

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

Order No:- 144 FFRC (FF) of 2024

Dated: 07/02/2024

**Sub: Fixation and Regulation of fee of Vir Savarkar Hr. Sec. School
Basohli Kuthua.**

Vir Savarkar Hr. Sec. School Basohli Kuthua submitted file for fixation and regulation of fee structure of the school which has been registered in FFRC office under No. **FFRC/FF/2023/Kuth/1287**.

This committee had vide its order No 34 FFRC(FF) of 2021, dated:01/04/2021 fixed the Fee Structure of the school for the session 2021-22, the details of which are given as under:

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1st	2nd	3rd		4th	
Tuition Fee	X	420	450	485	530	560	595		620	
Annual Fee	X	985	985	985	1200	1200	1200		1200	
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th		12th	
Tuition Fee	640	660	695	750	825	880	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1060	990	1090	1045
Annual Fee	1200	1650	1650	1650	2050	2050	3320	2330	3320	2330

Feeling aggrieved against above order a Writ Petition was filed in the Hon'ble High Court. **The Hon'ble High Court while entertaining the Writ Petition had stayed the order of the Committee. The School Management filed an application before the Hon'ble High Court with liberty to file fresh petition. The prayer was allowed and Writ Petition was withdrawn with liberty as prayed.**

After having withdrawn the petition they approached this forum for modification/review of above order. It is under these circumstances that



the present application filed by the School Management was taken into consideration by the Committee.

We have perused the earlier order of the Committee which was subject matter of challenge before the High Court.

The School Management has filed the requisite documents required to be perused by this committee.

It is important to mention that after the Committees' order was kept in abeyance the School Management has been charging fee fixed in 2019-20. As on today they continue to charge the same fee in light of the order passed by the High Court. In order to appreciate the controversy following facts are to be taken into consideration:

- The Fee Structure of the school which was prevalent for the session 2018-19 is as per the details provided here below.
- During the interregnum an order was issued by the committee which is order No 01 FFC of 2019 dated 28-01-2019 which gave liberty to the schools to fix the fee on their own, where the Tuition Fee was below Rs 1000 and Annual Fee upto Rs 6000/-.
- The schools whose Tuition Fee was above Rs 1000/- with annual fee above Rs 6000 were given liberty to raise their fee by 6%. In that eventuality they were required to seek the approval of the Committee.
- Taking cue from this order the School Management with Tuition Fee of Rs 1000 and Annual Fee below Rs 6000 raised the fee structure in session 2019-20 based on the order No 01 FFC of 2019 Dated:28/01/2019. The detail of the fee structure provided by the school management are given below:

Session 2019-20

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1st	2nd	3rd		4th	
Tuition Fee	X	500	550	590	650	690	720		750	
Annual Fee	X	2070	2280	2420	2720	2920	3110		3240	
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th		12th	
Tuition Fee	780	810	850	910	970	980	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1060	990	1115	1000
Annual Fee	3370	3490	3630	3760	4280	4490	4720	4520	4930	4780

The School submitted its file in the year 2021 for fixation of fee by the Committee.

In view of the COVID the fee could not have been raised as the government has put a moratorium on it. The matter was finally considered for the session 2021-22. The Committee as per its order NO: 34 FFRC (FF) of 2021, dated: 01/04/2021 has fixed the fee of the school details of which are mentioned in the beginning of this order.

After perusing the orders it appears that this Committee has reduced the Fee of the school drastically by relying only on the fee being charged by the school in session 2018-19. Ignoring the hike made by the school in session 2019-20. It looks that the Committee has found that such recourse could not have been taken by the School Management. The School Management has legitimately increased the fee structure on the basis of order No: 01 FFC of 2019. Even-though the order No 01 of 2019 has been subsequently revoked but it will not impinge upon the rights of the school to hike the fee as order was revoked in the year 2021. The School has legitimately enhanced its fee structure while relying on Order No 01 of 2019. Therefore the fee had to be fixed after taking into consideration the fee been charged/collected by the school management in 2019-20.

The Committee as such is of considered view that modification/review is required to be done in this case. Even-though fee raised by the school is not a gradual increase but it is on the higher side. Be that as it may discretion was given to the schools to raise their fee where the fee was below 1000 and Annual Fee below Rs 6000. The order No 34 FFRC (FF) of 2021, dated: 01/04/2021 fixing the fee of the school in 2021-22 does not indicate the reasons why fee was reduced. After considering the documents and audit report following fee structure is provided for the session 2023-24, details are given below:

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Session 2023-24

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
Tuition Fee	X	535	590	630	695	740	770	800		
Annual Fee	X	2170	2390	2540	2860	3060	3260	3400		
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th		
Tuition Fee	835	865	910	970	1030	1040	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1120	1060	1180	1060
Annual Fee	3540	3660	3810	3950	4410	4410	4410	4410	4410	4410

While fixing the fee structure for the session 2023-24 the School Management has charged annual fee on the higher side. After looking into the details submitted by the school management on the basis of which the fee was charged, we find that stationary charges and school improvement fund is shown on the higher side which requires to be regulated. This reduction in Annual Fee will apply only to few classes details of which are given herein below. It is important to mention that while charging fee under various heads, the amount charged must commensurate with the actual expenditures incurred on the facilities provided thereof. The various categories of fee charged such as school improvement fund cannot be permitted. It has to be uniformly provided for all classes.

Session 2024-25

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
Tuition Fee	X	570	630	670	735	780	810	850		
Annual Fee	X	2280	2500	2650	3000	3210	3420	3570		
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th		
Tuition Fee	885	915	960	1020	1090	1100	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1190	1120	1250	1120
Annual Fee	3720	3840	4000	4150	4630	4630	4630	4630	4630	4630



Session 2025-26

Fee Head	Pre-Nur	Nur	LKG	UKG	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
Tuition Fee	X	610	670	710	775	820	860	900		
Annual Fee	X	2390	2630	2780	3150	3370	3590	3750		
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th		
Tuition Fee	945	975	1020	1060	1160	1170	Sc.	Arts/Cm	Sc.	Arts/Cm
							1260	1190	1320	1190
Annual Fee	3900	4030	4200	4360	4860	4860	4860	4860	4860	4860

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

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 Government Education 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. Section 20 E (1) prescribes that school management can charge and collect Tuition Fee, Annual Fee, Transport Fee and voluntary Fee such as picnic, tour etc.

It further provides that school shall not charge in any manner, any other fee including admission fee or any amount, by whatever name called than the fee mentioned above.

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.

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), or an individual.

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 annual hike in salary viz; teaching and non-teaching staff at least by 20%.

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 above approved fee structure is subject to review in case the committee at any stage finds that the school management has concealed or provided any wrong information/data desired as per the proforma for fixation and regularization of fee.

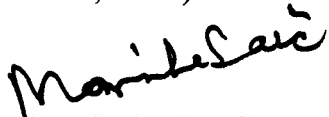


The School Management shall display this approved fee structure on school notice board, upload it on school website and publish the same in local daily newspapers.


Non-compliance will attract penal action under law.


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

No.FFRC/FF/2023/Kath/1287

Dated: - 07/02/2024

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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, Vir Savarkar Higher Secondary School Basohli Kuthua for compliance;**
6. I/C Website for uploading the same on official website;
7. Office file.