De Paul School, Hatigarh, Hatigarh P.O., Raibania P.S., Jaleswar Block, Balasore District, Odisha – 756 033.

V/s.

Director, Elementary Education, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, HOD Building, Unit – V, Bhubaneswar – 01, Khordha, Odisha – 751 015.

**CASE NO. 101 OF 2023** 

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

Though this case is listed for final arguments. Before passing a final order in this case, it would be appropriate to obtain details of students and faculties for the last three academic years of the petitioner institution.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to submit details of students and faculties for the last three academic years of the petitioner institution before the next date of hearing.

He has submitted that certified copies of all the relevant documents are already on record.

List for final arguments on 04.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 18.11.2025

Little Flower Kannada Higher Primary School (Aided), 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, Near Nagarasaba, Hospet, Vijayanagar District, Karnataka – 583 201.

V/s.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department and Literacy Department, Sixth Floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gate, M.S. Buildings, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 001.

Date: 18.11.2025

**CASE NO. 299 OF 2023** 

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

Vide letter No. ED229 VVD 2025 dated 17.09.2025, Under Secretary, Higher Education Department (Collegiate and General), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru has intimated the Commission that "Principal Secretary, School Education Department and Literacy Department, Sixth Floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gate, M.S. Buildings, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 001" is the competent authority for all the cases related to Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions (i.e. from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> standard). Hence, the said authority be impleaded as respondent and name of Additional Chief Secretary, Educational Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka may be deleted as respondent from this case.

Despite sending reminder letter to the members of physical inspection committee for sending the original inspection report for the academic year 2024-25, 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 re-inspected petitioner institution on 24.08.2025 and they will be sending the said report within two weeks.

Office is directed that if the above-said inspection report is not received, then issue again reminder letter to the members of the physical inspection committee for sending the original physical inspection report for the academic year 2024-25, 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 04.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

St. Joseph's Industrial School, Kumanachavadi, Poonamallee, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 056.

V/s.

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

**CASE NO. 306 OF 2023** 

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

Despite sending reminder letters to Chief Secretary, Government of T.N. and members of the physical inspection committee, no physical inspection report has been received from the members of the physical inspection committee till now. Hence, the case is proceeded ex-parte.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for time to file English translation of the internal communication dated 22.02.2024 received by post in the Commission on dated 05.03.2024. Time prayed for is allowed. Let the same be filed on or before the next date.

List on 04.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 18.11.2025

St. Joseph's Industrial School, 100, Portugues, Church Street, George, Town, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 001.

V/s.

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

Date: 18.11.2025

**CASE NO. 307 OF 2023** 

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

Despite sending reminder letters to Chief Secretary, Government of T.N. and members of the physical inspection committee, no physical inspection report has been received from the members of the physical inspection committee till now.

Office is directed to issue reminder letters to Chief Secretary, Government of T.N. 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, failing which, the petition will be proceeded ex-parte against them.

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.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for time to file English translation of the internal communication dated 22.02.2024 received by post in the Commission on dated 05.03.2024. Time prayed for is allowed. Let the same be filed on or before the next date.

List on 04.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Christ Collegiate School, At Mission Road, Buxi Baxzar P.O. & P.S., Lalbag, Cuttack District, Odisha – 751 001.

V/s.

The Director, Secondary Education, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, HOD Building, Unit – V, Bhubaneswar, Khurdha, Odisha – 751 001.

**CASE NO. 323 OF 2023** 

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

On 17.11.2025, a complaint has been received from the Headmaster, Christ Collegiate School, Mission Road, Cuttack through email, which is taken on record.

Office is directed to send copy of the afore-said email to learned counsel for the petitioner for filing their response. Let the same be filed on or before the next date.

Despite sending documents in terms of order dated 16.09.2025, no reply has been received from members of the physical inspection committee till now.

Office is directed to send afresh letter to members of the physical inspection committee for filing their response on or before the next date of hearing.

List on 04.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 18.11.2025

Mount Carmel (EM & TM) High School, Kosigi (V&M), Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh – 518 313.

V/s.

Secretary to Government, Minorities Welfare Department, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh – 522 503.

Date: 18.11.2025

**CASE NO. 331 OF 2023** 

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

On 26.08.2025, a letter dated 13.08.2025 of the District Educational Officer, Kurnool, alongwith copy of the physical inspection report has been received, which is only signed by him. Today the same is taken on record.

On 30.10.2024, original physical inspection report already received in the Commission, which was duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee.

It is stated against column no. 13 of the said report that the percentage of students belonging to the Christian minority community in the petitioner institution is less than the Hindu community students and the educational agency has been collecting tuition fees from the students from time to time similar to other non-minority educational institutions.

On 12.02.2025, it was found that there is inconsistency in the said report and petition regarding the number of existing students and teachers. Learned counsel for the petitioner was directed to file clarification affidavit. On 24.03.2025, clarification affidavit was received from the learned counsel for the petitioner and the same was sent to the members of the physical inspection committee for filing their response. On 22.07.2025, final notice was issued to the members of the said committee for filing their response. On 26.08.2025, the members of the said committee failed to file their response, then the case was proceeded ex-parte against them.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that certified copies of relevant Renotify for final arguments on 05.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Sana Smart Matriculation School, No. 13/3B, Perambur High Road, First Street, Jamalia, Chennai, T.N. – 600 012.

V/s.

The Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of T.N., Rina Road, Fort St. George, Secretariat, Chennai, T.N. – 600 009.

**CASE NO. 93 OF 2024** 

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

On 13.11.2025, learned counsel for the petitioner filed notarized copy of latest recognition order of petitioner institution before the office of the Commission, today the same is taken on record.

Despite sending reminder letters to Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu and members of the physical inspection committee, no physical inspection report has been received from the members of the physical inspection committee till now. Hence, the case is proceeded ex-parte against them.

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

List for final hearing on 05.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 18.11.2025

Akal Academy Telipura, P.O. Choukhandi, Via Kashipur, Tehsil Tanda, District Rampur, Uttar Pradesh – 244 713.

V/s.

Additional Chief Secretary, Secondary Education Department, Government of U.P., Bapu Bhawan, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lucknow, U.P. – 226 001.

Date: 18.11.2025

**CASE NO. 96 OF 2024** 

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

On 07.10.2025, learned counsel for the petitioner filed undertaking affidavit before the office of the Commission, today the same is taken on record.

Despite sending letter to Chief Secretary, Government of U.P. and reminder letter to the members of the physical inspection committee, no 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 already inspected the petitioner institution and District Education Officer, Rampur, has sent the said report to this Commission but till now no such report has been received in this Commission.

Office is directed that if the above-said inspection report is not received, then issue reminder letters 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 04.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Baring Union Christian College, Jalandhar Road, Batala, Gurdaspur, Punjab – 143 505.

V/s.

Additional Chief Secretary Higher Education and Languages Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat – II, Sector – 9A, Chandigarh.

**CASE NO. 126 OF 2024** 

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Present: Mr. Bibin John, Advocate for the petitioner.

None for the respondent.

Despite sending letter in terms of order dated 16.09.2025 to members of the physical inspection committee, no physical inspection report has been received from them till now.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the members of the said committee re-inspected the petitioner institution but the said report has not been received till now.

Office is directed if the physical inspection report has not been received in terms of order dated 16.09.2025 then send reminder letter to members of the physical inspection committee with a direction to comply with the order dated 16.09.2025.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to pursue the matter with members of the said committee.

List on 04.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 18.11.2025

Vibgyor Roots and Rise, Doddanekundi Village, Mahadevapura Post, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 037.

V/s.

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

**CASE NO. 175 OF 2024** 

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

On 24.10.2025 and 06.11.2025, letters dated 23.09.2025 and 22.10.2025 issued to the District Education Officer, Bengaluru, Karnataka, have been returned back unserved.

On 11.11.2025, letter on the correct address issued to the District Education Officer, Bangalore.

Despite sending reminder letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and members of the physical inspection committee, no physical inspection report has been received from the members of the physical inspection committee till now. Hence, the case is proceeded ex-parte against them.

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

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 18.11.2025

Vibgyor High, No. 52/6, 53/5D, 53/5C, 24<sup>th</sup> Main Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sector, H.S.R. Layout, Haralakunte Village, Gegur Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 102.

V/s.

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

**CASE NO. 176 OF 2024** 

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

On 24.10.2025, letter dated 23.09.2025 issued to the District Education Officer, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka, has been returned back unserved.

On 27.10.2025, letter on the correct address issued to the District Education Officer, Bangalore.

Despite sending reminder letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and members of the physical inspection committee, no physical inspection report has been received from the members of the physical inspection committee till now. Hence, the case is proceeded ex-parte against them.

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

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 18.11.2025

Vibgyor High, B/H TGB Hotel, Dummas Road, Magdalla, Surat, Gujarat – 395 007.

V/s.

The Deputy Director, Director of Schools, Government of Gujarat, Old Secretariat, Block 9/1, Gandhinagar, Gujarat – 382 010.

**CASE NO. 183 OF 2024** 

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

Despite sending reminder letter to Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat and members of the physical inspection committee, no physical inspection report has been received from the members of the physical inspection committee till now. Hence, the case is proceeded ex-parte against them.

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

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Date: 18.11.2025

Vimala (EM) High School, Yerragunta, Sirvella Mandal, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh- 518 510.

Vs.

Secretary, Minorities Welfare Department, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.

Case No. 195 of 2024

18.11.2025

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

None for the respondent.

In compliance of the Commission's earlier order dated 16.9.2025, Collector and District Magistrate, Nandyal vide letter dated 7.9.2025 has sent physical inspection report alongwith some documents, where was received by post before the Commission's office on 15.9.2025. The same is taken on record.

In compliance of the Commission's earlier order dated 18.9.2025, learned counsel for the petitioner has filed clarification affidavit and self-declaration of the students of the petitioner institution by hand before the Commission's office on 14.11.2025, which are taken on record.

Office is directed to send the same to the members of the physical inspection committee for filing their response.

In the interest of justice, list on 05.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Vibgyor High, No. 79/2-75/9, Chokkanahalli, Thanisandra Main Road, Jakkur Post, Bangaluru, Karnataka- 560 064.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560 001.

Case No. 231 of 2024

18.11.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending reminder letter to the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and members of the Physical Inspection Committee, no response/ physical inspection report has been received from them till now. Hence, the case is proceeded ex-parte against them in terms of order dated 16.10.2025.

The letter dated 7.10.2025 sent to the District Education Officer, Banglaore has been returned back unserved on 16.10.2025, which is taken on record. A reminder letter dated 22.10.2025 was again sent the the said officer on 24.10.2025.

Two emails dated 23.10.2025 and 10.11.2025 have been received from District Officer, Minority Welfare Department, Bangalore Urban District, which are also taken on record.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner. Reserved for orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

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

Vs.

Principal Secretary, School Education and Literacy Department, Government of Karnataka.

Case No. 248 of 2024

18.11.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending reminder letter to the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and members of the Physical Inspection Committee, no response/ physical inspection report has been received from them till now. Hence, the case is proceeded ex-parte against them in terms of order dated 16.10.2025.

An email dated 10.11.2025 has been received from District Officer, Minority Welfare Department, Bangalore Urban District, which is taken on record.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner. Reserved for orders.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Marian Arts and Science College, Koduvayur, Palakkad District, Kerala- 678 501.

Vs.

Director Directorate of Minority welfare Government of Kerala, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvanathapuram, Kerala, 695 033.

Case No. 276 of 2024

18.11.2025

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

Mr. Nishe Rajen Shonker, Advocate for the respondent.

The letter dated 23.9.2025 sent to the District Minority Welfare Officer, Palakkad has been returned back unserved, which was received by post on 24.10.2025. The same is taken on record.

A letter dated 20.8.2025 has been received by post on 15.9.2025 from District Education Officer, Palakkad, which is taken on record.

Despite sending 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.

Mr. Nishe Rajen Shonker, Advocate appeared on behalf of the respondent and has submitted that the members of the physical inspection committee have inspected the petitioner institution and has sent the original physical inspection report to the Commission but the same is not received till now. He has produced a copy of the said report, which is not in the prescribed format.

Office is directed to send reminder letter on the correct address by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the original physical inspection report in the prescribed format duly signed by all the members of the physical inspection committee positively before the next date of hearing.

In the interest of justice, list on 05.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Fellowship Mission School, Silvassa Road, Dungra P.O., Vapi, Valsad District, Gujarat- 396 195.

Vs.

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

Case No. 97 of 2025

18.11.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending 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 inspected the petitioner institution.

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

In the interest of justice, list on 05.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

Dayal Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Village - Bakkas, Lucknow District, Uttar Pradesh- 226 002.

Vs.

Additional Chief Secretary, Medical Education Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Hazrat Ganj, Janpath Road, Vikas Bhawan, Lucknow- 226 001.

Case No. 98 of 2025

18.11.2025

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

None for the respondent.

Despite sending 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 inspected the petitioner institution.

Office is directed to send reminder letter by post and e-mail to the members of the Physical Inspection Committee for sending the original physical 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 is directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents.

In the interest of justice, list on 05.02.2026.

DR. SHAHID AKHTER MEMBER

18.11.2025

St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr, Latehar, Jharkhand- 822119.

Vs.

Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, District - Ranchi, Jharkhand.

**Present:** Mr. Bibin John, Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 4.11.2025 from St. Xavier's College, Mahuadanr, Latehar, Jharkhand- 822119 for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the record the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, District- Ranchi, Jharkhand, which was received by the respondent on 9.7.2025.
- 3. The petitioner has already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.
- 4. The petitioner has filed a copy of Notification dated 22.8.2025 issued by Nilamber-Pitamber University, Medininagar, Palamu notifying the petitioner institution as an autonomous college for a period of 10 years from the academic year 2025-26 to 2034-35.
- 5. Petitioner has filed Resolution Passed by the Governing Body to obtain Minority Status Certificate from this Commission.
- 6. It also transpires from the petition that the petitioner Institute is an unaided institution (Higher Education).
- 7. During the academic year 2023-24, out of 254 students, 136 students were from the Christian minority community. In the year 2024-25, out of total 203 students, 114 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2025-25, out of total 213 students, 108 students are from the Christian minority community.
- 8. It transpires from the petition that the amendment in the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner society was done prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act, 2004 before the State Competent Authority.
- 9. Learned counsel for the petitioner has not filed unamended Memorandum of Association and unamended Rules & Regulations of the petitioner society.
- 10. It is stated against Col. No. 4(a) that the petitioner has applied to the competent authority on 9.7.2027, which is factually incorrect.
- 11. Learned counsel for the petitioner seeks leave to withdraw the petition with liberty to file a fresh petition for the same relief. Leave and liberty is granted.
- 12. The petition is as withdrawn. Office is directed to return original set and additional sets to the learned counsel for the petitioner after retaining its copy.

18.11.2025

St. Joseph's Convent School, V.P.O. Kauli, Patiala Road, NH-7, District Patiala, Punjab.

Vs.

Director of Public Instruction (S.E) Punjab, Block E, Vidya Bhawan, 4th Flor Complex, Punjab School Education Board, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab.

**Present:** Mr. Bibin John, Advocate for the petitioner.

An application has been received by hand on 4.11.2025 from St. Joseph's Convent School, V.P.O. Kauli, Patiala Road, NH-7, District Patiala, Punjab for grant of minority status certificate. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 24.5.2025, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the Director of Public Instruction (S.E) Punjab, Block E, Vidya Bhawan, 4th Floor Complex, Punjab School Education Board, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab, which was received by the respondent on 26.5.2025. The said petition is still pending as per the petitioner institution. The petitioner has waited sufficiently for period of 90 days as per Section 10 of NCMEI Act, 2004, before filing this petition.
- 3. The petitioner has already filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.
- 4. The petitioner has filed a copy of certificate dated 23.8.2023 issued by ICSE granting affiliation to the petitioner institution which is valid upto 31.3.2028.
- 5. Petitioner has filed Resolution Passed by the Governing Body to obtain Minority Status Certificate from this Commission.
- 6. It also transpires from the petition that the petitioner Institute is an unaided institution (Secondary Education).
- 7. During the academic year 2023-24, out of 491 students, 28 students were from the Christian minority community. In the year 2024-25, out of total 565 students, 35 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2025-25, out of total 590 students, 32 students are from the Christian minority community.
- 8. It transpires from the petition that the amendment in the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner society was done prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act, 2004 before the State Competent Authority.
- 9. Learned counsel for the petitioner has not filed unamended Memorandum of Association and unamended Rules & Regulations of the petitioner society and also not filed postal receipt.
- 10. He seeks leave to withdraw the petition with liberty to file a fresh petition for the same relief. Leave and liberty is granted.
- 11. The petition is as withdrawn. Office is directed to return original set and additional sets to the learned counsel for the petitioner after retaining its copy.

18.11.2025

St. Paul English Medium School, Vill- 3 No. Kaki, Narikali, Sankarpur P.O., Hojai District, Assam-782 446.

Vs.

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

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

An application has been received by hand on 6.11.2025 through Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate for grant of minority status certificate to St. Paul English Medium School, Vill- 3 No. Kaki, Narikali, Sankarpur P.O., Hojai District, Assam-782 446. It be registered.

- 2. It transpires from the petition that on 7.3.2025, the petitioner institution has applied for grant of No Objection Certificate to the State Competent Authority i.e. Joint Secretary, Education Department (Higher), Assam Secretariat, Block C, Secretariat Complex, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam- 781 006, which was received by the respondent on 11.3.2025. The said petition is still pending as per the petitioner institution. The petitioner has waited sufficiently for period of 90 days as per Section 10 of NCMEI Act, 2004, before filing this petition. The petitioner has not filed the proof of delivery of track consignment to the respondent.
- 3. The petitioner has filed notarized copy of order dated 7.6.2023 issued by Director of Secondary Education, Assam allowing registration of the petitioner institution.
- 4. Petitioner has filed Resolution Passed by the Governing Body to obtain Minority Status Certificate from this Commission and envelope with postage for sending notice to the State Competent Authority.
- 5. It also transpires from the petition that the petitioner Institute is an unaided institution (Secondary).
- 6. During the academic year 2023-24, out of total 212 students, 120 students were from the Christian minority community, in the year 2024-25, out of total 241 students, 128 students were from the Christian minority community and in the year 2025-26, out of total 297 students, 165 students are from the Christian minority community.
- 7. It transpires from the petition that the Trust Deed of the petitioner Trust was executed prior to the filing application u/s 10 of NCMEI Act. 2004 and also petition before this Commission for grant of Minority Status Certificate.
- 8. Office is directed to issue notice to the respondent by registered AD and email. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to file certified copies of all the relevant documents and file updated recognition order issued by the competent authority.
- 9. List on 05.02.2026.