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Order No: 303 -FFRC (FF) of 2022 Dated: 09-03-2022

Sub: Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Green Valley Educational Institute Ellahibagh Buchpora, Srinagar.

Green Valley Educational Institute Ellahibagh Buchpora, 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/670.

The tuition fee of the school has been regulated by the Committee vide order No. 674 FFC of 2018 dt. 12.10.2018 for academic session 2017-18.

Record shows that School Management has violated order No. 674-FFC of 2018 dated 12.10.2018, in as much as, it has not only charged but also hiked Annual Fee. Principal and Chairperson to show cause within two months why action in accordance with law is not taken against them.

The Annual Fee of the school is being regulated by the Committee for the first time by this order.

Record shows that huge amounts are being spent on advertisements. School shall refrain from spending huge amounts on advertisements and publish only FFRC orders, School Education Deptt. and Govt. notices in newspapers.

On Nov.02,2021 an e-complaint was received form one Mr. Aabid Lone on FFRC email address in which it was stated that school management has charged and collected annual fee @Rs.17000/- and monthly tuition fee @Rs.3800/-, which tuition fee was to be paid in advance for six months.

It was also stated in the complaint that option was given to complainant either sign the affidavit and alternately do not apply for admission of his ward in the school.



The Principal/Chairman was given two days time to file response failing which action in accordance with law will be taken. The school management was also informed that monthly fee means monthly payments, and there cannot be advance payment of tuition fee.

Yet another e-complaint was received from one Mr. Bilal Mistry making similar allegations.

On Nov.17,2021, Principal/Chairman was sent mail from FFRC. The school management was directed not to charge and collect any type of fee from students of nursery (KG'S) and was further restrained from collecting annual fee from all students.

The school authorities were also directed to show-cause why penal action may not be taken against them for violating FFRC orders.

The Principal of the school on 18.11.2021 responded to mail of FFRC dt. 17.11.2021, which is taken note of:

"The Hon'ble Chairman

Fee Fixation Committee

Of Private Schools

Jammu & Kashmir

Srinagar

Ref: Your email dated: 17.11.2021.

Sub: Complaint.

Respected Sir,

With great respect please refer to the above email. The requisite information as directed has been submitted. Regarding tuition fee and annual charges it is pertinent to mention here that end number of parents approached the Management with the request to accept the tuition fee for the whole year. But the Management did not consent to that. However, it was decided by the management that any parent whose wards is reading in this institution can pay tuition fee in advance a maximum upto 6 months. However, it is not mandatory and parents can pay tuition fee on monthly/bi-monthly basis. The parents were briefed about the tuition and annual charges thereby following the orders of FFRC. They were informed that if any amount is paid in excess that will be adjusted in the tuition fee subsequent to the tuition fee and annual charges approved by FFRC.



With regard to tuition fee collected @Rs.3800/-, it is pertinent to mention here that in the year 2017-18, the tuii9on fee charges was Rs.2750/- and 6% was added to it which amounted to addition to Rs.166.50/- and for the year it amounted to Rs.2917/- and in the year 2018-19. 6% more percent was added to Rs.2917/- which came to be rupees Rs.3095/-. For the year 2019-20 nothing was added to Rs. 3059/-. However, the management added Rs.705/- that too far new classes (Nursery) which did not exist earlier.

It is placed on record that if and when approval for fixation of fee is received from the Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee the Management will abide by the decision and if there is any excess amount that will be adjusted in the tuition fee of the students.

Again, regarding increase in annual charges @17000/-, it is placed before your august self that this institution introduced Nursery class from this session as per the guideline of NEP-2020. Besides, there are institutions working in the vicinity and they lure our faculty members with handsome package which has resulted in the attrition to the extent of 20% in addition to that the Management did not increase the pay of the faculty members and management stands committed to enhance the pay of than faculty member by not less than 50%.

It is again pertinent to inform your goodself that if any parent has, by default paid more than what is approved the management shall refund/adjust the amount. The management is committed to adhere to the orders of FFRC in letter and spirit. Submitted for your kind perusal.

Thanking your sir in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

M.D. Zargar

Principal."

In view of the above reproduced school response, on 03.01.2022 following order was passed.

"In its communication dated 18.11.2021, the Principal has referred to class Nursery, whereas this class does not figure anywhere in school record/file

Principal to clarify the position response within week's time"



The principal vide his mail dated 6th January, 2022 has replied as under:-

"Sub:- Starting of Nursery Class in this Institution.

Reference: Your email dated 03.01.2022.

Respected Sir,

Please refer to above cited subject and reference. The Nursery class did not exist earlier. It is from this academic session 2022 that this institute started Nursery classes purely on the basis of recommendations of National Education Policy 2020. The National Education Policy 2020 read "over 85% of child's cumulative brain development occurs prior to the age of 6, indicating the critical importance of appropriate care and stimulation of the brain—currently, children in the age group of 3-6 are not covered in the 10=2 structure as class 1st begins at the age 6. In the new 5+3+3+4 structure, a strong base of early childhood care and education (ECCE) from age 3 is also included which is aimed at promoting better overall learning development and well being".

Consequent upon the policy document of NEP 2020, this institution started Nursery class from the academic session 2022. It did not exist earlier.

The information is submitted for your kind perusal.

Thanking you Sir in anticipation."

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.7,000/-. For academic sessions 2022-23 and 2023-24, the Annual Fee for New Admissions viz; fresh entrants is fixed @ Rs.8,000/-and Rs.9,000/- respectively. This shall have reference to new students admitted at KG-I level only. Thereafter, in next academic session the Annual Fee for such students, also, will be charged in terms of the fee structure regulated by this order.

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

Session: 2021-22									
Class	Nursery	KG-	KG- II	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	
Tuition	3100	3150	2700	2580	2180	2180	2180	2100	
Fee									
Annual Fee	X	1000	1000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	
Class	X	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	
Tuition Fee	X	2100	2100	2100	2500	2500	Med./4060 Arts.Com./3800	Med./4060 Arts.Com./3800	
Annual Fee	X	3100	3100	3100	3200	3200	Med./5500 Arts.Com./3700	Med./5500 Arts.Com./5900	



Session: 2022-23								
Class	Nursery	KG- I	KG- II	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Tuition Fee	3125	3200	2750	2630	2230	2230	2230	2150
Annual Fee	X	1025	1025	3125	3125	3125	3125	3125
Class	X	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Tuition Fee	X	2150	2150	2150	2550	2550	Med./4200 Arts.Com./3900	Med./4200 Arts.Com./3900
Annual Fee	X	3250	3250	3250	3375	3375	Med./5700 Arts.Com./3950	Med./5750 Arts.Com./6200

Session: 2023-24									
Class	Nursery	KG- I	KG- II	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	
Tuition Fee	3150	3250	2800	2680	2280	2280	2280	2200	
Annual Fee	X	1050	1050	3275	3275	3275	3275	3275	
Class	X	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	
Tuition Fee	X	2200	2200	2200	2600	2600	Med./4250 Arts.Com./3950	Med./4250 Arts.Com./3950	
Annual Fee	X	3425	3425	3425	3575	3575	Med./5950 Arts.Com./4250	Med./6050 Arts.Com./6500	

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

In view of commitment of School Management as reproduced here in above in this order, The excess fee charged shall either be returned to students/parents, or at the convenience of students/parents may be adjusted in future tuition fee. Even, otherwise, the School Management is duty bound to follow this and other FFRC orders.

An Educational Institution is being set-up primarily to impart quality education to the students. The school management shall advert its attention and give priority to imparting quality education to the students.

The school management shall publish only FFRC orders about fee structure and Govt. Educational Department's notices in newspapers'. No publicity through advertisement shall be made about school, same being not a business unit.

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 place of their choice.

Any land/building/vehicle purchased, or building constructed from out of School Funds, in law will be property of School and shall vest in School.

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 annual fee regulated by this order will be operative after the school reopen and start offline/regular classes. The annual fee at that stage will be charged on pro-rata basis in terms of Government Circular No.01 Edu of 2020 dt. 14.05.2020, endorsed by FFRC in its meeting held on 18.03.2021.

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.

Order passed in accordance with mandate contained in Section -20 A of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act' 2002 read with Rule 3(4) of Jammu and Kashmir Private Schools (Fixation, Determination and Regulation of fee) Rules, 2021 (Draft Rules) adopted by committee for Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Private schools (FFRC) vide its decision 18th of March' 2021.

Non-compliance will attract penal action under law.

Sd/-

Smt. Manisha Sarin, KAS

Secretary JKBOSE (Member, FFRC)

Sd/-

Mr. Ravi Shankar Sharma (KAS)

Director School Education, Jammu (Member, FFRC)

Sd/-

Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar

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

Dated: - 9 /03 /2022

No. FFRC/FF/2021/Sgr/670

Copy to:-

- 1. Director School Education Jammu/Kashmir for information and n/a:
- 2. Secretary J&K Board of School Education (Member FFRC) for information;
- 3. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government School Education Department (Member Secretary FFRC) for information of the Principal Secretary;
- 4. P. A. to Chairperson, FFRC for information of the Hon'ble Chairperson, FFRC;
- 5. Principal, Green Valley Educational Institute Ellahibagh Buchpora, Srinagar for compliance:
- 6. I/C Website for uploading the same on official website;
- 7. Office file.

(Nazir ul Hussain Shah) Administrative Officer

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