

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

**Subject: Complaint against Minto Circle English Medium, Senior Secondary School  
Aloochi Bagh, Srinagar.**

1. Representatives of Parents Association .....(Complainant).....Present
2. Principal and Chairman Minto Circle School.....(Respondent)..... Nemo Present

**ORDER**

At the outset it be clarified that one percent of the revenue mentioned on the order No FFRC/Comp/2024/Sgr/4033, dated: 15/05/2024 has been wrongly shown as 32 lacs while as it is Rs **3.2 Lacs** only therefore, instead of Rs.32 lacs it should be read as Rs. 3.2 lacs.

Complainants are present but nobody has appeared on behalf of School which clearly confirms the view of this forum that they have scant respect for this Committee. It is pertinent to mention here that the School has been a chronic defaulter in non-complying with the directions of this forum. Ever since the formation of this Committee in 2015 they have not complied any directions of this Committee. Nobody has been appearing on behalf of the School despite directions to explain their position. It would be appropriate at this stage to refer to the order of erstwhile Chairperson of this forum who vide his order dated 29<sup>th</sup> December 2021 observed that the School has not at any point of time submitted file for regulating its Fee Structure. A direction was issued to School Management to collect all types of fee as it stood in August 2014. School was also directed not to charge Admission Fee. This order was also not complied with by the school.

Various directions were issued prior to this order also but the School Management failed to comply with the directions of this forum nor did they appear before this forum.

After the present, incumbent took over first order was issued in April 2024 wherein direction was issued to School Management not to increase Tuition Fee without seeking permission of this Committee. Another direction was issued on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 that the School Management is defying the orders of this forum by unilaterally raising its fee. On both these occasions the School Management did not appear to represent their case. A decision was taken to place this case before the Committee for appropriate action. The school management in the meanwhile appeared through its Principal who under took to submit its file for regulation of its fee structure. The file was submitted by the School Management and after examinations of the record this committee vide order No 149 FFRC (FF) of 2024, dated 10.02.2024 fixed the Fee of the School for the session 2024-25 as under:

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Class	Nursery & KG	1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	2200	2500	2700	3000	3800
<b>Annual Fee</b>	4000	4000	4000	4000	4000
<b>One time Annual Fee for fresh entrants</b>	Rs 8000				


After having submitted to the jurisdiction of this forum as per the mandate of the law the School Management without complying with the directions passed by this committee has started charging fee at an exorbitant rate. Parents Association representatives who were present today presented fee book issued by the School. The fee books revealed that Rs 2000 were charged in April 2023 from the students of class 3<sup>rd</sup>. As per the tuition fee fixed by the committee the school was allowed to charge Rs 2500 while as the school management is charging 2640. The Annual Fee which was fixed at Rs 4000 the school management has charged Rs 5000 as per the receipts issued in the fee book. Exorbitant fee charged is clearly in violation of Committee order dated 10-02-2024.

After a complaint was filed by Parents Association, an order was issued by this committee whereby the school management was directed to appear before this committee to explain its position in this behalf. Nobody appeared on behalf of School Management nor did they submit their version as was directed by this forum vide order No: FFRC/Comp/ 2024/Sgr/4033, dated: 15-05-2024. Therefore this forum is left with no other choice than to proceed against the school without any further notice as was reflected in the order dated 15-05-2024.

***“Therefore the school management is imposed a penalty of Rs 3.2 lacs which is one percent of the revenue of the school in preceding year, as per the audit report submitted by the School Management. The said amount shall be deposited in the account of Chairman Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee of Private Schools, Account No 0110010200001020 in J&K Bank Civil Secretariat Srinagar/Jammu within a period of Seven (7) days of this order with intimation to this office. Non compliance with this order will entail penalty of 3% of revenue collected by the school. Any further non-compliance will entail penalty of 5% as provided by the rules notified by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.***

***As per regulation 12 of Jammu and Kashmir Private Schools (Fixation, Determination and Regulation of Fee) Rules, 2022, the school has failed to comply with the orders of the committee therefore it is recommended that the management of the Minto Circle English Medium, Senior Secondary School, Allouchi Bagh Srinagar be taken over by the appropriate authority which under***

**rules is the Administrative Department of School Education Department. The Secretary Education is directed to take appropriate action in terms of the recommendation made for taking over the management of the school immediately”**

 17/5/24  
**Justice Sunil Hali**

(Former Judge)

**Chairperson**

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

No. FFRC/Comp/2024/Sgr/ 4039

Dated: 20/05/2024

Copy to the:

1. Administrative Secretary School Education Department, J&K for information and necessary action.
2. Director School Education, Kashmir for information and necessary action.
3. **Principal, Minto Circle School Alooichi Bagh, Srinagar for information and compliance.**
4. Parents Association of the school for information.
5. Office record.