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Office of the Chairman

Committee for Fixation of Fee Structure of Private

Educational Institutions of J&K State

Srinagar.

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In the matter of:- Complaint against Iqbal Memorial Institute, Bemina.

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Whereas, a complaint has been filed against Iqbal Memorial Institute, Bemina;

Whereas, in the complaint dated 16.11.2015 it is alleged that the School has increased tuition fee and bus fee by almost 25%. The complainant has prayed for an action against the Management of the Institution;

Whereas, notice was issued to the Principal and Management of the School on this complaint. Engineer Muhammad Amin, Secretary, Iqbal Memorial Trust, has appeared and filed his reply on 16.12.2015 wherein he has that the School has raised tuition fee and bus fee respectively by 10.47% and 6.98%;

Whereas, from the reply of the School it stands admitted that the School has raised tuition fee and bus fee of students w.e.f 01.11.2014. Since the Committee has not so far granted permission for any such increase. Such increase has been done in gross violation of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court;

Whereas, in terms of Hon'ble High Court Order dated 20.05.2015 passed in PIL No.12/2014 & 13 of 2014 titled Parents Body Vs. State of J&K & Others, no Private Educational Institution can enhance its fee structure without the permission of this Committee. Till new fee structure is fixed by this Committee, the educational institutions have to collect all type of fees as in August'2014;

Whereas, in terms of Government Order dated 08.07.2015, if any school violates this direction, action for de-recognition can be initiated against it;

Whereas, the case of the School for enhancement of fee is still under process. So, it is not permissible for the School to enhance the fee structure till the Committee decides the matter. The action of the School in this behalf clearly amounts to the violation of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court; and

Whereas, for this violation the Principal and the Management of the School has made itself liable for an action under law and the rules.

Now, therefore, through this notice, the School Management shall show cause within one week as to why the matter may not be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court with a prayer to initiate action against the School Management and the Principal. Since, the Principal is In-charge of the School, he shall explain why he allowed such increase in fee in disobedience to the Orders of the Hon'ble High

Court. He shall also explain why he has charged enhanced fee from the students when the case for enhancement of fee is under process.

Since, it is a case of violation of the Hon'ble High Court directions and the violation of the orders issued by the Government, the School Management shall also show cause as to why the matter may not be brought to the notice of Board of School Education, J&K, Srinagar for appropriate action against the School.

The School Management shall also show cause why a case for de-recognition of the School may not be started against it.

The School Management and the Principal is also directed to immediately reduce its fee structure and charge from the students only such fee as was applicable in August' 2014 within one week failing which action under rules will be initiated against the School Management and the Principal.

Since, there is a grave violation of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court and the Government Order, Director School Education, Kashmir may take notice of the matter and immediately depute a team of Senior Officers of the Directorate to ensure that the School complies with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court and does not charge fee from the students more than its fee structure of August' 2014. Meanwhile, Chief Education Officer, Srinagar shall also immediately inspect the School and ensure strict compliance of this Order by the School and submit its report to the Committee.

Students/ their parents (or guardians) of the School are informed that they shall not pay any enhanced fee to the School authorities till any order is made on the case of School for permission to enhance its fee structure. In case of any complaint, they may approach this Committee for appropriate action in the matter.

The School Management is directed to file its reply and compliance report by 11.04.2016.

(Nazir-ul-Hussain Shah)

In-charge Administrative officer

Committee for Fixation of Fee Structure
Of Pavate Educational Institutions,

Srinagar.

Dated:- 04/04/2016

No:- FFC/2016/573-17

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- 2. Jt. Director, Information, Kashmir with the request to publish the same in leading dailies of Kashmir Division preferably Greater Kashmir & Others.
- 3. CEO, Srinagar for information & compliance;
- 4. Principal, Iqbal Memorial Institute, Bemina for compliance;
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