

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

**Order No:- 154 FFRC (FF) of 2024
Dated: 10/09/2024**

**Sub: Review/ Modification of fee of Lakshmi Memorial Public School Langer
Nowshera, Rajouri.**

Lakshmi Memorial Public School Langer Nowshera, Rajouri has submitted file for Review/Modification of fee structure of the school, which has been registered in FFRC office under No. FFRC/FF/2021/Raj/33.

This committee had vide its order No. 42-FFRC(FF) of 2021 dated 05.4.02.2021 fixed the fee structure of the school for session 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24 the details of which are given under:-

Session: 2021-22

Fee Head	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Tuition Fee	370	370	370	370
Annual Fee	1260	1260	1260	1260
Fee Head	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Tuition Fee	370	385	385	385
Annual Fee	1260	1260	1260	1260

Session: 2022-23

Fee Head	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Tuition Fee	385	385	385	385
Annual Fee	1310	1310	1310	1310
Fee Head	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Tuition Fee	385	400	400	400
Annual Fee	1310	1310	1310	1310

Session: 2023-24

Fee Head	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Tuition Fee	400	400	400	400
Annual Fee	1360	1360	1360	1360
Fee Head	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Tuition Fee	400	420	420	420
Annual Fee	1360	1360	1360	1360

The school had submitted its file for regulating its fee structure in session 2020-21. The following fee structure was fixed by the committee.

It is pertinent to mention that taking queue from order No. 01 FFC of 2019 dated 28.01.2019, the school raised its fee for the session 2019-20. As per the aforementioned order school which was charging, Tuition fee less than Rs. 1000/- and annual fee upto Rs. 6000/- was given an option to raise its fee structure on its own. As a consequence of which the school re-fixed its fee for the session 2019-20 by taking benefit of the order No. 01 FFC of 2019. Accordingly the following fee structure was fixed by the school in 2019-20. The details of which are as under:-

Session: 2019-20

Fee Head	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Tuition Fee	370	370	370	370
Annual Fee	3000	3000	3000	3000
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8th
Tuition Fee	370	385	385	385
Annual Fee	3000	3000	3000	3000

The committee while regulating the fee structure for the session 2021-22 of the school has kept same Tuition fee for sessions 2021-22 i.e (Rs. 370/- Rs.385/-) from class 1st to 8th as mentioned above. The committee has reduced Annual Fee from Rs. 3000/- and fixed the annual fee Rs. 1260/- from 1st to 8th for session 2021-22. The Consequences of this resulted that Annual Fee has been drastically reduced, as per the Audit Report of Financial year 2019-20. The School Management has collected Rs. 942000/- as Annual Fee and on the basis of mathematical calculation the annual fee per student is roundly Rs. 2900/- . Furthermore the Audit Report of Financial year 2022-23 shows that the annual fee collected by the school is Rs. 1035000/- and as per the calculation it is roundly Rs. 3000/-. There are no reasons given by this committee while reducing the Fee structure of the school, even while regulating the fee structure the committee has not **considered factors for determination of Fee as per Sub- Section (1) of section 20D of the Act** and also taken into account the revenue and expenditure of the school, which as per the calculation based upon the fee fixed by the committee resulted in the deficit of Rs. 6 lacs (approx.). It is trite that while fixing the fee of the any school revenue and expenditure is important factor for fixing and regulating the fee structure. If the School is running into deficit then the fee has to be raised. It is kept in mind that these are self financed intuition their fee structure has to be regulated in a manner that they must generate reasonable surplus maximum upto to 15%.

It is further important to mention that the school expenditure on account of enhancement of salaries of the staff (Teaching and non- Teaching) was raised by 5% to 7% annually. The school is paying Rs. 2309300 to the staff salaries i.e (Teaching and non-Teaching) and Tuition Fee collected is only Rs. 1612455/- in the year 2022-23 .

Therefore the following fee structure is fixed for the session 2023-24 as under:-

Session:- 2023-24

Fee Head	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Tuition Fee	400	400	400	400
Annual Fee	3000	3000	3000	3000
Fee Head	5th	6th	7th	8th
Tuition Fee	420	420	420	420
Annual Fee	3000	3000	3000	3000

The school has hiked the fee structure for the session 2024-25 of its own; the hike made by the School Management is on the face of it illegal. The School Management is directed to obey the orders of the FFRC and maintain the same fee structure as directed by this committee.

However, the School management can collect Annual Fee on Monthly, Quarterly or Annually basis as per the feasibility of parents is taken into consideration.

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 of 5% to 10% in salary of employees viz; teaching and non-teaching staff.

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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.

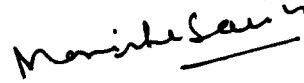
Non-compliance will attract penal action under law.



Showkat Ahmad Peer (Sr. CA)
Member FFRC



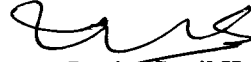
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Dated: - 26 /03 /2024

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