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

Order No:- 147 FFRC (FF) of 2024

Dated: 10/02/2024

Sub: Fixation and Regulation of fee of Shaurya international School Jammu submitted file for fixation and regulation of fee structure of the school which has been registered in FFRC office under No. **FFRC/FF/2019-21/Jmu/132**.

The School has submitted application seeking approval of fee structure for the session 2024-25 on the grounds that;

“During the session 2020-21 and 2021-22, there was acute pandemic situation the school could only collect tuition fee but had to incur monthly expenditure of 60 lacs such as salary of staff, depreciation of assets, maintenance charges etc.

The School has 3.38 acre of building covered area plus 1.5 acre open land under lease for a period of 31 years on monthly rent of Rs. 3 lacs. The school has 108 class rooms besides other infrastructural facilities.

Every year the school has been increasing the salary of staff by 8-20%. Due to paucity of funds the school has not been able to give any increments to its employees in the year 2018-19.

The land for establishment of school has been taken on laease, the school is required to pay lease amount of Rs.300000/month with an increment of 25% every 3 years. The school has been unable to pay the mentioned amount due to non- availability of funds. The liability for the same now stands to Rs. 4 Cr.as per negotiations with lessor, it has now been decided that the amount will be paid from the year 2024-25 in installments as submitted by the school.

The school has loan liability of rs. 5.72 Crore and 7.30 Cr in order to expand its infrastructure. The school has partly re-paid the principal and interest to the loan upto 2020, but due to paucity of funds the school could not further repay the loan which had turned in a liability to the tune of 10.30 Cr. The school has partly made payments in 2019-20 but the liability still stands at appx. Rs.17 Cr.

Despite some increase in fee structure of the school during the period 2015-2020 the school has been in deficit of 4.11 Cr in addition to unpaid liabilities of 17 Cr. As mentioned above.

The School on the above grounds sought approval of proposed Fee structure of 2024-25 as Under.”

Class	Pre-Nursery	KG	1 st -2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Tuition Fee	2819	3072	3382	3382	3382	2282	3655
Annual Fee	17162	17162	18490	18490	19155	19155	19155
Class	7 th -8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th & 12 th Sc.	11 th & 12 th Comm.	11 th & 12 th Arts.	X
Tuition Fee	3655	4214	4214	5564	5041	5041	X
Annual Fee	19155	18333	18954	18069	18069	18069	X

The record submitted by the school shows that the school is charging fee as under;

2019-20, 2020-21:2021-22

Class	Pre-Nursery	KG	1 st -2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Tuition Fee	2610	2610	2897	2897	2897	2897	3150
Annual Fee	13000	13000	13850	13850	13850	13850	13850
Stationary (one time in April)	1220	1220	1170	1110	910	910	910
Extra-curricular fee (one time in April)	1070	1070	1200	1200	2075	2075	2075
Academic resource fee (one time in April)	600	600	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500
Class	7 th -8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th & 12 th Sc.	11 th & 12 th Comm.	11 th & 12 th Arts.	X
Tuition Fee	3150	3667	3667	4917	4433	4433	X
Annual Fee	13850	13850	13850	14500	14500	14500	X
Stationary (one time in April)	910	670	670	660	660	660	X
Extra curricular fee (one time in April)	2075	2075	2650	1450	1450	1450	X
Academic resource fee (one time in April)	3500	380	380	120	120	120	X
Smart Class fee	233						X

Fee charged in Session 2022-23

Class	Pre-Nursery	KG	1 st -2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Tuition Fee	2610	2844	3131	3131	3131	3131	3384
Annual Fee	15890	15890	17120	17060	17735	17735	17735
Class	7 th -8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th & 12 th Sc.	11 th & 12 th Comm.	11 th & 12 th Arts.	X
Tuition Fee	3384	3901	3901	5151	4667	4667	X
Annual Fee	17735	16975	17550	16730	16730	16730	X

The School has maintained same fee structure in 2023-24.

The fee structure of 2019-20 to 2023-24 shows that the school is charging fee under heads other than Tuition Fee and annual fee in violation of Section 20 E(1) of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act 2002 amended from time to time. Section 20 E (1) provides that ***“Private schools shall not charge any fee from the students or guardians, except tuition fee, annual fee, transport fee and voluntary special purpose fee such as the picnic, tour and excursions, etc. completely voluntary in nature or any other fee as may be approved by the Committee for Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Private Schools after following the procedure prescribed.”***

The school has merged heads Stationary, Extracurricular fee, Academic resource, Smart Class fee into Annual charges from 2022-23 onwards. The merger of heads not in consonance with Section 20E(1) has resulted in fixation of exorbitant fee under head “Annual fee”.

The financial position of the school as per income and expenditure statement of 2022-23 is as under;

Income;

Income Head	Amount
Tuition fee	71358201
Annual Fee	30848195
Other income	156892
Total minus transport	102363288

Fee	
Expenditure	
Salary	40742232
Telephone	150362
Other expenditure	49850349
Total expenditure	90742943
Surplus	11620345(11%)
Major Expenses other than Salary	
Repair and Maintenance	1378318
Depreciation	20457079
Education Awareness Campaign	2860137
House Keeping expenses	3202920
Interest on unsecured loan	3600000
Legal and Court Fee	2268200
Power Charges	1264953
Tour & Travelling	1782271
School Picnic	723200
School Function and Exhibition	1941586
Contribution of Employees & employer	2907866

The financial position reveals that less is spent on salary of the staff (57%) against required percentage of at least 70%. Major expenditure is made on those heads which are variable in terms of expenditure. The expenditure may be much more in one year and less in subsequent years. Such expenses like **Education awareness campaign, interest on unsecured loan, Legal and Court fee, Tour and travelling, School picnic being voluntary, School Function and Exhibition amounting to Rs.13175394** cannot be made base for giving hike in fee structure, only a reasonable amount can be considered.

Every School has a right to make a good infrastructure but it has to be gradual, a huge burden cannot be transferred to students in building infrastructure in one go. Every addition shall commensurate with actual requirement.

In these facts and circumstances 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, receipts-payments, income and expenditure of the School and after considering all other relevant factors which govern the subject, including infrastructural facilities and quality of education provided by the school, considering genuine expenses and expenditures, the Committee fixes the fee structure of the School as under;

Session 2024-25

Class	Pre-Nursery	KG	1 st -2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Tuition Fee	2740	2990	3290	3290	3290	3290	3550
Annual Fee	13780	13780	14680	14680	14680	14680	14680
Class	7th -8th	9th	10th	11th & 12th Sc.	11th & 12th Comm.	11th & 12th Arts.	X
Tuition Fee	3550	4100	4100	5410	4900	4900	X
Annual Fee	14680	14680	14680	15370	15370	15370	X
One time Annual Fee for Fresh Entrants	15000						

Session 2025-26

Class	Pre-Nursery	KG	1 st -2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Tuition Fee	2877	3140	3454	3454	3454	3454	3730
Annual Fee	14000	14000	14800	14800	14800	14800	14800
Class	7th -8th	9th	10th	11th & 12th Sc.	11th & 12th Comm.	11th & 12th Arts.	X
Tuition Fee	3730	4305	4305	5680	5150	5150	X
Annual Fee	14800	14800	14800	15670	15670	15670	X
One time Annual Fee for Fresh Entrants	15000						

Session 2026-27

Class	Pre-Nursery	KG	1st-2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Tuition Fee	3020	3300	3626	3626	3626	3626	3920
Annual Fee	14300	14300	14800	14800	14800	14800	14800
Class	7th-8th	9th	10th	11th & 12th Sc.	11th & 12th Comm.	11th & 12th Arts.	X
Tuition Fee	3920	4520	4520	5680	5150	5150	X
Annual Fee	14800	14800	14800	16000	16000	16000	X
One time Annual Fee for Fresh Entrants.	16000						

The annual fee for fresh entrants is fixed in view of the fact that the children who are already studying in the school have made a huge financial contribution by paying fee since the establishment of school resulting in development of infrastructure and other facilities. These fresh entrants get advantage of the development of educational facilities and infrastructure for which already enrolled students have made huge contribution as already stated.

In this backdrop fresh entrants have to share the responsibility of paying different annual fee for the first year of their admission in school and in subsequent years they will pay same annual fee which is fixed in respect of already enrolled students.

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 divert 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.

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).

The School Management shall also make 20% 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 School management is directed not to charge any fee from the students other than the fee approved by the Committee. The School management shall abide by the section 20E(1) of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act amended from time to time in charging the school fee.

The Section 20 E (1) provides that "Private schools shall not charge any fee from the students or guardians, except tuition fee, annual fee, transport fee and voluntary special purpose fee such as the picnic, tour and excursions, etc. completely voluntary in nature or any other fee as may be approved by the Committee for Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Private Schools after following the procedure prescribed."

The School management is also directed not charge in any manner, any other fee including admission fee/Security deposit/refundable fee/ or any amount, by whatever name called than the fee mentioned in Section 20 E (1).

The School management is further directed not to make any future enhancement in fee structure under any head without permission of the Committee or charge any fee under any head created after issuance of this order without seeking prior approval from the Committee.




Non- compliance will attract penal action under Law.

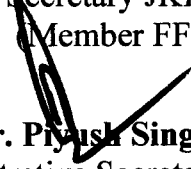
“The fee structure approved is subject to review in case the Committee at any stage finds that the school management has either concealed or provided any wrong information/data desired as per the proforma for fixation and regulation of Fee and/or resorting to profiteering/commercialization.”


(The school management shall display this order copy on the school notice Board; upload the same on school website to ensure wide publicity with intimation to this office).


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(Member FFRC)

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Administrative Secretary to Govt.
School Education Department
(Member -Secretary. FFRC)


Justice Sunil Hali
(Former Judge)
Chairperson

Committee for Fixation & Regulation.
Of Fee of Private Schools J&K (FFRC)
Dated: - 26/03/2024

No. FFRC/FF/2019-21/Jmu/132

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5. P. A. to Chairperson, FFRC for information of the Hon'ble Chairperson, FFRC;

5. Principal, Shaurya International School Jammu for compliance;
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NOTE

Subject:-Fixation and Regulation of fee of Shaurya International School Jammu.

The fee charged illegally under various heads like Stationary, Extra Curricular and others needs to be refunded. Besides, School was charging fee on its own and same has been considered as the base for further fixation. So the Tuition fee and Annual fee fixed is on the higher side needs reconsideration.

Dated: 27-02-2024


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