

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

Order No: 554 -FFRC (FF) of 2021  
Dated: 07 - X -2021

**Sub: Fixation and Regulation of fee of Doon International School, HMT, Srinagar.**

**Doon International School, HMT, 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/569**.

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

While examining the record of the School, it was deemed necessary to examine the record of the file No.FFC/FF/2018/Sgr/55. Perusal of the earlier file shows that fee structure of the School has never been regulated by the Committee as no orders by the Committee have been passed in this behalf. The record of the earlier file, however, shows that a communication dated 14<sup>th</sup> of February' 2019 has been sent to Principal of the School, wherein, in reference to his application No.FFC/FF/2018/Sgr/55, he has been permitted to make enhancement of the fee structure upto 6% per annum in accordance with the Order No.01-FFC of 2019 dated 28.01.2019.

The record, however, shows that the fee fixed by the School Management in academic session 2017-18 has been enhanced in subsequent academic sessions not in accordance with the mandate contained in Order No.01-FFC of 2019 dated 28.01.2019, but in cruel disregard thereof. Fee has been enhanced at the rate which is more than 6%. Fee structure of the School, in this backdrop, is irregular and illegal. **The Principal and Chairperson of the School to show cause within two (02)**



months as to why action against them in accordance with the law may not be initiated for violating FFC orders. It may not be out of place to mention here that the violation of FFC order has burdened the parents with exorbitant fee and charging thereof by the School Management has, prima facie, resulted in commercialization of education and making profits which are not countenanced by law.

The income/expenditure account for the year ended 31.03.2018 reveal as under:

- A. Travelling and Conveyance ----- Rs.4,44,407/-
- B. Miscellaneous/Other Administrative Expenses ----- Rs.5,36,047/-
- C. Advertisement/Publicity ----- Rs.3,15,105/-
- D. Rent rates and Taxes ----- Rs.24,00,000/-
- E. Bank Interest ----- Rs.1,23,09,938/-
- F. Civil Works/ Building Depreciation ----- Rs.62,62,930/-

The income/expenditure account for the year ended 31.03.2019 shows as under:

- A. Travelling and Conveyance ----- Rs.6,54,500/-
- B. Miscellaneous/Other Administrative Expenses ----- Rs.22,63,714/-
- C. Advertisement/Publicity ----- Rs.8,53,241/-
- D. Rent rates and Taxes ----- Rs.12,00,000/-
- E. Bank Interest ----- Rs.1,51,72,794/-
- F. Civil Works/ Building Depreciation ----- Rs.76,67,362/-
- G. Annual Day Expenses ----- Rs.6,03,993/-

For academic year 2019-20, under Schedule – H, Tuition Fee and its expenditure details have been provided:

- A. Building Rent ----- Rs.10,20,000/-
- B. Interest Charges ----- Rs.1,28,44,420/-
- C. Office and Administrative Expenses ----- Rs.42,26,220/-
- D. Building Insurance ----- Rs.4,90,888/-



In the head Schedule – 1, details about Annual Fee and its expenditure details for the year 2019-20 have been given:

- A. Travelling Expenses ----- Rs.5,57,750/-
- B. Repair and Maintenance of Building ----- Rs.3,60,345/-
- C. School Building Depreciation ----- Rs.69,00,625.87/-
- D. Swimming Pool Depreciation ----- Rs.12,995.70/-

The Chairperson of the School, on the one hand, has been regularly receiving huge amount on account of Building Rent, but no rent deed has been placed on record to substantiate the said claim. Prima facie, the School Funds have been drained-off by huge amounts without any factual foundation and legal basis.

On the one hand, huge rent has been received and, on the other hand, expenditure has been shown to have been made on the Maintenance and Repairs of the School Building. Maintenance and Repairs of the Building(s) is responsibility of the landlord. This amount has also been, prima facie, received illegally.

Huge amounts have been spent on Travelling and Conveyance, whereas, Transport Expenses have been shown under a different Head. These huge Travelling Expenses lack details, as to who has spent them and for what purpose? These huge Travelling Expenses have further burnt hole in the pockets of the parents of the students.

On the one hand, rent has been charged and collected and, on the other hand, depreciation on the buildings has also been claimed.

Above details show that huge amounts have been spend on Advertisements and Publicity as if the School Management was running a business which needed for its promotion spending of such huge amounts.



Repeatedly, it has been stated that Education is not a Business and an Educational Institution is not a Business Unit. An Educational Institution grows by the quality of education it provides to students and mouth propaganda is the best publicity for the educational institution.

Huge interests have been paid from out of fees collected from the students. The interest is being paid by the owner of the building to a bank(s) from which it has obtained financial assistance for construction of building(s). The parents evidently are further burdened by an expenditure which, prima facie, is not their responsibility to shoulder.

Educational Institution is a most sacred place where future of a nation is built. The Educational Institutions have to produce good human beings and not the commercial beings. Imparting quality education in all fields has to be focal point of an Educational Institution.

**The School Management shall advert its attention for developing the academic standards.**

As already stated that without the fee structure having been regulated in accordance with the procedure established by the law and furthermore there having been breach of Order No.01-FFC of 2019 dated 28.01.2019, the fee structure, in view of the over-all circumstances appearing in the case of the School under discussion is being regulated accordingly.

The children who are already studying in the School have made huge financial contribution by paying one time Admission Fee and Annual Fee for years together, which has resulted in development of infrastructure. These students cannot be further burdened by asking them to pay same Annual Fee, which will be fixed in respect of those students who seek admission in the School for the first time, otherwise, called fresh entrants.



These fresh entrants get the advantage of development of educational facilities and infrastructural facilities, for which students who are already studying in the School have made, as already stated, huge financial contribution.

In this back-drop, the fresh entrants shall have to be saddled with responsibility of paying different Annual Fee for the first year of their admission in the School and in subsequent years they will pay same Annual Fee which is being fixed and regulated in respect of students who are already studying in the School.

**The Annual Fee for the New Students viz; fresh entrants for academic session 2021-22, after considering all relevant factors, Hon'ble the Supreme Court guidelines, statutory prescriptions and other relevant aspects governing the subject, is fixed @ Rs.11,000/-. For academic session 2022-23, the Annual Fee for New Admissions viz; fresh entrants is fixed @ Rs.12,000/-.**

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

### Session: 2020-21

Fee Head	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Tuition Fee	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100
Annual Fee	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400
Fee Head	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> IT & Non-IT	12 <sup>th</sup> IT & Non-IT	X
Tuition Fee	3100	3100	3100	3200	3200	4000	4200	X
Annual Fee	3400	3400	3400	3400	3400	5000	5000	X

### Session: 2021-22

Fee Head	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Tuition Fee	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100
Annual Fee	X	3705	3705	3705	3705	3705	3705	3705
Fee Head	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> IT & Non-IT	12 <sup>th</sup> IT & Non-IT	X
Tuition Fee	3100	3100	3100	3200	3200	4000	4200	X
Annual Fee	3705	3705	3705	3705	3705	5450	5450	X

### Session: 2022-23

Fee Head	Nur	LKG	UKG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Tuition Fee	3225	3225	3225	3225	3225	3225	3225	3225
Annual Fee	X	4075	4075	4075	4075	4075	4075	4075
Fee Head	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> IT & Non-IT	12 <sup>th</sup> IT & Non-IT	X
Tuition Fee	3225	3225	3225	3330	3330	4160	4370	X
Annual Fee	4075	4075	4075	4075	4075	5995	5995	X



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.**

**School Management shall not sell uniforms and books in the school premises. The students will be at liberty to purchase books and uniforms at the place of their choice.**

School Funds have to remain in School Corpus and have not to be transferred to any other account excepting the school account.

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.

All types of fees shall remain in School account and no amount shall be paid or transferred to Trust/ Association of Persons (AoP)/ Body of Individuals (BoI).

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.

**The School Management shall also make reasonable annual hike in salary of its employees viz; teaching and non-teaching staff.**

**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/-

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

Sd/-

**Mr. Tassaduq Hussain Mir, KAS**  
Director School Education, Kashmir  
(Member, FFRC)

Sd/-

**Mr. B. K. Singh**  
Principal Secretary to Government  
School Education Department  
(Member Secretary, FFRC)

Sd/-

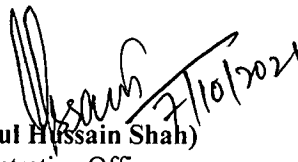
**Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar**  
(Former Judge)  
Chairperson  
Committee for Fixation & Regulation  
Of Fee of Private Schools J&K (FFRC)

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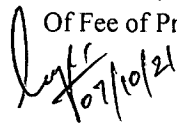
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Committee for Fixation & Regulation  
Of Fee of Private Schools J&K (FFRC)

  
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