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

Order No: 375-FFRC (FF) of 2021 Dated: 20 -07-2021

Sub: Fixation and Regulation of fee of Lawrence Public School, Near Jamia Masjid, Sidhra, Jammu.

Lawrence Public School, Near Jamia Masjid, Sidhra, Jammu submitted file for fixation and regulation of fee structure of the School, which has been registered in FFRC office under No. FFRC/FF/2021/Jmu/56.

The **fee structure** of the School is being regulated by the Committee for the first time by this order.

The school record shows a loss of Rs.5,50,295/- in financial year 2019-20 corresponding to academic session 2019-20.

The Audit Report as it ended 31.03.2020 which corresponds to academic session 2019-20 reveals as under:

- (a) an amount of Rs.5,29,975/- has been spent on Advertisement and Publicity.
- (b) an amount of Rs.1,01,700/- has been spent on Annual Day Function.
- (c) an amount of Rs.1,06,280/- has been spent on Travelling.

In the academic session 2018-19 an amount of Rs.75,880/- has been spent on Advertisement and Publicity. Similarly, an amount of Rs.50,524/- has been spent on Annual Day Function and an amount of Rs.24,000/- has been spent on Travelling.

Besides, in the academic session 2019-20 an amount of Rs.600/- has been charged on account of Picnic/Excursion expenses.

Everyone amongst us knows that imparting education is not a business. Educational Institution is not to be run as a business unit. Spending huge amounts on Advertisement and Publicity cannot be permitted in an Educational Institution. The hard earned money of parents cannot be allowed to be withered away in this manner.

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It also does not stand to reason as to how a huge jump is made in Advertisement and Publicity expenditure from 2018-19 to 2019-20. Around seventy five thousand are spent on Advertisement and Publicity in academic year 2018-19 and more than five lakhs in 2019-20.

In academic year 2017-18, the School Management has recorded surplus and in succeeding sessions it has recorded deficit.

Huge amounts are being spent on Annual Day Functions.

It prima facie appears that record is being manipulated, expenses/expenditure inflated and amounts which are not to be spend in an Educational Institution are being projected in the records. Even no evidence is being provided to justify such unnecessary expenses and expenditures. The ultimate brunt is to be borne by parents. Such practices lead to commercialization of education.

The record also shows that an amount of Rs.600/- has been collected from each student as Picnic Charges and same has been made component of Annual Fee. In academic session 2019-20, 512 students have been on the rolls of school, which means an amount of Rs.3,07,200/- has been collected from students.

Opting for Picnic/Excursion is a voluntary act. No student can be forced to pay the Picnic Charges. Furthermore, a fixed amount cannot be collected from children in advance, as it depends on the location that is to be visited.

It prima facie appears that efforts are being made by School Management to commercialize the education.

Projecting deficit appears to be not true state of affairs.

The Principal and Chairperson of School to submit explanation in the light of observations made herein above within two (02) months.

The record produced and the justification given by the School Management for fixation and regulation of fee structure of the School was examined. The same was considered in accordance with norms set out in various judgements and fixed by statute. On due consideration of the entire conspectus of the school record and acknowledged parameters and settled norms for regulating the fee structure of the



School, material produced by the School Management, income-expenses, income and expenditure of the School and after considering all other relevant factors which govern the subject, the Committee finds it just and proper to regulate the **fee structure** of the School as under:

Session: 2021-22 & 2022-23

Fee	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Head							
Tuition	1375	1375	1375	1375	1375	1375	1375
Fee							
Annual	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400
Fee							
Fee	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	X
Head							
Tuition	1375	1375	1375	1375	1375	1375	X
Fee							
Annual	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400	X
Fee							

Session: 2023-24

Fee Head	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Tuition Fee	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400
Annual Fee	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400
Fee Head	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	X
Tuition Fee	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	1400	X
Annual Fee	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400	4400	X

The aforesaid exercise has been undertaken and fee structure regulated in a manner that excluded the commercialization and profiteering of education completely.

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Charging and collecting of Admission Fee is prohibited by statutes. The School Management is prohibited from charging and collecting Admission Fee from the students.

The School management is dected not to charge any other fee from the students other than the fee approved by the Committee.

The School management is further directed not to make any future enhancement in fee structure under any head without permission of the Committee.

Realization of Annual Fee from the students shall be subject to providing the facilities to students and actual expenditure of the school on relevant overheads.

The School management shall display this approved fee structure on School notice board, upload it on School website and publish the same in local daily newspapers.

Non-compliance will attract penal action under law.

Sd/-

Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar

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

No. FFRC/FF/2021/Jmu/56

Dated: -2 8 /07/2021

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2. Secretary J&K Board of School Education (Member FFRC) for information;

3. Sr. Private Secretary to Chairperson FFRC for the information of Hon'ble Chairperson;

4. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government School Education Department (Member Secretary FFRC) for information of the Principal Secretary;

5. Principal, Lawrence Public School, Near Jamia Masjid, Sidhra, Jammu, for compliance;

6. I/C Website for uploading the same on official website;

7. Office File.

(Nazir ul Hussain Shah) Administrative Officer

Committee for Fixation & Regulation Of Fee of Private Schools J&K (FFRC)