

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

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**Subject: - Fixation, Determination and Regulation of Fee of Private Schools in  
UT of J&K.**

**Circular No: 01 FFRC of 2023**

**Dated: 12.04.2023**

The Committee for Fixation and Regulation fee of Private School is a statutory body constituted under Section 20 A of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act 2002.

Section 20A of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act 2002 amended from time to time provides that "*The Government shall constitute a Committee to be known as the Committee for Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Private Schools for the purposes of regulating and determining the fee in private schools in the Union territory of J&K*".

The Complaints are pouring in alleging that the private schools of UT of J&K are charging fee in excess of fee approved by the Committee. It is also alleged that the schools in violation of orders of the Committee are making unilateral hike in fee structure at exorbitant rates and also charging admission fee from students/parents, restrained by the statute.

The Hon'ble the Supreme Court in case titled Islamic Academy of Education And... Vs state of Karnataka And others on 14 August ,2003 in its Judgment at para 213 has held that "*each educational institute must place before this committee, well in advance of the academic year its proposed fee structure. Along with the proposed fee structure all relevant documents and books of accounts must also be produced before the committee for their scrutiny. The Committee shall then decide whether the fees proposed by that institute are justified and are not profiteering or charging capitation fee. The Committee will be at liberty to approve the fee structure or to propose some other fee which can be charged by the institute. The fee fixed by the committee shall be binding for a period of three years, at the end of which period the institute would be at liberty to apply for revision. Once fee is fixed by the Committee, the institute cannot charge either directly or indirectly any other amount over and above the amount fixed as fees. if any other amount is charged, under any other head or guise e.g Donations the same would amount to charging of capitation fee.*"

Whereas the Government of Jammu & Kashmir notified the Jammu and Kashmir Private Schools (Fixation, Determination and Regulation of Fee) Rules, 2022 on 10th May 2022 vide S.O No 233.

Whereas, Rule 5(1) ( c) of Jammu and Kashmir Private Schools (Fixation, Determination and Regulation of Fee) Rules 2022, provides that "*Require each Private school to place before the Committee the proposed fee structure of such school with all relevant documents and books of accounts for scrutiny within such date as may be specified by the Committee.*"



Whereas, the rule 8 (a) of the Jammu and Kashmir Private Schools (Fixation, Determination and Regulation of Fee) Rules 2022, provides that ***“the private School shall submit a proposal to the Committee on the proforma as may be prescribed by the Committee. The proposal for fixation, determination and regulation of fee for next year shall be submitted three months before the next academic year starts”***.

The Statute/Rule (s) empowers Committee to fix, determine and regulate the fee structure of Private Schools of UT of J&K.

No Private school association, individual school is competent to make hike in any kind of fee charged by the school without permission of the Committee.

No organization (Govt/Private) is competent to fix and regulate fee of in a private school, exclusively domain of the Committee.

Now therefore, I view of above, it is impressed upon all the Private schools of UT of Jammu and Kashmir not to make any unilateral hike in any kind of fee without permission of the Committee.

All the Private schools shall adhere to the fee structure approved by the Committee. Stakeholders (parents/School management(s)) are at liberty to approach this committee for redressal of grievance regarding fee structure if any, same will be considered by the Committee.

Any violation will attract action in terms of Rule 8 d (i),( ii), which is taken note of;

8 d (i). ***“The committee shall recommend to the appropriate authority to bar the private school from taking any new admission for next academic year or to impose a fine equivalent to 10 percent of total revenue generated by the Private school/society in the preceding year, as applicable”***;

8 d (ii). ***“In addition, the Committee may recommend to the appropriate authority for taking the following actions; (a) to take over the management of the private school until it submits a proposal and once the management of the Private school has been taken over, the Government shall appoint an Administrator not below the rank of Sub-Divisional magistrate as Administrative head of school to ensure its smooth functioning at the cost of schools fund. During this period, no further development/ procurement/ construction activities related to education and safety of children; (b) the appropriate authority may withdraw permission and the recognition of the Private school as per the procedure laid down”***.

**Sd/-**

**Justice (Rtd.) Sunil Hali**

Chairperson

Committee for Fixation and Regulation  
of Fee of Private Schools.

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