

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

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To,

Anand Niketan Shilaj Campus,
Thaltej- Shilaj road, Nr. Ambali Railway crossing,
Shilaj, Ahmedabad - 380 058.

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- (2) Proposal discussed in the FRC on 30-03-2024

:: Provisional Order ::

:- For Academic Year : 2024-25 :-

for Primary Std.1 to 4 & Primary Section Std.5 to 8, Secondary Std.9 &10 and Std. 1 to 12 (General & Science) (ICSE English Medium)

(U.M. Inam)
Chairman
FRC, Ahmedabad

Anand Niketan Shilaj Campus, Thaltej, Gandhinagar
Shilaj, Ahmedabad-380 058 & 11, Thaltej, Gandhinagar

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(2) The proposal of the school discussed in the Fee Regulatory Committee (FRC) Ahmedabad Zone on 30-03-2024. The school filed affidavit to determine the fees of academic year 2024-25. The school has produced relevant information for determination of fees with income and expenditure of 2023-24 with projected expenses for the academic year 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27. It is requested to determine the fees for Primary Std.1 to 4 & Primary Section Std.5 to 8, Secondary Std.9 &10 and Std. 1 to 12 (General & Science) (ICSE English Medium) for the academic year 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 as proposed to bear the expenditure of the school.

(3) The school has requested to review the financial of the school by taking note of key points described in the forwarding letter.

(i) The school is 25 years old school but there is insufficient parking and a playground. Recently, the strength of student is more than 1700 and the school has temporary arrangement. So, the school is leasing land annually from AMC to provide these facilities. The construction & renovation work are currently underway, progressing step by step. The school needs funds to achieve successful completion of these work. The

School has attached estimate and plans at Annexure-1, attached photographs of work in progress at Annexure-2 and also attached AMC sports ground rent & letter at Annexure-3.

(ii) The HDFC Bank has sanctioned loan of 15 Crore for construction of basements (50,000 Sq.Ft.) , ground floor (25,000 Sq.Ft.) total area 75,000 Sq.Ft. with a total project cost of 20 Crore approx. The school has secured 6 crore from the bank and the construction is in progress. The school has to face an additional burden of interest amounting to 1 crore for an average of 8 years and repayment of the loan at 1.25 crore per year. HDFC Bank sanctioned loan letter is at Annexure-4.

(iii) The school is affiliated with ICSE (Indian Council of Secondary Education) Delhi equivalent to Cambridge U.K. The school requires highly qualified teachers, leading to an expected increase of 15% in salaries every year to retain good teachers.

(iv) In the academic year 2023-24, the school equipped 40% of the rooms with an air conditioning and digital facilities. Now, the school is to establish digital classrooms and labs across the school and estimated expense is of Rs.1 crore for doing the same.

(v) The school management has socially responsible for providing free education to 500 students in Koprada Tribelbelt Dist.Valsad making quality education accessible to all and construction is in progress costing Rs.3 crore approx. But in my view this act is a charity to for the down trodden poor family in tribal area giving prestige to the Trust.

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However, such expense can not be considered in determining the fee structure of this school unless consent has been received from the parents or guardians of the student of this school. So, no burden can be imposed either on parents or guardians.

(vi) It is also stated that according to the Hon'ble High Court's guideline, the school must maintain some some reserve for future contingencies. However, if the school is not permitted to charge term fee along with rise in tuition fee, then the school has huge risk of compromising the quality of education in comparison to many other international schools in Ahmedabad who have much higher fee structure.

(vii) The school has proposed , hike in current fees and also request to allow term fee as per the FRC Act to meet rising costs of sintaining good quality holistic education for our single-shift long -hour as compare to any other schools whose fees are much higher in comparision. Proposed fee structure for 2024-25,2025-26 and 2026-27 is attached at Annexure-5.

(viii) Annexure-6 has been submitted to show surplus / deficit statement for the three academic years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 even after considering rise of 15%.

(4) The school has submitted annexure A-6 for surplus/deficit. The audit report shows that total collection for the year 2022-23 was Rs. 12,02,36,473/- and total payment was Rs.13,86,43,771/- and deficit was Rs.84,07,298/- The provisional total collection for the year 2023-24 was Rs. 13,64,36,297/- and total payment was Rs.16,79,75,461/- and deficit was Rs.3,15,41,164/- While, the projected total collection for the year 2024-25 will be Rs.18,20,28,156/- and total payment was Rs.21,59,42,671/- and

deficit was Rs. 30,14,515/- So, the cumulative deficit will be Rs. 7,29,62,979/- for the three years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 assuming hike of 15% as proposed for the academic year 2024-25.

(5) The school has produced total income and expenditure for the financial year and the proof and photographs of the play ground with construction and renovation. On perusal of Annexure-1, it shows that the project of Anand Niketan Shiksha by Architecture planning and rate for the project on lumpsum base is Rs. 19,13,00,410/- for completion of architectural designing and execution work of sports & parking facilities for total construction area of 1,16,540 Sq.Ft. The basement parking area 35,800 Sq.Ft., ground floor (hollow plinth) parking area 20,185 Sq.Ft., first floor basket ball court, squash storage, electric server room & washroom 20,185 Sq.Ft., second floor auditorium, table tennis storage, electric server & washroom 20,185 Sq.Ft. and lastly third floor multipurpose hall/gymnastics gym server room and washroom 20,185 Sq.Ft. The sanction letter of the HDFC Bank has been produced. The FRC has gone through it. After considering the proofs and documents of the school, the FRC has decided to give hike in the fee structure but the FRC has taken into consideration that exorbitant fee should not be imposed on the student and it should balance with income and expenditure of the school.

(6) 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

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in Section 2(r). According to the judgment of Hon'ble Gujarat High Court in SCA No.2356 of 2021 dtd.22.07.2022, the school is entitled to collect one month fee as term fees twice in a year and also one month fee as admission fee in case of new admission. While determining the fees structure, it is always to be kept in mind that parents have high ambition to connect their children with reputed school and achieve modern and effective education which may lead their children towards a path of their great success in life. At the same time, it should be the expectation of all concerns from the leading institutions that they can always take care of expectations of others and provide the superb opportunity of studying in their institutions. In the previous fee determination order, the condition was that the school is not permitted to collect fees under any other head including under the head of Admission Fee except one month fee by way of admission fee only in case of new admission and it was before the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat, SCA No.2356 of 2021 dtd.22.07.2022. But after the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat, the school is entitled to collect one month fee as term fees twice in a year and also one month fee as admission fee in case of new admission.

(5) Hence, considering the entire scenario of the school, the FRC has determined the just and fair fees considering total income & expenditure of the school for the academic year 2023-24 and expenditures with the strength of the student and other relevant factors for determining the fee structure, the FRC has determined fees for smooth running of the school as against the fees proposed by the school for Primary Std.1 to 4 & Primary Section Std.5 to 8, Secondary Std.9 &10 and Std. 1 to 12 (General & Science) (ICSE English Medium) as shown in below table

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Joint Group Head, General Education, Gandhinagar
Andhra Pradesh & Telangana & Odisha & Karnataka & Gujarat

ICSE <u>English</u> <u>Medium</u>	determined by the FRC for A.Y. 2023- 24	Proposed by the school for A.Y. 2024- 25	Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2024-25
Primary Std. 1to4	Rs.70,008/-	Rs.98,000/-	Rs.77,000/-
Primary Std. 5to8	Rs.71,662/-	Rs.1,00,800/-	Rs.78,500/-
Secondary Std.9 &10	Rs.76,623/-	Rs.1,07,240/-	Rs.84,200/-
Higher Secondary Std.11 & 12 (Gen. & Sci.)	Rs.83,238/-	Rs.1,27,820/-	Rs.91,500/-

:: Terms and conditions ::

- (1) The school is not permitted to collect fees more than the fees determined for the academic year 2024-25 except permissible.
- (2) It is further made clear that as per the judgement of Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat in SCA No.2356 of 2021 dtd.22.07.2022, the School is permitted to collect one month fee as term fee, two times in a year and an admission fees of one month only in case of new admission.
- (3) It is also made clear that the School should either return the excess fees collected by the School for the year 2024-25 or give adjustment thereof, in the fees of 2025-26.
- (4) If the school has no objection on the above provisional order of the academic year 2024-25, then treated above order as final order and the school is permitted to collect fees for the academic year 2025-26 and 2026-27 by giving 5% rise on the above final fees order (i.e. add 5% in the academic year 2025-26 and on above add 5% in the academic year 2026-27).

Dr. M. Shrivastava

Chairman

Sri. M. Shrivastava (Chairman) & Sri. M. Shrivastava (Member)
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(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) The School is directed to place the final order determining the final fees on its notice board as well as on its website in Gujarati and English.


(U.M. Bhatti)
Chairman

Sd _____
(B.N. Patel)
Member

Copy forwarded to:

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