

**Office of the Chairperson
Committee for Fixation & Regulation of Fee of Private
Schools, J&K (FFRC)**

Order No. 02 FFRC (FF) of 2021

Dated: 18.03.2021

Subject: Application of Birla Open Minds International School Pampore Pulwama for permission to make enhancement in its Fee structure.

Brief facts of the case are as under:-

Birla Open Minds International School Pampore (hereinafter referred to as 'the School'), has been established on 30-09-2021.

It is a Charitable Trust and pledges to provide Education to orphans as stated in the Bye-Laws of the school.

Various Complaints were received from the parents of students studying in the school alleging that the school is charging Rs.5000 to 6000 as tuition fee and Rs.12000 to Rs.18000 as annual charges without approval of Competent Authority.

The School Management represented by Mr. Gayas-ud-Din (Chairman, Management Committee), Mr.G. M. Lone (Secretary) and Mir Tariq (Project Coordinator) were heard by the Hon'ble Chairperson in presence of the complainants namely; Haroon Rashid, Syed Muzaffar, Dr. Syed Shahnawaz, Mr. Gowhar, Mr. Mohammad Yousuf and Mr. Rouf Ahmad on 23.12.2020 at FFRC, Srinagar. The School representative namely Mir Tariq (Project Coordinator) and Mr. Feroz Ahmad (Trustee) were again heard by the Hon'ble Chairperson at FFRC, Srinagar on 28.01.2021. The Chairman/In-charge Principal on 23.12.2020 stated that ***"no annual charges will be charged for the time being for the session 2020-21.He further stated that they will submit all the necessary documents for approval of fee structure to this Committee within one month"***. The School representatives on 28.01.2021 stated that ***"the School management has already submitted documents for approval of fee structure"***.

The School submitted its file as per the prescribed proforma on 25.01.2021. On examination of the records/Fee structure, it transpired that the



the complaints received were genuine, as is obvious from the fee structure submitted by the school for the year 2020-21.

Nur	LKG	UKG	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
4900	4900	4900	5500	5500	5500	5500
5 th	6 th	7 th	x	x	x	x
5500	6000	6000	x	x	x	x
Annual Fee: Nur. to UKG = Rs.12000/- 1 st to 5 th = Rs.15000/- 6 th to 7 th = Rs.18000/-						

The matter was considered by the Committee in its meeting dated 18-03-2021. The FFRC while considering the record of the School and keeping in view of the stance of complainants and school management, the fixation and regulation of the fee structure was considered on well settled norms listed as under:

- Location of the School in Tehsil Pampore, District Pulwama.
- Infrastructure
- Salary paid to the staff
- Other related Expenditures/expenses.

The Comparative study was also made with the established schools within the Srinagar city whose infrastructure, salary paid to staff other capacities and capabilities are far better than the school.

After giving thoughtful consideration to all these issues and upholding the mandate to ensure that there is neither commercialization nor profiteering of Education, the Committee after taking all the relevant factors into consideration, finds it just and proper to fix the following fee structure for the school for the year 2020-21 and onwards.

Nur	LKG	UKG	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
2900	2900	2900	3000	3000	3000	3000
5 th	6 th	7 th	x	x	x	x
3000	3200	3200	x	x	x	x
Annual Fee: Nur. to 7 th = Rs.5000/-						

The School is run by a trust which though is shown to be charitable in nature, has one Landlord Mr. Mohd Sharif , Son of Chairperson of the Trust. Mr. Mohd. Ashraf Lone is Trustee as also Landlord. Gh. Mihiud-din Lone is also Trustee and Landlord and Children of Gh. Mohiud-din Lone Trustee, Gen.Secretary, are also Landlords.

Prima Facie showing that the Trustees and landlords are same legal entity and are deriving huge financial benefits from the trust which has to be charitable in character.

The veil has to be lifted to ascertain the true picture whether the trust is being run as Charitable or Profitable Trust. Besides the School Management shall explain and submit report about the expenditures on account of Rent, Advertising and setup fee within three (03) months to enable the Committee to find out whether the students may get further rebate in fee.

This file will be again considered after six months.

The School shall not charge any fee under any head other than the fee fixed by the Committee.

Sd/-

**Sh.H.R Pakhroo
(DSEJ)**

Sd/-

**Smt. Manisha Sarin, KAS
Secretary JKBOSE (Member FFRC)**

Sd/-

**Mr. B.K Singh, IFS
(Member- Secretary FFRC)**

Sd/-


**Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar
(Former Judge)
Chairperson**

No. FFRC/FF/2021/Pul/222

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(Nazir ul Hussain shah)
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