

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

Order No: 350-FFRC (FF) of 2021

Dated: 15-07-2021

Sub: Fixation and Regulation of fee of Jammu Public Higher Secondary School, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

Jammu Public Higher Secondary School, Sainik Colony, Jammu submitted file for fixation and regulation of fee structure of the School, which has been registered in FFRC office under No. **FFRC/FF/2019-21/Jmu/108.**

'Something is rotten' in Jammu Public Higher Secondary School, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

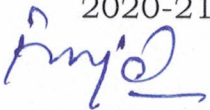
The record produced by the School Management for regulating its fee structure, prima facie reveal as under:

I. In the academic session 2018-19, the School Management has been charging Annual Fee as under:

- (a) For 1st to 4th ----- Rs.1,400/-
- (b) For 5th to 7th ----- Rs.2,000/-
- (c) For 8th to 10th ----- Rs.2,500/-
- (d) For 11th & 12th ----- Rs.3,000/-

II. The School Management has not provided any information about the Annual Fee charged and collected in the academic session 2019-20.

III. In the academic session 2020-21, the Annual Fee for classes 1st to 12th have been fixed by the School Management @ Rs.6,000/-. Though it is also mentioned by the School Management that Annual Fee has not been collected from the students during the academic session 2020-21. This has been done in pursuance to Government orders.



IV. At Page-18 of the record, the School Management in view of the Proforma (B) has yet again given details about the charging of the Annual Fee. This document reveals that in academic session 2018-19, the School Management has charged amount of Rs.6,000/- for each class on account of Annual Fee.

V. Yet another contradiction about charging of Annual Fee in respect of academic session 2017-18 also surfaced at Page-15, which is taken note of:

- (a) For classes 1st to 4th an amount of Rs.3,000/- has been shown as Annual Fee.
- (b) For 5th to 7th = Rs.3,200/-
- (c) For 8th = Rs.3,000/-
- (d) For 9th & 10th = Rs.3,200/-
- (e) For 11th & 12th = Rs.3,500/-

At Page-15, the School record shows that the Annual Fee in academic session 2018-19 has been charged as under:

- (a) For 1st to 4th = Rs.1,400/-
- (b) For 5th to 7th = Rs.2,000/-
- (c) For 8th to 10th = Rs.2,500/-
- (d) For 11th & 12th = Rs.3,000/-

Page-15 and Page-18 thus provide contradictory figures about charging of Annual Fee.

As already stated hereinabove, there is visible decrease made by School Management in charging of Annual Fee in the academic session 2018-19, which, however, is contradicted by Page-18 where amount of Annual Fee charged is shown as Rs.6,000/-.

No break-up has been provided by the School Management as to under which head, how much amount has been charged? Though at Page-30, consolidated position of Income and Expenditure has been shown as it stood on 31st Mar' 2018, 31st Mar' 2019 and 31st Mar' 2020, but same does not give bifurcation of the amount collected and expended under each head in a particular year.

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VI. The Income and Expenditure account of Audited Report ended 31st Mar' 2019, which covers academic session 2018-19 and same financial year as well, shows that the amount of Rs.1,21,900/- has been received on account of Annual Fee. Similarly, for the academic session 2019-20, the record shows that the amount of Rs.11,58,050/- has been collected on account of Annual Fee.

VII. The record shows that the total roll of the students in the academic session 2018-19 from class 1st to 12th was 443. The record though gives two contradictory reports of collecting of Annual Fee in the academic session 2018-19, in the interest of school, even if the Annual Fee reflected at Page-15 of the school record is taken into consideration instead of that at Page-18, either wrong amount has been shown in the Audit Report or wrong figures of charging and collection of Annual Fee have been provided at Page-15 and Page-18 of the school record.

VIII. Similarly, the Audit Report ended 31st Mar' 2020 for academic session 2019-20 which corresponds to same financial year, as already stated, the Income under Annual Fee head has been shown to be Rs.11,58,050/-, whereas, no details about charging and collection of Annual Fee has been provided by the School Management, notwithstanding, this fact that the Tuition Fee details for all the classes for this academic session have been provided.

IX. The Audit Report for years ended 31st Mar' 2018, 31st Mar' 2019 and 31st Mar' 2020 also give following details:

	Academic Session/Financial Year (2017-18)	Academic Session/Financial Year (2018-19)	Academic Session/Financial Year (2019-20)
1. Car expenses	Rs.86,786/-	Rs.1,08,170/-	Rs.1,18,987/-
2. Car insurance	Rs.1,35,441/-	Rs.1,17,232/-	Rs.1,17,232/-
3. Conveyance	Rs.3,25,870/-	Rs.3,50,870/-	Rs.3,43,853/-
4. Interest on car loan	Rs.9,748/-	Rs.56,881/-	Rs.58,912/-
5. Travel expenses	Rs.3,50,220/-	Rs.4,36,514/-	Rs.4,62,705/-

It prima facie shows that **personal expenses are being realized from school funds**. Furthermore, Car Insurance by no stretch of imagination can be in lacs. Money of students prima facie has been siphoned-off from School Corpus and **utilized for personal gains**.

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The above referred details which are reflected in the school record prima facie show that something is 'conceived in fraud and delivered in deceit'.

It prima facie appears that the hard earned money of the parents which is required to be spent on the quality education of the students is being spent for leading luxurious life by those who run the School.

From ancient times, the Education has been source of knowledge which has been used to shape-up Human life to live it in accordance with moral norms. It is the Education which has enabled Human Being to scale moral and intellectual heights. Prophets have used Education as a mode to shape lives of Human Beings. The Holy Scriptures stand witness to it.

For some of us, however, the value system has undergone a sea-change. Instead of attaining moral and intellectual heights, some amongst us labour hard to attain material benefits. In the present day times, we see less **Human Beings** and more **Commercial Beings** and **Consumer Beings**.

The people who set-up Educational Institutions, do so to render sacred duty to Humanity. Unfortunately, few people in pursuit of the insatiable greed to have material benefits play havoc with the moral values.

The Principal and the Chairperson of the School shall have to explain their conduct. They are given two (02) months time to explain their position and to show-cause why action in accordance with law is

not taken against them.

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The case of the School will be considered immediately after two months. Till further orders, the School Management more particularly Chairperson and the Principal are **directed not to charge and collect Annual Fee or any other kind of fee from the students**. The School Management, Principal and Chairperson, however, shall charge and collect Tuition Fee from the students which was charged for the academic session 2020-21. The permission to charge the Tuition Fee should not mean that the said Tuition Fee has been regulated but it is only done to provide succor to the teaching and non-teaching staff of the school and to enable them to impart education to the students.

To be taken up on 20.09.2021 at 10:30 A.M. in FFRC office, Srinagar. The Principal/Chairperson to appear in person on that date alongwith the relevant record.

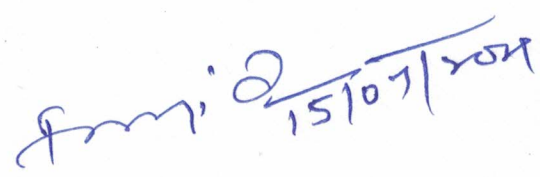
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Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar
(Former Judge)
Chairperson
Committee for Fixation & Regulation
Of Fee of Private Schools J&K (FFRC)

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