

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

Order No: 515-FFRC (FF) of 2021

Dated: 07-09-2021

**Sub: Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Walden Higher Secondary School
Natipora, Srinagar.**

Walden Higher Secondary School Natipora, Srinagar submitted file for fixation and regulation of fee structure of the school, which has been registered in FFRC office under No. **FFRC/FF/2021/Sgr/562**.

The tuition fee of the school has been regulated by the committee vide order No.285 FFC of 2018 dt. 21.02.2018 for academic session 2016-17.

The annual fee of the school is being regulated by the committee for the first time by this order.

On 24.08.2021 after perusing file, the Principal/Chairman of the school was asked to tender explanation in respect of the expenditures shown by school management, which is taken note of.

"Audit Report ended 31.03.2019 shows as under:

- a) Travelling Expenses- Rs.408646/-
- b) Advertisement- Rs.96000/-
- c) Misc Expenses- Rs.27300/-

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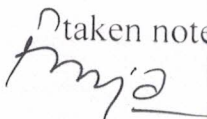
- a) Travelling Expenses- Rs.134600/-
- b) Misc Expenses- Rs.64500/-

Audit Report ended 31.03.2021 shows as under:

- a) Advertisement- Rs.51000/-
- b) Legal Expense- Rs.70000/-
- c) Misc Expenses Rs.70000/-

The school management to explain within weeks time the above referred expenses, failing which appropriate orders will be forced."

The Principal submitted response vide email dt.31.08.2021, which is

taken note of.


Year 2018-19

- I) The break-up of Rs.408646/- spent on travelling allowances is as under:
 - d) Rs.226600/- was spent as payment of loan instalments against vehicle purchased for the school.
 - e) Rs.181846/- was spent for fuel and for local transport used for taking children for outing.
- II) Advertisement Rs.96000/- includes promotional advertisement of school through the media of newspaper, Radio and Television and social media.
- III) Misc expenses Rs.27300/- include Refreshment.

Year 2019-20

- I) Travelling expenses= Rs.134600/-
 - a) Rs.132300/- was spent as loan instalment and remaining Rs.2300/- as fuel.
- II) Misc Expenses Rs.64500/- include refreshment, development and Maintenance of gardens and parks.

Year 2020-21

- I) Advertisement Rs.51000/- includes promotional advertisement of school through the media of newspaper, radio and television and social media.
- II) Legal Expenses Rs.70000/- fee to the lawyers.
- III) Misc Expenses Rs.70000/- include Refreshment, Development and Maintenance of gardens and parks in school and IT charges”

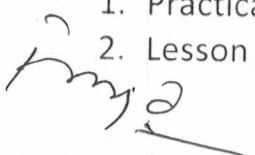
On 01.09.2021 following order was passed on the file of the school.

“Further perusal of record shows that for classes 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th. The school management is charging tuition fee as “full session package.” Principal/Chairman to explain what is meant by “Full Package” and how much tuition fee is charged monthly.”

The Principal vide mail dt. 06.09.2021 submitted its reply which is taken note of.

“Classes 8th, 9th & 10th are charged tuition fee @Rs.1360/- per month classes 11th & 12th are charged tuition fee @Rs.1480/- per month. This tuition fee includes the following:

1. Practicals
2. Lesson Notes



3. Guest lectures
4. Workshops
5. Interschool competitions
6. Coaching for competitive exams
7. Field trips

The parent is free to pay the tuition fee on monthly, quarterly or yearly basis as per his convenience.”

The aforesaid facts reveal that school management is making some unnecessary expenditures which have the effect of burning hole in the pockets of parents whose children are studying in the school.

Though the vehicle belongs to school, but huge avoidable expenses are made on travelling.

Similarly huge amount is being spent on advertisement; such huge amounts cannot be permitted to be expended on advertisement because school is not a business unit.

Huge amount is shown to have been expended as legal expenditure without providing details of expenses.

School management shall not offer fee packages for full academic session; as such practice may be permissible in commercial activity.

The school management shall refrain from making avoidable expenditure/expenses, as such type of expenditure/expenses have no nexus with the object sought to be achieved viz imparting education and building better future for all of us.

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 judgments and prescribed 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

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subject, the Committee finds it just and proper to regulate the fee structure of the School as under:

Session: 2019-20- & 2020-21						
Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Tuition Fee	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230
Annual Fee	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850
Class	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Tuition Fee	1230	1360	1360	1360	1480	1480
Annual Fee	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850

(Refer to order No.45 FFRC of 2021 Dt. 18.02.2021)

Session: 2021-22						
Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Tuition Fee	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230
Annual Fee	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850
Class	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Tuition Fee	1230	1360	1360	1360	1480	1480
Annual Fee	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850

Session: 2022-23						
Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Tuition Fee	1280	1280	1280	1280	1280	1280
Annual Fee	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850
Class	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Tuition Fee	1280	1420	1420	1420	1550	1550
Annual Fee	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850	5850

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

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 shall maintain an account of school funds (fee etc) in a Schedule Bank, which shall be operated by a person(s) authorized by school management. Record about all the expenses/expenditures shall be maintained with receipts.

The school management is directed 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)

Dated: - 07/09/2021

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5. Principal, Walden Higher Secondary School Natipora, Srinagar, for compliance;
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