

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

**Order**

**Subject: - Complaint Against R.P School Lawaypora Srinagar.**

Series of complaints were received against R.P School Laway Pora in respect of Admission Fee being charged by the School. It was alleged in the complaints that Rs. 45000/- were charged from the students as Admission Fee. It is pertinent to mention that this office had issued a circular to all the schools not to charge admission fee as it was barred under the statute. It was also observed in the circular that those schools who demand admission fee without any receipt the matter will be referred for investigation.

After receiving the complaints from the various candidate notices were issued to the School Management to submit their reply. In this behalf, they were directed to appear before the undersigned on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024. Their representative one Mr. Sajid Mir appeared before the undersigned, informed and admitted that Rs. 45000/- are charged from the candidates from the current session. However, he denied that any admission fee was charged from the school. He stated that it was an advance fee for a period of 6 months on account of Tuition Fee, Annual Fee, Bus fee and Registration Fee. In order to clarify this statement made by the representative, the principal and other members of the management were summoned to appear before this Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024. The Principal of the school affirmed the statement made by the representative on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024. He stated that no admission fee was charged but only an advance fee which was collected from the students on account of Tuition Fee, Annual Fee and Transport Fee for a period of 6 months. He also submitted an undertaking in which he stated that the school will adjust the same towards Tuition Fee, Transport Fee as well as Annual Fee. The undertaking has been taken on record. In the undertaking, it has been further stated that the file for regularization of Fee structure is pending before the Committee. In case, the Committee after deliberation finds that Tuition Fee, Annual Fee and Transport Fee is fixed on the higher side, the students will have to pay the differences. In case, Committee fixed the fee on the lower side then the remaining amount shall be refunded/adjusted. In view of the stand taken by the School Management and undertaking submitted, Rs. 45000/- collected by them is to be treated as advance fee on account of Tuition Fee, Annual Fee and Transport Charges. No Fee on this account will be charged by the school for a period of 6 months. Even though, charging advance fee was not proper, but looking to the interest of the students and parents, the amounts so collected shall be adjusted towards the fee mentioned hereinabove, and no fee shall be charged from all the students selected/admitted for the current session for a period of 6 months. It is further ordered that the school (s) shall not indulge in this type of practice in charging Advance fee in future. The schools charging hefty Admission Fee in violation of statute are warned to desist from doing it.

The parents/students from whom admission fee has been charged by the school management(s) in violation of statute and are not before us (Committee), such parents/students may seek same remedy from such schools as has been provided in present case.

It is also impressed upon the school(s) to adhere to the circular instructions issued vide No. 03 of 2024 dated 27-02-2024 (**available on official website**) in dealing with FFRC which inter-alia states as under;

***No official in his individual capacity is authorized to pass any instructions regarding fee fixation and regulation and to summon any school representative for seeking clarification while bypassing the office of Hon'ble Chairperson or Administrative section.***

***To avoid such practice in future, all the private school managements whether as an association or in individual capacity are strictly instructed to seek clarification or information regarding issues pertaining to fee fixation and regulation from Administrative section/ officer authorized by the Chairperson.***

Sd/-

**Justice Sunil Hali**

(Former Judge)

Chairperson

Committee for Fixation and Regulation of Fee  
Of Private Schools J&K

No. FFRC/Jmu/24/944

Dated: 29/02/2024

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3. Mr. Showkat Ahmad Pir CA (Member FFRC) for information;
4. PS to Administrative Secretary to Government School Education Department J & K Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu (Member-Secretary FFRC) for the information of Administrative Secretary;
5. P.A to Hon'ble Chairperson for the information of Chairperson;
6. Principal R.P School ,Lawaypora for compliance;
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