

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

**Case No. 13 of 2026**

**In the matter of :-**

**Nagle Vidhya Bhavan, Presentation Sisters, Nagle Bhavan, Kanjoor  
P.O., Ernakulam District, Kerala- 683575**

..... **Petitioner**

**V/s**

**Director, Directorate of Minority Welfare, Government of Kerala, 4th  
Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala – 695 033**

..... **Respondent**

Present: Mr. Jose Abraham, 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 08.01.2026 by hand through Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate of the petitioner institution for grant of Minority Status Certificate (in short 'MSC') to Nagle Vidhya Bhavan, Presentation Sisters, Nagle Bhavan, Kanjoor P.O., Ernakulam District, Kerala- 683575.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner filed affidavit of Sr. Libymol Augustine, Secretary of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the authorized representative of the applicant institution i.e. Nagle Vidhya Bhavan, Presentation Sisters, Nagle Bhavan, Kanjoor P.O., Ernakulam District, Kerala-683575 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 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 copy of Unique ID No. : KL/2017/0157653 of the petitioner Society as given by the Niti Aayog Portal NGO Darpan, copy of NOC application dated 30.09.2024 submitted before the State Competent Authority i.e. Director, Directorate of Minority Welfare, Government of Kerala, notarized 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 Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, notarized copy of order dated 21.02.2024 issued by the Deputy Secretary/ Joint Secretary(AFF.), CBSE granting affiliation to the unaided petitioner institution and resolution of the General Body of the Society in favour of Sr. Libymol Augustine, Secretary of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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 regards to students strength, it is mentioned that during the academic year 2023-24, out of total 587 students, 21 students were from the Muslim minority community, 410 students were from the Christian community and 156 students were Hindu. In the academic year 2024-25, out of total 530 students, 13 students were from the Muslim minority community, 364 students were from the Christian community and

153 students were Hindu and in the academic year 2025-26, out of total 555 students, 13 students were from the Muslim minority community, 381 students were from the Christian community and 161 students were Hindu. It is relevant to mention here that during the academic year 2023-24, out of the total 32 teachers, 21 teachers were from the Christian minority community and 11 teachers were Hindu. In the academic year 2024-25, out of the total 30 teachers, 22 teachers were from the Christian minority community and 08 teachers were Hindu and in the academic year 2025-26, out of the total 29 teachers, 21 teachers were from the Christian minority community and 08 teachers were Hindu.

5. It is stated in the petition that on dated 30.09.2024, the petitioner institution has applied to the State Competent Authority for grant of NOC before the Competent Authority i.e. Director, Directorate of Minority Welfare, Government of Kerala and the Competent authority vide order No. MWD/1115/2024-MSD dated 11.11.2025 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 Sr. Libymol Augustine, Secretary of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the authorized representative of the applicant institution for obtaining MSC from this Commission. In facts 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 Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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 Sr. Libymol Augustine, Secretary of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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 Kerala as per the census of 2011 is 18.38%.
9. I have perused the Amended Memorandum of Association which was registered before Registrar of Societies, Ernakulam on dated 16.11.2017, which is before the filing of NOC application U/s 10 of the NCMEI Act, 2004 dated 30.09.2024 and petition for grant of MSC on dated 08.01.2026. 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 16.11.2017 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 unrebutted evidence produced on behalf of the petitioner, we find and hold that Nagle Vidhya Bhavan, Presentation Sisters, Nagle Bhavan, Kanjoor P.O., Ernakulam District, Kerala- 683575 run by Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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, Nagle Vidhya Bhavan, Presentation Sisters, Nagle Bhavan, Kanjoor P.O., Ernakulam District, Kerala- 683575 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.
13. 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. Nagle Vidhya Bhavan, Presentation Sisters, Nagle Bhavan, Kanjoor P.O., Ernakulam District, Kerala- 683575, 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2026.**

**DR. SHAHID AKHTER  
MEMBER**

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