FEE REGULATORY COMMITTEE (SELF FINANCED SCHOOL) (Ahmedabad zone)

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- Proposal submitted by A.E.S. A.G. School (S.H. Kharawala & K.H. Modi Kinder Garten), University Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad - 380 009, has filed its proposal for Academic Year 2024-25 for Pre Primary & Primary Section (CBSE English Medium) along with relevant documents.
- Provisional order passed by the Fee Regulatory Committee for academic year 2024-25 on 17.05.2024 for Pre Primary & Primary Section (CBSE English Medium).
- 3. Objections raised by the School vide its Letter dated 30.05.2024.
- 4. Notice issued to remain present for hearing on 07-12-2024.
- The letter of acceptance & consent with regard to the final fees given by the school dated: 07-12-2024.

:: Final Order ::

-: For Academic Year : 2024-25 :-

Date of hearing: 07.12.2024

Date of order: 30.12.2024

(1) A.E.S. – A.G. School (S.H. Kharawala & K.H. Modi Kinder Garten), University Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – 380 009, has filed its proposal for Academic Year 2024-25, for Pre Primary & Primary Section (CBSE English Medium), along with relevant documents. After considering the said proposal submitted by the school along with the documents the FRC Ahmedabad Zone has passed an order on 17.05.2024 determining the provisional fees for Pre Primary Section at Rs.35,000/- and Primary Section at Rs.27,500.

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- On receipt of said order, the school has raised it objection vide its letter dated 30.05.2024. Considering the letter of objection the FRC has issued a notice of hearing of objection fixing the date of hearing on 07.12.2024. In response of the notice, the Ld. representative of the school Dr. Shriram Nerlekar (Director), Shree Pradip Marwadi (Manager) & Shree Ms. Yagnika Bhuva (Accountant) of the school Present on dated 07.12.2024. And also additional submission submitted on dated 07.12.2024, that Stating there in that the provisional fee fixed by the committee for the academic year: 2024-25 is not satisfactory. Also produced the C.A. certified Actual Income & Expenditure for the period 01-04-2024 to 31-10-2024 & 01-11-2024 to 31-03-2025, Audited Balance Sheet for the year: 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and other documents.
- After gone through the written as well as oral submission of the school management at the time of hearing and looking to the actual income & expenditure audited statement for the year: 2024-25, Audited Balance Sheet for the year: 2023-24 and other documents, the committee found that the following expenditure are not consider for the educational purpose i.e. Performance Award Rs. 4,22,001/-, Staff Health Insurance Premium Expense Rs.8,42,136/-, Staff Life Insurance Premium Expense Rs. 3,46,301/-, Sports Expense Rs.79,214/-, Student I-Card and Group Photo Expense Rs.1,35,687/-, Festival Celebration Exp. Rs.1,63,035/-, House Keeping Exp. Rs.2,33,782/- and Security Exp. Rs.5,59,390/- as well as seems to be higher side and without proper and detailed explanation. But considering the students strength and also considering reasonable revenue surplus for the purpose of development, education and Expansion of the school and location of the school, the FRC is of the view that some reasonable increase in the provisional fees is required to be given.
- (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 FRC has gone through the judgment passed 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."

According to the ratio laid down by the Hon. High Court of Gujarat in the above referred Judgment with regard to the point of term fee and admission fee the school may not charge term fee and admission fee in addition to the fees determined by the FRC.

(6) The FRC has determined final fees for smooth running of the school as against the fees proposed by the school for the Pre Primary and Primary Section (CBSE English Medium) in shown in below table for the A.Y: 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 are as under.

CBSE English Medium	Fees Proposed by the school for A.Y. 2024-25	Provisional Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2024-25	Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2024-25 (As per sec. 2 (g) of the act. 2017)	Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2025-26 (As per sec. 2 (g) of the act. 2017)	Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2026-27 (As per sec. 2 (g) of the act. 2017)
Pre Primary	Rs.55,400/-	Rs.35,000/-	Rs.41250/-	Rs.43350/-	Rs.45500/-
Primary	Rs.55,400/-	Rs.27,500/-	Rs.34500/-	Rs.36250/-	Rs.38100/-

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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. Thus, the school may not charge more than the total fees determined as above.

"The Ld. representative of the school who remained present before FRC for the hearing, has also submitted consent letter Dtd. 07-12-2024 to the FRC for the above Final Fees determined by the FRC."

:: Terms and conditions ::

- 1) The school is not permitted to collect fees more than the final fees determined by the FRC except permissible.
- 2) The School shall not collect fees amounting to more than one quarter at a time.
- 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) 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.
- 5) 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.

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(H.C.Vora) Chairman FRC, A'bad Zone 6) 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.

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(H.C.Vora) Chairman

Sd__ (J.I.Desai) Member Sd__ (Y.M. Raval) Member Sd__ (J.M. Patel) Member Sd_ (D.N. Padhiya) Member

To,

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- 1. District Education Officer, Ahmedabad City.
- 2. District Primary Education Officer, Ahmedabad, for necessary action.