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No.FRC/AHMEDABAD CITY DEO/BIT-2/86/Final Order/2024-25/ 1748-50

U-Dise Code: 24070500415 **Date of order : 21-10–2024**
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To,

Lotus School,

Near Nandanvan Flat II, Opp. Sharnam – I Flats,

Jodhpur Gam Char Rasta,

Satellite, Ahmedabad – 380 015.

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1. Proposal submitted by Lotus School, Near Nandanvan Flat II, Opp. Sharnam – I Flats, Jodhpur Gam Char Rasta, Satellite, Ahmedabad – 380 015, has filed its proposal for Academic Year 2024-25 for Nursery, Jr. KG., Sr. KG., Primary Section (Std. 1 to 8), Secondary Section (Std. 9th & 10th) & Higher Secondary Section (Std. 11th & 12th – General) (CBSE English Medium) along with relevant documents.
2. Provisional order passed by the Fee Regulatory Committee for academic year 2024-25 on 01.03.2024 for Nursery, Jr. KG., Sr. KG., Primary Section (Std. 1 to 8), Secondary Section (Std. 9th & 10th) & Higher Secondary Section (Std. 11th & 12th – General) (CBSE English Medium).
3. Objections raised by the School vide its Letter dated **26.03.2024**.
4. Notice issued to remain present for hearing on **16-10-2024.**
5. The letter of acceptance & consent with regard to the final fees given by the school dated: **16-10-2024.**

:: Final Order ::

-: For Academic Year : 2024-25 :-

Nursery, Jr. KG., Sr. KG., Primary Section (Std. 1 to 8), Secondary Section (Std. 9th & 10th) & Higher Secondary Section (Std. 11th & 12th – General) (CBSE English Medium)

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(2) On receipt of said order, the school has raised it objection vide its letter dated 26.03.2024 and also School representative Shree Ajit Wadhawan (Trustee), Shree Mukta Wadhawan (Trustee) & Shree Uday Shah (Consultant) of the school remained present before FRC and made their oral submissions. They have also produced detailed files containing several documents. They have also produced another file containing documents during oral hearing in the letter dated: 26-03-2024, they have submitted that the provisional fee of the school determined by FRC is really too low to survive and even to meet the increase cost of imparting education as the school is shifting the board from GSEB to CBSE from A.Y: 2024-25. In the letter dated: 25-04-2024 they have submitted that the total audited expenditure on salary is increased by additional Rs. 5.10 lac in projected salary cost of A.Y: 2024-25. The applicant school would like to bring to the notice of FRC that the primary reason for a substantial increase of Rs. 50.10 lacs in salary expenditure of A.Y: 2024-25 as compared to 2023-24 is because the applicant school is shitted from GSEB to CBSE board. The expenses on repairs and maintanance in 2024-25 are projected at Rs. 25.53 lacs as against Rs. 22.75 lacs in 2023-24. Also submitted that since the school is shifting from GSEB to CBSE board in 2024-25, it has to adhere to the norms of CBSE Board, hence the school has entered into a MOU at Rs. 75,000/- p.m. for the use of playground. The school has also attached herewith the copy of MOU. Since the rent expense has

started from July 2023-24, the same is not reflected in audited accounts of 2022-23. In the letter dated: 20-11-2023 they have submitted that in the year 2023 the school has successfully completed the CBSE affiliation and the first batch of Grade – 10th CBSE will appear in the year: 2025, in order to achieve these objectives, the school has invested a substantial amount in upgrading the infrastructure, enhancement of the Co-Curricular and cultural activities. The school will be offering 3 additional subjects- Robotics, E Radio, Sports and Physical education curriculum that is specifically designed for the students of CBSE for their optimum development – growth including intellectual, emotional, social, personal development and character building, the school shall incur an initial investment of Rs.22,50,000/-. Also submitted that in order to convert all classrooms and train teachers on blended, hybrid and digital integration in the teaching-learning process, the school requires to expand a capital investment of procuring Interactive Panels and incurring costs to set up internet connectivity in all classrooms. The school will be doing this in 3 phases- the initial phase (2023-24) shall involve 10 classrooms being digitalized starting Nursery to Grade 4, the second phase (2024-25) shall involve another 10 classrooms being digitalized starting Grade 5 to Grade 8, the final phase shall involve 6 classrooms being digitalized starting Grade 9 to Grade 12. This way the total investment of Rs. 4,53,12,000/- shall be split into parts- Rs. 18,88,000/-, in 2023-24, Rs. 18,88,000/- in 2024-25 and Rs. 7,55,200/- in 2025-26. Teachers have now started getting trained by Education India (our academic partner) and also, the school has started sending the staff for CBSE training. The school has to incur the additional cost of Rs.4,20,000/- in 2024-25, Rs.4,40,000/- each in 2025-26 and 2026-27 towards teachers' training and lodging boarding expenses to meet the requirement of CBSE Board. The school has also submitted profit & loss account for the period from 01-04-2023 to 30-09-2023. As per the said details the total receipt shown in the statement was Rs.44,17,588/- and the total expenses are shown at Rs. 78,72,034/- thus there was loss of Rs. 34,54,446.39/-. School has produced certified details of expenditure from 01-04-2023 to 30-09-2023 and estimated from 01-10-2023 to 31-03-2024, as per the said details total expenses are shown at Rs. 3,21,64,253/- were as total expenses for the period of A.Y. : 2022-23 was at Rs. 8,86,10,789/-. During oral submissions Ld. Representative of the school have submitted that in the A.Y.: 2023-24 the strength of the students was **1157**. Now in the A.Y.: 2024-25 the strength of the students is **1000**.

(3) Considering all the submissions oral as well as written it is fact that the school has shifted the board from GSEB to CBSE from A.Y.: 2024-25. Due to this reason and to achieve these objectives, the school has to invest a substantial amount in upgrading the infrastructure, enhancement of the Co-curricular and cultural activities. The school is wanting to convert all classrooms to digital classrooms. The FRC has also considered the submission that the total audited expenditure on salary was only Rs. 147.16 Lacs in 2022-23 and for 2023-24 Rs. 147.71 Lacs and the same is increased by additional Rs. 50.10 Lacs in projected salary cost of 2024-25. The FRC has also considered the submission of the school that due to shifting from GSEB to CBSE Board and to adhere to the norms of CBSE Board the has entered into a MOU at Rs. 75,000/- p.m. for the use of playground plot and the copy of MOU is also attached herewith. As per the documents submitted the strength of students was **1157** in the year 2023-24 while in the year: 2024-25 the strength of the students is **1000** and among this the strength of **RTE** students is **146**. As per given details total expenditure as per provisional certified accounts of A.Y.: 2023-24 is at Rs. 3,21,64,953/- while total revenue collection as per final fees is at Rs. 2,29,18,238/- **(Page No. 000135).** However the school has not furnished Audited details of income & expenditure for the A.Y.:2023-24. The school has however proposed the fees for Pre primary to Primary Section (Std. 1 to 8) is Rs. 40,000/- and Rs. 45,000/- for Secondary section (Std. 9th & 10th) and Higher Secondary Section (Std. 11th & 12th – General). However, there is no justification for the fees proposed by the school.

(4) Considering all the oral as well as written submission put forth by the school and in view of the above facts & circumstances of the case and considering the proposal & documents produced by the school and also considering the nature of expenditure claimed for the year: 2024-25 as well as reasonable revenue surplus for the purpose of development, education and expansion of the school, the FRC hereby determines the final fees for the A.Y.: 2024-25 as under.

Section CBSE English Medium	**Fees Proposed by the school for A.Y. 2024-25**	**Provisional Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2024-25**	**Final Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2024-25**	**Final Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2025-26**	**Final Fee determine by FRC fo A.Y.2026-2**
Nursery	**Rs.40000/-**	**Rs.21800/-**	**Rs.30000/-**	**Rs.31000/-**	**Rs.32000**
Jr. KG.	**Rs.40000/-**	**Rs.21800/-**	**Rs.30000/-**	**Rs.31000/-**	**Rs.32000**
Sr. KG.	**Rs.40000/-**	**Rs.21800/-**	**Rs.30000/-**	**Rs.31000/-**	**Rs.32000**
Std. 1 to 8	**Rs.40000/-**	**Rs.21800/-**	**Rs.30000/-**	**Rs.31000/-**	**Rs.32000**
Std. 9th & 10th	**Rs.45000/-**	**Rs.24158/-**	**Rs.33000/-**	**Rs.34000/-**	**Rs.35000**
Higher Sec. - Std. 11th & 12th General	**Rs.45000/-**	**Rs.25000/-**	**Rs.34000/-**	**Rs.35000/-**	**Rs.36000**

:: Terms and conditions ::

1) The school is not permitted to collect fees more than the final fees determined by the FRC except permissible.

2) It is also made clear that the school should either return the excess fee collected by the school or give adjustment thereof, in the fees in the next coming academic year without fail.

3) Any violation of this order shall be dealt with by the Committee in accordance with law, on being brought to the notice of the Committee by any aggrieved party.

4) If the School Management has any grievance against the final fees determined by the Committee, it shall have a right to file revision application under Section-12(3) of the Gujarat Self Financed Schools (Regulation of Fees) Act,2017 before the Fee Revision Committee in Form-V within a period of 21 days from the date of receipt of the order with challan of Rs.10,000/- as process fee.

5) The School is directed to place the final order determining the final fees on its notice board as well as its website respectively in Gujarati and English language.

(H.C.Vora)
Chairman

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(1) Proposal for the academic year 2025-26 has been submitted by **Lotus School, Near Nandanvan Flat – II, Opp. Sharnam – I Flats, Jodhpur Gam Char Rasta, Satellite, Ahmedabad – 380 015, run by Mohinder Rani Charitable Trust, for Higher Secondary Section (Std.11th) (Science) (CBSE – English Medium)** along with relevant documents.

(2) The committee has gone through the judgment delivered by Hon. High court of Gujarat in SCA No. 2356/2021 dated 22.07.2022 as well as the judgment delivered by Hon. High Court of Gujarat in **R/LPA No. 334 of 2024** and etc. on dated: 03-04-2024.

(3) FRC has considered final order dtd. 21.10.2024 passed by the FRC for the academic year 2024-25 for **Pre Primary, Primary Section (Std. 1 to 8), Secondary Section (Std.9th & 10th) and Higher Secondary Section (Std.11th & 12th) (General) (CBSE – English Medium).**

(4) Proposal discussed in the FRC on **01-05-2025.**

:: Provisional Order ::

-: For Academic Year : 2025-26 :-

Date of order: 05.05.2025

(1) **Lotus School, Near Nandanvan Flat – II, Opp. Sharnam – I Flats, Jodhpur Gam Char Rasta, Satellite, Ahmedabad – 380 015, has filed its proposal for Academic Year 2025-26 for Higher Secondary Section (Std.11th) (Science) (CBSE – English Medium)** along with relevant documents. We have gone through the papers submitted along with proposal. It appears that

(H.C. Vora)
Chairman
FRC, A'bad Zone.

the school has produced Projected/Estimated income & expenditure for the year: 2025-26, 2026-27 & 2027-28.

(2) FRC has considered section 10(3) of "The Gujarat self-financed schools (Regulation of fees) Act. 2017", which is reproduced as under.

The fee regulatory committee shall determine the total fees which shall be levied by considering all different fees charged by the school.

(3) The committee has gone through the judgment delivered by Hon. High court of Gujarat in **R/LPA No. 334 of 2024** and etc. on dated: 03-04-2024. The FRC is duty bound to follow this judgment. It is necessary to reproduce **para (34)** of this judgment, which is thus.

Para – 34:-

"The learned single Judge has, thus, rightly issued direction that the FRC shall not restrict the school from charging the term fee and the admission fee, which shall not be more than tuition fee of one month as per section 2(g) of the Act'2017. The FRC is, however, required to verify as to whether the admission fee and the term fee charged by the school is within the prescribed time limit and that the schools may not charge the admission fee and term fee in addition to the fess determined by the FRC subject to the limits prescribed in Section 2(g) of the Act'2017."

(4) The FRC is required to exercise the power conferred upon it in a very balanced manner so as to see that on one hand the school management is not deprived of the legitimate fees to be charged from the students and the students also should not suffer by paying exorbitant fees charged by the Self-Financed School. The object of the Gujarat Self-Financed Schools (Regulation of Fees) Act, 2017 is to prevent **"profiteering"** which is defined in Section – 2 (r).

(5) The School has filed audited income & expenditure account for the year: 2023-24. Looking to the Statement and on verifying the above statement it is found that some of the expenses like School ID Card Exp., Sports Exp. Tea & Snacks Exp. and Legal & Professional Fees Exp. etc. are either higher sides and or not justifiable because they are either excess or without explanation and not for education purpose. And by considering the strength of the student's it is found that the proposed fee structure is not found satisfactory. But looking the teacher's salary some reasonable fee structure determines by the FRC.

(6) Considering the above facts and audited profit & loss account Statement, We determine the provisional fees for the A.Y.: 2025-26 & 2026-27 as under.

CBSE English Medium	Fees determined by the FRC for A.Y. 2024-25	Fees Proposed by the school for A.Y. 2025-26	Total Provisional Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2025-26 (As per sec. 2 (g) of the act. 2017)	Total Provisional Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2026-27 (As per sec. 2 (g) of the act. 2017)
Std.11th (Science)	-	**Rs.80000/-**	**Rs.55000/-**	**Rs.56100/-**

- **The School is directed to charge this determined fees according to the definition of fee or fee structure given in section 2(g) of the Gujarat Self-financed schools (Regulation of fees) Act.-2017.**

:: Terms and conditions ::

(1) The School shall not collect fees amounting to more than one quarter at a time.

(2) It is made clear that as per Sub rule (4) of Rule 7 of the Gujarat Self-Financed Schools (Regulation of Fess) Rules, 2017, the FRC has determined the total fees under a single head which may be levied or collected by the school. Therefore the school is permitted to collect fees as per to the definition under section 2(g) of the Gujarat Self-Financed Schools (Regulation of Fess) Act, 2017 **However, total of these fees shall not exceed the total fee determined by the committee as per the above mentioned table.**

(3) It is also made clear that the school should either return the excess fee collected by the school or give adjustment thereof, in the fees in the next coming academic year without fail.

(4) It is directed that the school is not permitted to collect fees for the any year, more than the provisional fees determined by the FRC for the above years, except permissible.

(5) Any violation of this order shall be dealt with by the Committee in accordance with law, on being brought to the notice of the Committee by any aggrieved party.

(6) If the school is aggrieved by the provisional fees determined by the committee, the school has a right to file objections before the committee within 7 days from the date of receipt of this provisional order.

(7) The School is directed to place the provisional order determining the provisional fees on its notice board as well as on its website in English and Gujarati language.

(8) If the school has no objection for the above provisional order, then treated above order as final order.

(H.C.Vora)
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