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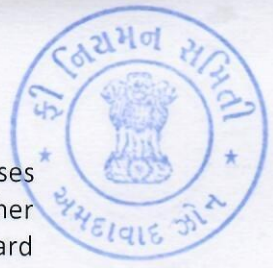
READ:-

1. Proposal submitted by Asia English School, Asia Campus, Drive In Road, Ahmedabad for Junior KG, Senior KG, Std. 1 to 8, Std. 9 and 10 and Std. 11 (From academic year 2018-19), (CBSE English Medium) along with relevant documents.
2. Provisional order passed by the Fee Regulatory Committee on 11.10.2018.
3. Objections raised by the School vide its letter dated 23.10.2018.
4. Notice of hearing of objections issued on 15.11.2018, fixing the date of hearing on 10.12.2018.
5. Details filed on 10.12.2018 along with covering letter dated 10.12.2018
6. Further details were filed on 13.12.2018 along with covering letter dated 13.12.2018

FINAL ORDER

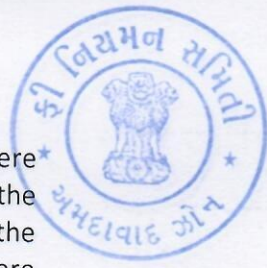
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1. Asia English School, Asia Campus, Drive In Road, Ahmedabad has submitted its proposal for academic year 2017-18 and 2018-19 for Junior KG, Senior KG, Std. 1 to 8, Std. 9 and 10 and Std. 11 (From academic year 2018-19), (CBSE English Medium) along with certain documents. After considering the said proposal as well as the documents attached therewith, the Fee Regulatory Committee has passed an order on 11.10.2018 determining the provisional fees for the academic year 2017-18 and 2018-19.
2. On receipt of the said order, the School has raised its objections vide its letter dated 23.10.2018 stating therein that the fees determined by the committee are grossly inadequate and do not cover even cash expenses of the school. A request was therefore made to fix up the date for making a representation in person with all evidences justifying actual expenses incurred for facilities and standard of facilities provided by the school while preparing students for CBSE Examinations.
3. Considering the said objections, the committee has issued the notice of hearing of objections on 15.11.2018 fixing the date of hearing of objections on 10.12.2018. On 10.12.2018, the Ld. Representatives of the school appeared and filed their detailed submissions vide their covering letter dated 10.12.2018. It is submitted that the school is one of the oldest schools of Ahmedabad imparting quality education for the

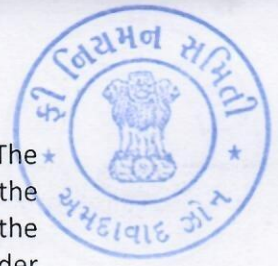


last 50 years. The school currently offers pre primary and senior secondary classes affiliated to CBSE, New Delhi and also grade 9 to 12 affiliated to GSEB. It is further submitted that the school was affiliated to the GSEB and switched over to CBSE Board in the year 2015-16. The school made promise to the existing students of grade 1 to grade 8 that their fees would not be hiked even though the number of students in each section would reduce to 40 students per section, resulting increase in fees in one section every year. Subsequently the student who sought admission in the year 2016-17 in Grade 1 and Grade 9 are those students who opted for CBSE and therefore, the fees charged were Rs.30,000/- and Rs.40,000/- per annum respectively, to cover the cost. This increased fees would go on and every CBSE division moves to the next in subsequent years. As per the provisional fees, Grade 1 has been given Rs.30,000/- per annum and on similar grounds the school has requested to consider the fees for Grade 2 and grant Rs.30,000/- in 2017. For remaining standards in the primary section, the cost without rent or surplus comes to about Rs.24,412/-.

4. It is further submitted that for the secondary section, the school had been given provisional fees of Rs.26,000/- and Rs.28,000/- for grade 9 and 10 respectively. As against this the school has proposed Rs.54,832/- on cost plus basis. Even the committee considers the number of students against provisional fees given for Grade 11 and 12 GSEB the fees would come to Rs.49,500/-. It is further submitted that as per the order of the state government, the fees were not increased in the academic year 2017-18 and the fees charged in 2016-17 were the same as charged in 2017-18. The school has therefore requested to consider the objections raised by the school in proper perspective and re-determine the fees as suggested.
5. The school has also filed separate letter dated 10.12.2018, along with which details called for were filed. The school has furnished the details of income and expenditure, number of students in each class and total fees charged for the last three years. The school has further provided the breakup of the fees charged the land and school building are owned by Asia Charitable Trust. The land was purchased by the trust and was not received from any state government or local authorities. The ownership of the school is rest with Asia Charitable Trust. The school has been paying rent to the trust on space used at less than the valuation certificate issued by the government approved valuer for institutional property. The school has clarified that there is no relationship between the school management and the trustees of the trust. All facilities provided to the students are on optional basis. The school has also furnished details of miscellaneous expenses.
6. As per the details of income and expenditure for the last three years filed by the school, it appears that during the year 2014-15, the total expenditure was Rs.79,65,063/-, in 2015-16 total expenses were Rs.89,71,825/-, in 2016-17, the total expenses were Rs.1,49,50,712/-. Thus, there was abnormal increase in expenses for the year 2016-17 as compared to earlier two years. Similarly in the academic year 2017-18, the total expenses are shown at Rs.1,58,34,193/-.



7. Similarly, in primary section, the total expenses for the academic year 2014-15 were Rs.2,75,81,429/-, in 2015-16 the total expenses were Rs.2,86,66,768/-, in 2016-17 the total expenses were Rs.4,65,71,901/-. Here also there is huge increase in the expenses as compared to earlier two years. In 2017-18, the total expenses were Rs.5,26,94,583/-.
8. So far as the secondary and higher secondary science – CBSE is concerned, the school has furnished the details of expenditure for the last four years. In 2014-15, the total expenses were Rs.79,65,865/-, in 2015-16 the total expenses were Rs.89,15,223/-, in 2016-17 the total expenses were Rs.69,76,022/- and in 2017-18, the total expenses were Rs.80,71,436/-.
9. Lastly, for secondary and higher secondary sections – GSEB, the school has submitted the details of expenditure for the last four years. In 2014-15, the total expenses were Rs.79,65,865/-, in 2015-16, the total expenses were Rs.89,15,223/-, in 2016-17, the total expenses were Rs.76,40,772/- and in 2017-18, the total expenses were Rs.80,71,436/-.
10. After some preliminary discussion and examining the record, the school was directed to file audited accounts for the academic year 2017-18 and also further details. The school has submitted its details vide its letter dated 13.12.2018. As per these details filed along with covering letter dated 13.12.2018, the school had awarded scholarship worth Rs.32,52,012/- to the students of pre-primary to higher secondary standard. The school has reduced the total amount awarded as scholarship to the students in the revised cost per students furnished by the school. The school has further provided detail of depreciation on the cost of building at 3.33% (SLM) and 2% maintenance of land and playground. The rent of the building was taken by the school to arrive at the cost per student but the same was disallowed. The depreciation on the cost of building at 3.33%(SLM) and 2% maintenance of land and playground are being considered by the committee. The school has made the said calculation. With regard to claim of professional fees and legal expenses, the school has submitted the details of these expenses. The school has spent Rs.6,38,500/- by way of professional fees and Rs.14,000/- by way of legal expenses.
11. After considering all these expenses, the school has worked out the cost per student on cost basis for pre-primary to GSEB English medium. As per this revised working on the basis of cost per student, the school has claimed fees of Rs.42,039/- for junior KG and Senior KG, Rs.27,703/- for Primary and Upper Primary Standard, Rs.40,136/- for secondary standard and Rs.28,852/- for Higher Secondary GSEB standard.
12. Now the above fees are compared with the provisional fees determined by the committee, it appears that the revised fees are still more than the fees actually collected by the school for the academic year 2017-18, in so far as it relates to pre-primary standard, standard 3 to 8 and standard 9 and 10. The committee has considered the submissions made by the Ld. Representatives either in writing or orally and the committee has also gone through the details and information furnished by the school. The committee has also taken into consideration the fees



collected and the expenses incurred by the school for the last four years. The committee has found that there was substantial increase in the expenses for the academic year 2016-17 and in the same manner, the expenses were incurred in the academic year 2017-18. The committee has also indicated in the provisional order that some of the expenses incurred by the school are exorbitant and excessive and they are not relating to the educational activities. Taking all the issues in consideration by the committee, the committee is of the view that the fees proposed by the school for the academic year 2017-18 cannot be approved. Even the reduced cost per student shown by the school in its letter dated 13.12.2018 cannot be made the basis of determining the fees for the academic year 2017-18. The school has furnished the audited accounts for the academic year 2017-18. As a matter of fact, these accounts are of the trust which runs the school. Separate accounts for the school are also given. The school itself has disallowed scholarship, freeship, etc. from the total expenses. Hence, the said amount will have to be reduced. Similarly out of rent expenses of Rs.42,36,948/-, an amount of Rs.21,00,000/- is disallowed. Depreciation is also worked out on SLM for the purpose of determining the fees. The committee therefore reconsiders its provisional order to some extent keeping in mind the fees collected, fees proposed and provisional fees determined by the committee.

13. The committee determines the final fees for the academic year 2017-18. As far as academic year 2018-19 is concerned, the committee gives rise of 5% in the total fees determined for the academic year 2017-18. However, it is subject to final outcome of the pending matter before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. However, the school shall not recover more fees than the fees finally determined by the committee, on the ground that it is subject to final outcome of the pending matter before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The final fees for the academic year 2017-18 and 2018-19 are as under:

Std.	Fees collected by school for 17-18	Fees proposed by School for 17-18	Provisional Fees determined by the Committee for 17-18	Final fees determined by the Committee for AY 2017-18	Fees proposed by School for AY 2018-19	Fees provisionally determined by the Committee for AY 2018-19	Final fees determined by the Committee for AY 2018-19
Jr. Kg. (CBSE English)	35400	55347	33000	33000	65115	34650	34650
Sr. Kg. (CBSE English)	34000	55347	31000	31000	65115	32550	32550
Std. 1 (CBSE English)	30000	34887	30000	30000	39992	31500	31500
Std. 2 (CBSE English)	30000	34887	24000	27000	39992	25200	28350
Std. 3 to 8 (CBSE English)	24160	34887	24000	24000	39992	25200	25200
Std. 9 (CBSE English)	40000	54852	26000	30000	49169	27300	31500
Std. 10 (CBSE English)	40000	54852	28000	30000	49169	29400	31500
Std. 11 (Arts/ Com./Sci., GSEB English)	-	40357	30000	30000	49169	31500	31500



Terms and conditions:

- 1 The School is not permitted to collect fees more than the fees determined for the year 2018-19.
- 2 The School is permitted to charge fees for the academic year 2019-20 by giving rise of 5% in the final fees determined by the Committee for 2018-19.
- 3 It is further made clear that the School is not permitted to collect under any head than under the head of tuition fees, term fees as permitted and admission fees of 1 month only in case of new admission and thereby causing any extra burden on the students. However, total of all these fees should not exceed the final fees determined by the committee.
- 4 It is also made clear that the School either return the excess fees collected by the School for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 or given adjustment thereof, in the remaining quarters of 2018-19.
- 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 Management has any grievance against the final fees determined by the Committee, it shall have a right to file revision application before the Fee Regulatory Committee along with Challan of Rs. 10,000/- by way of filing fees.
- 7 The School is directed to place the order determining the final fees on its notice board as well as its website.
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SD/-
(JUSTICE K. A. PUJ)
Chairman

SD/-
(D. V. Buch)
Member

SD/-
(V. M. Patel)
Member

SD/-
(N. K. Patel)
Member

SD/-
(R. C. Raval)
Member

To,
The Principal,
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Ahmedabad

Copy to :

1. The District Education Officer, Ahmedabad City.
2. The District Primary Education Officer, Ahmedabad Rural.

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