

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

Case No. 12 of 2026

In the matter of :-

St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, PB-9, Dr. Camil Bulcke Path, Purulia Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001

..... **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 22.04.2026

Dr. Shahid Akhter, Member, NCMEI

1. This petition has been received on 09.01.2026 by hand through Mr. Bibin John, Advocate of the petitioner institution for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, PB-9, Dr. Camil Bulcke Path, Purulia Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner filed affidavit of Prabhat Kennedy Soreng, Secretary of Xavier Ranchi Society and the authorized representative of the applicant institution i.e. St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, PB-9, Dr. Camil Bulcke Path, Purulia Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001 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.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed copy of Unique ID No. : JH/2017/0177800 of the petitioner Society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, copy of NOC application dated 04.10.2025 submitted before the State Competent Authority i.e. Director, Primary Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, District - Ranchi, Jharkhand, Certified copies of Certificate of Registration, Memorandum of Association alongwith list of founding members of the Society, Rules & Regulations, Amended Memorandum of Association alongwith list of present members of the Xavier Ranchi Society, downloaded copy of order dated 13.11.2023 issued by the Deputy Secretary, University Grants Commission granting extension of autonomous status for the period of 5 years from 2022-23 to 2026-27 to the aided(grant-in-aid partially) petitioner institution and resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Prabhat Kennedy Soreng, Secretary of Xavier Ranchi Society 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 9778 students, 567 students were from the Muslim minority community, 2218 students were from the Christian community, 43 students were from the Sikh minority community, 43 students were from the Jain minority community, 03 students were from the Buddhist minority community and 5794 students were Hindu. In the academic year 2024-25, out of total 9682 students, 582 students were from the Muslim minority community, 2239 students were from the Christian community, 43 students were from the Sikh minority community, 46 students were from the

Jain minority community, 02 students were from the Buddhist minority community and 5620 students were Hindu and in the academic year 2025-26, out of total 9731 students, 589 students were from the Muslim minority community, 2241 students were from the Christian community, 50 students were from the Sikh minority community, 48 students were from the Jain minority community, 05 students were from the Buddhist minority community and 5623 students were Hindu. It is relevant to mention here that during the academic year 2023-24, out of the total 138 teachers, 04 teachers were from the Muslim minority community, 38 teachers were from the Christian minority community, 01 teacher was from the Sikh minority community and 92 teachers were Hindu. In the academic year 2024-25, out of the total 133 teachers, 03 teachers were from the Muslim minority community, 39 teachers were from the Christian minority community, 01 teacher was from the Sikh minority community and 86 teachers were Hindu and in the academic year 2025-26, out of the total 129 teachers, 02 teachers were from the Muslim minority community, 38 teachers were from the Christian minority community, 01 teacher was from the Sikh minority community and 85 teachers were Hindu.

5. It is stated in the petition that on dated 04.10.2025, 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/अस0-31/2025/2350 दिनांक 30.12.2025 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 Prabhat Kennedy Soreng, Secretary of Xavier Ranchi Society 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 Xavier Ranchi Society 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 Prabhat Kennedy Soreng, Secretary of Xavier Ranchi Society 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, which was registered before Inspector General of Registration, Jharkhand on dated 18.06.2024, which is before the filing of NOC application U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 04.10.2025 and petition for grant of MSC on dated 09.01.2026. 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 on dated 18.06.2024 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 St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, PB-9, Dr. Camil Bulcke Path, Purulia Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001 run by Xavier Ranchi 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 Christian minority community.
12. Consequently, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, PB-9, Dr. Camil Bulcke Path, Purulia Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001 is declared as an aided (grant-in-aid partially) 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 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 fails to comply with 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. St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, PB-9, Dr. Camil Bulcke Path, Purulia Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001 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, 22nd of April 2026.**

**DR. SHAHID AKHTER
MEMBER**

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