

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITY
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

CASE NO. 111 OF 2023

In the matter of:

**Paragon High School, Vattepally, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad District,
Telangana – 500 053**

... Petitioner

Versus

**Secretary, Minorities Welfare Department, “D” Block, Ground Floor,
Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad - 500 022.**

... Respondent

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

ORDER

Date: 17.02.2026

Dr. Shahid Akhter, Member, NCMEI

1. This petition has been received on 05.04.2023 by hand through Mr. Junais P., Advocate of the petitioner institution for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short ‘MSC’) to Paragon High School, Vattepally, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad District, Telangana – 500 053.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner filed affidavit of Mr. Ahmed Ali Javid, President, “Brilliant Educational Society” and authorized representative of petitioner institution in support of the averments made in the petition and also to prove that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are members of the Muslim minority community. He has filed separated affidavit stating therein that the petitioner institution shall not deny admission of eligible candidate of the Muslim 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 a copy of Unique ID No.: TS/2022/0314829 of the petitioner’s Society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, copy of the application dated 22.10.2022 submitted before the State Competent authority for NOC alongwith postal receipt and its tracking report, notarized copies of Certificate of Registration and Memorandum of Association alongwith list of founding members of the Society, Rules and Regulations, notarized copy of order dated 22.11.2019 issued by Regional Joint Director of School Education, Hyderabad granting affiliation to the unaided petitioner institution and original resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Mr. Ignatius D’ Souza, President, “Diocese of Bareilly Education Society” 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 2023-24, it is mentioned that out of total 981 students, all students were from the Muslim minority community,

In the year 2024-25, it is mentioned that out of total 881 students, all students were from the Muslim minority community and in the year 2025-26, it is mentioned that out of total 999 students, all students were from the Muslim minority community. It is relevant to mention here that during the academic year 2023-24, out of the total 22 teachers, 21 teachers were from the Muslim minority community and 01 teacher was Hindu, In the academic year 2024-25, out of the total 24 teachers, 23 teachers were from the Muslim minority community and 01 teacher was Hindu and in the academic year 2025-26, out of the total 28 teachers, 27 teachers were from the Muslim minority community and 01 teacher was Hindu.

5. It is stated in the petition that on dated 22.10.2022, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC which was received by the State Competent Authority on 26.10.2022 and the same 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 application 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. After service of registered notice/email dated 20.04.2023, 10.08.2023 and 22.11.2023. 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 26.03.2024, After service of letter/emails to the physical inspection committee dated 24.04.2024 and reminders dated 31.07.2024, 03.10.2024, 27.11.2024, 24.02.2025, 24.04.2025 and 30.07.2025, Physical inspection committee for sending Physical Inspection Report but the members of the said committee failed to send report to the Commission in terms of order dated 30.09.2025. Hence, the case was proceeded ex-parte against them. As per census of India report of 2011 Muslim minority community in the state of Telangana is 12.69%. As per the information supplied by the petitioner institution in the Academic year 2025-26, out of the total 999 students, all students were from the Muslim minority community which is 100% which is more than the state census of 2011 i.e. 12.69%.

7. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, perused the pleadings, the documents filed by the petitioner and affidavit Mr. Ahmed Ali Javid, President, "Brilliant Educational Society" and authorized representative of petitioner institution.

8. 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 Muslim minority community and is being administered by the Brilliant Educational Society which is managed and run by the members of the Muslim 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 Mr. Ahmed Ali Javid, President, "Brilliant Educational Society" and authorized representative of petitioner institution.

9. 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 06.07.2010) 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 Muslim minority community in the State of Telangana as per the census of 2011 is 12.69%.

10. I have perused the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner institution, which was registered before the Registrar of Societies, Hyderabad on dated 28.03.2022 which is before the filing of NOC application U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 22.10.2022 and petition for grant of MSC on dated 05.04.2023. 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 Memorandum of Association dated 28.03.2022 of the said Society and all the documents produced by the petitioner institution clearly reflect that the beneficiaries of the petitioner institution are primarily the members of the Muslim minority community. In addition, the said fact 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 before this Commission.

12. Relying on the said un rebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that Paragon High School, Vattepally, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad District, Telangana – 500 053 run by the Brilliant Educational Society 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 Muslim minority community.

13. Consequently, Paragon High School, Vattepally, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad District, Telangana – 500 053 is declared as 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 **Tuesday, 17th day of February, 2026.**

**DR. SHAHID AKHTER
MEMBER**

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