

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

Order No: 152 -FFRC (FF) of 2024
Dated: 10/10/2024

Sub: Fixation and Regulation of fee of Stephen's International School Miran Sahib, Jammu.

Stephen's International School Miran Sahib, Jammu Submitted its file registered under No. FFRC/FF/2021/Jmu/52 in this office for fixation and regulation of fee structure of the School.

The Committee vide order No. 383 FFRC (FF) of 2022 dated 13/04/2022 fixed and regulated the fee structure of the school for 2022-23 to 2024-25.

Not satisfied with the order, the school filed a review application on 10-04-2023 against the order supra.

In its application the school inter-alia submitted that;

- That the Committee considered the fee fixation and regulation of fee structure of the school and vide order dated 13-04-2022 not only denied the minimal enhancement proposed by the school but also reduced the existing fee structure contrary to what has been proposed.
- The school has not made any enhancement either in tuition fee or annual charges notwithstanding the fact that inflation during this span of five years registered skyrocketed increase.
- The fee structure proposed by the school was based upon realistic figures arrived at after thorough scrutiny of various spheres in order to ensure that it is not pulled into whirlpool of financial burden which may push the survival of the school into oblivion.
- The school has suffered losses to the tune of Rs.35.04 lac which was more than what was expected before the commencement of the financial year 2020-21.
- In 2021-22 the school again suffered a loss of Rs. 18.48 lac which is evident from the balance sheet of the school.
- In case afore-said pattern continues based on approved fee structure and keeping in view the necessary expenses that the applicant school will incur, it is most likely the graph of losses would take further deep dive resulting in expected loss of 111.67 lac which may render functioning of the school not only extremely difficult as the school is running thin on its credit line and will prove catastrophic to its survival.

In light of the submissions made by the school the case was re-examined and it was found that the school was charging tuition fee in the range of Rs.1800 to Rs. 2800 from classes 1st to 12th. The school was charging Annual fee in the range of Rs.9500 to Rs.11000.

The Committee has reduced the annual fee and fixed 9140 to 10150 from classes 1st to 12th for session 2022-23 and has given 2% hike in subsequent sessions. In case of tuition fee 3% hike has been given for session(s) 2023-24 and 2024-25. The School had only 5% of surplus in 2019-20 and in 2020-21 the school has incurred loss.

Fee Fixed by the Committee, Session: 2023-24

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Tuition Fee	1850	1850	1850	2050	2050	2170
Annual Fee	9290	9290	9290	9290	9290	9290
Class	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Tuition Fee	2170	2170	2570	2570	2880	2880
Annual Fee	9290	9290	9290	9290	10320	10320
One time annual Fee Fresh entrants	12000					

On due consideration of the material produced by the School management, the Committee is of the view that there was a meager surplus in 2019-20 and in subsequent year the school has suffered loss and also the hike of 2-3% given previously is in-sufficient to cater the financial needs of the school. The Committee finds it just and proper to review the order No. 383 FFRC (FF) of 2022 dated 13/04/2022 and fix the fee structure of the school as under;

Session: 2023-24

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Tuition Fee	1910	1910	1910	2120	2120	2230
Annual Fee	9690	9690	9690	9690	9690	9690
Class	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Tuition Fee	2230	2230	2630	2630	2950	2950
Annual Fee	9690	9690	9690	9690	10760	10760
One time annual Fee Fresh entrants	12000					

Session:2024-25

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Tuition Fee	2020	2020	2020	2250	2250	2360
Annual Fee	10270	10270	10270	10270	10270	10270
Class	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Tuition Fee	2360	2360	2760	2760	3100	3100
Annual Fee	10270	10270	10270	10270	11405	11405
One time annual Fee Fresh entrants	12500					

Session: 2025-26

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Tuition Fee	2140	2140	2140	2390	2390	2500
Annual Fee	10780	10780	10780	10780	10780	10780
Class	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Tuition Fee	2500	2500	2840	2840	3260	3260
Annual Fee	10780	10780	10780	10780	11980	11980
One time annual Fee Fresh entrants	12500					

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.

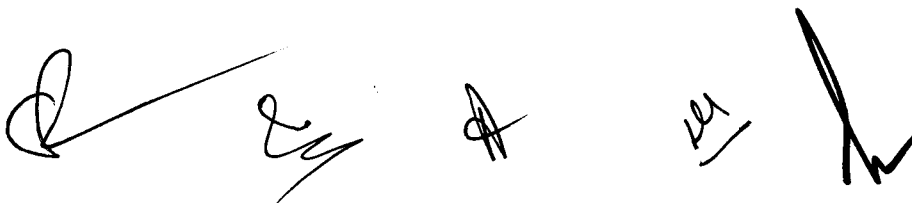
An educational institution is being set-up primarily to impart quality education to the students. The school management shall advert its attention and give priority to imparting quality education to the students.

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.

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.

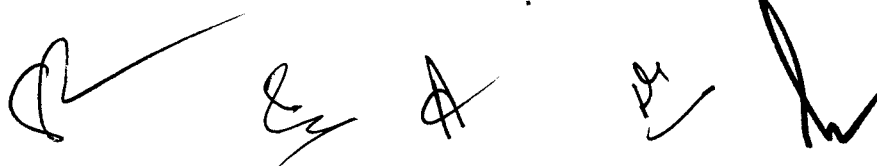
The Section 20 E (1) provides that “Private schools shall not charge any fee from the students or guardians, except tuition fee, annual fee, transport fee and voluntary special purpose fee such as the picnic, tour and excursions, etc. completely voluntary in nature or any other fee as may be approved 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.”



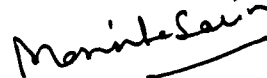
(The school management shall display this order copy on the school notice Board; upload the same on school website to ensure wide publicity with intimation to this office).



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Justice Sunil Hali
(Former Judge)
Chairperson

Committee for Fixation & Regulation.
Of Fee of Private Schools J&K (FFRC)

No. FFRC/FF/2021/Jmu/52

Dated: - 26/02/2024

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5. P.A to Hon'ble Chairperson FFRC for information of the Chairperson;
6. Principal Stephens International Public School Miran Sahib Jammu, for compliance;
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