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NO. FRC/A'BAD ZONE/A'BAD RURAL/638/20-21 / 18400 - 402 U-DISE CODE-PRIMARY- 24070609603

L/638/20-21/18400-402 DATE: 04.01.2021

SECONDARY-24070609635

DISPATCHED DATE: 05/01/2021

Read:

- Proposal submitted by Udgam School for Children, Thaltej, Ahmedabad for the Academic Year 2020-21 for Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Sections (Gen. & Sci.- CBSE English Medium) along with relevant documents.
- Final Order passed by the Fee Regulatory Committee, Ahmedabad Zone, Gandhinagar on 12.03.2020, for the Academic Year 2020-21 for Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Sections (Gen. & Sci. – CBSE English Medium).
- 3. Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020.
- 4. FRC's notice dated 11.11.2020 for Modification in the final order passed by the FRC on 12.03.2020.
- 5. School's letter dated 26.11.2020.

MODIFIED ORDER FOR 2020-21 DATE: 04.01.2021

1. Udgam School for Children, Thaltej, Ahmedabad has submitted its proposal for fixation of fees structure for the Academic Year 2020-21 for Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Sections (Gen. & Sci.- CBSE English Medium) along with relevant documents. After considering the said proposal along with the documents attached therewith, the Fee Regulatory Committee, Ahmedabad Zone, Gandhinagar has passed Provisional Order on 17.02.2020, determining the provisional fees for Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Sections (Gen.

& Sci. – CBSE English Medium). The said order was duly received by the school and on receipt of the said order, the school has sent a letter dated 12.03.2020, stating therein that the school has no objection against the fees as approved by the FRC. The school has therefore requested the FRC to issue the Final Order in accordance with the Provisional Order. In view of the Provisional Order passed by the FRC on 17.02.2020 and in view of the letter dated 12.03.2020 sent by the school to the FRC agreeing with said Provisional Order, the FRC has passed the Final order on 12.03.2020, determining the Final fees for the Academic Year 2020-21, for Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Sections (Gen. & Sci. – CBSE English Medium) in accordance with the Provisional Order dated 17.02.2020.

- 2. The above order was passed by the FRC prior to Lockdown due to pandemic of Covid-19. Considering the effect of Covid-19, on the financial position of parents and representation received by the State Government from all concerns as well as pursuant to some litigation before the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court, the State Government has issued the Resolution on 07.10.2020 stating therein that all self-financed schools in the State of Gujarat shall not make any increase in the fees for the Academic Year 2020-21. It was further clarified that all self-financed schools will charge only Tuition Fees and will not charge any fees for optional activities/facilities for the Academic Year 2020-21. It is also clarified that all selffinanced schools shall give reduction of 25% in the Tuition Fees determined by the Fee Regulatory Committee for the Academic Year 2019-20. Since, the Fee Regulatory Committee determines the total fees as per the Provisions of Section 3 (10) of the Gujarat Self-Financed Schools (Regulation of Fees) Act, 2017, fees other than the fees charged for optional activities/facilities, are considered under one head only and hence the relief is given to all students in the fees for the Year 2020-21 to the extent of 25% of the fees determined by the FRC for the Academic Year 2019-20.
- 3. In view of the above facts, the Final Order passed by the FRC on 12.03.2020 is required to be modified. The FRC therefore issued the notice to the school on

11.11.2020 proposing the modification in the Final Order and for that purpose, the FRC has sought for the consent of the school, within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of the said notice.

- 4. On receipt of the notice, the school vide its reply dated 26.11.2020 has stated that the school was closed due to Diwali Holidays from 11.11.2020 to 25.11.2020. The school has resumed its work only on 26.11.2020 with very limited staff considering the prevalent Covid-19 situation. The school has therefore requested the FRC to give an extension of time by at least 2 Weeks to submit its reply. More than a month has passed and still the school has not given any reply. Even the school was contacted on phone on 2 to 3 occasions and every time, an assurance was given to submit its reply. However, no reply is received till this date. The FRC has therefore decided to modify the final order passed on 12.03.2020, after considering the Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020.
- 5. In view of the above facts and considering the Final Order passed by the FRC on 12.03.2020 as well as the Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020, the Final Order passed by the FRC on 12.03.2020 is hereby modified and accordingly 5% increase in the fees determined by the FRC for the Academic Year 2019-20 is withdrawn and 75% of the Final fees determined by the FRC for the Academic Year 2019-20 are considered as the Final fees for the Academic Year 2020-21, on the basis of Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020. It is however, made clear that the Final fees re-determined by the FRC in the present order would not be applicable to the Academic Year 2021-22 and 2022-23. The fees for those two years would be determined by the FRC on their own facts and after hearing the school in the matter.

Terms and Conditions:

- It is directed that the school is not permitted to collect fees for the Academic Year 2020-21 more than the final fees re-determined by the FRC in the present order for the Academic Year 2020-21.
- 2) It is further made clear that the school is not permitted to collect fees under any other head for extra activities/facilities.
- 3) Any violation of this order shall be dealt with by the FRC, in accordance with law, on being brought to the notice of the FRC by any aggrieved party.

- 4) The FRC has re-determined the final fees for the Academic Year 2020-21, on the basis of 75% of the final fees determined for the Academic Year 2019-20 as well as the Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020.
- 5) The school is directed to place the order re-determining the final fees on its notice board as well as on the website of the school.

SD/-(JUSTICE K. A. PUJ) CHAIRMAN

SD/-(V.M. PATEL) MEMBER SD/-(JAINIK VAKIL) MEMBER SD/-(DR. VATSAL PATEL) MEMBER SD/-(R. I. PATEL) MEMBER

To, The Principal Udgam School for Children, Thaltej, Ahmedabad

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