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Subject: - Fixation, Determination and Regulation of Fee of Private Schools in UT of J&K.

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The Committee for Fixation and Regulation fee of Private School is a statutory body constituted under Section 20 A of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act 2002.

Section 20A of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act 2002 amended from time to time provides that ". The Government shall constitute a Committee to be known as the Committee for Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Private Schools for the purposes of regulating and determining the fee in private schools in the Union territory of J&K".

The Hon'ble the Supreme Court in case titled Islamic Academy of Education And...Vs state of Karnataka And others on 14 August ,2003 in its Judgment at para 213 has held that" each educational institute must place before this committee, well in advance of the academic year its proposed fee structure. Along with the proposed fee structure all relevant documents and books of accounts must also be produced before the committee for their scrutiny. The Committee shall then decide whether the fees proposed by that institute are justified and are not profiteering or charging capitation fee. The Committee will be at liberty to approve the fee structure or to propose some other fee which can be charged by the institute. The fee fixed by the committee shall be binding for a period of three years, at the end of which period the institute would be at liberty to apply for revision. Once fee is fixed by the Committee, the institute cannot charge either directly or indirectly any other amount over and above the amount fixed as fees. if any other amount is charged, under any other head or guise e,g Donations the same would amount to charging of capitation fee."

Whereas the Government of Jammu & Kashmir notified the Jammu and Kashmir Private Schools (Fixation, Determination and Regulation of Fee) Rules, 2022 on 10th May 2022 vide S.O No 233.

Whereas, Rule 5(1) (c) of Jammu and Kashmir Private Schools (Fixation, Determination and Regulation of Fee) Rules 2022, provides that "Require each Private school to place before the Committee the proposed fee structure of such school with all relevant documents and books of accounts for scrutiny within such date as may be specified by the Committee."



The past practice adopted by the Committee to discuss the proposals of fee fixation and regulation in FFRC meetings and forwarding the same after approval to Hon'ble members for signatures has been causing delay in disposing of the fee fixation case in time bound manner. This practice was adopted in view of busy schedule of Hon'ble members with their own official assignments.

This has resulted in huge pendency of files in FFRC and pressure from stakeholders for early disposal of cases.

In view of above and to have speedy disposal of cases, the earlier practice and procedure adopted by the Committee has been reviewed by Hon'ble Chairperson and his lordship has desired that in future the proposed fee structure of the school alongwith relevant record of each school will be placed before the Committee in its meeting(s) and after approval orders of fixation and regulation of fee of the school (s) will be issued in the meeting (s) itself.

The Hon'ble Chairperson has also passed instructions that no official/officer of FFRC is authorized to propose any fee structure/enhancement or otherwise as same being the domain of Committee. The officials/officers shall only process the relevant record to facilitate the Committee in disposal of fee fixation Cases.

Sd/Justice Sunil Hali
Chairperson
Committee for Fixation and Regulation
of Fee of Private Schools J&K

Dated: - $\mathcal{O}/$ /05/2024

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