service of letter/emails to the physical inspection committee dated 10.01.2024 and reminders dated 20.02.2024, 21.05.2024, 16.08.2024, 28.10.2024, 28.01.2025, 04.04.2025 and 12.06.2025, Physical Inspection Committee, has sent letter dated 26.09.2024 , which was received by post in the Commission's Office on dated 18.08.2025 which was duly signed by members of the physical Inspection Committee wherein they have not given any adverse remarks. As per census report of 2011 percentage of Christian minority community in the state of Jharkhand is 4.30%. it is mentioned in the physical inspection report that in the year 2024-25, out of the total 563 students, 36 students were from the Christian minority community, which is 6.39% the total student which is more than the state census of 2011 i.e. 4.30%.
7. Heard the Learned Counsel for the petitioner, perused the pleading of the petition, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit of Bishop Anand Jojo, President of Hazaribag Catholic Diocese.
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 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 Christian minority community in the State of Jharkhand as per the census of 2011 is 4.30%.
9. 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 of Hazaribag Catholic Diocese 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 Bishop Anand Jojo, President of Hazaribag Catholic Diocese.

10. I have perused the Amended Memorandum of Association of the petitioner institution which was registered before the Inspector General of Registration, Jharkhand on dated 16.02.2023 which is before the filing of NOC applications U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 24.02.2023 and petition for grant of MSC on dated 03.10.2023. So it is clear that the amendment has been done 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.
11. The Amended Memorandum of Association dated 16.02.2023 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.
12. Relying on the said un rebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that Loyola English Medium School, Tenughat, Gomia, Bokaro Jharkhand – 829 112 run by of Hazaribag Catholic Diocese 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.
13. Consequently, Loyola English Medium School, Tenughat, Gomia, Bokaro Jharkhand – 829 112 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.
14. A minority status certificate be issued accordingly.
15. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of in accordance with this order.

Signed, pronounced and published on **Wednesday,**
19th Day of November, 2025.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER
MEMBER

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