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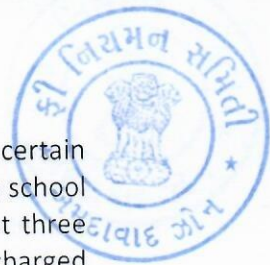
READ:-

1. Proposal submitted by Delhi Public School, Koba Adalaj Link Road, Near Koba Circle, Gandhinagar for Pre Primary to Higher Secondary (General and Science) (CBSE English medium) for academic year 2017-18 along with relevant documents.
2. Provisional order passed by Fee Regulatory Committee on 8.8.2018.
3. Objections raised by the school on 21.8.2018
4. Notice of hearing of objection issued on 28.8.2018, fixing the date of hearing on 19.9.2018
5. Further details were filed on 19.9.2018
6. Detailed submissions filed on 20.9.2018
7. Certain complaints received from the parents

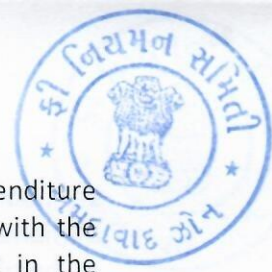
FINAL ORDER

DATE: 04/12/2018

1. Delhi Public School, Koba Adalaj Link Road, Near Koba Circle, Gandhinagar has filed its proposal for the academic year 2017-18, proposing the fee structure for Pre Primary to Higher Secondary (General and Science) (CBSE English medium), along with relevant documents. After considering the said proposal along with the documents produced by the school, the committee has determined the provisional fees for the academic year 2017-18 on 8.8.2018.
2. On receipt of the order from the committee, the school has raised its objections against the provisional fees determined by the committee vide its letter dated 21.8.2018 stating therein that the provisional fees determined by the committee are not adequate to run the school smoothly and that the committee has substantially reduced the fees proposed by the school without giving any justifiable reason. Considering the said objections, the committee has issued the notice of hearing of objection on 28.8.2018 fixing the date of hearing on 19.9.2018.

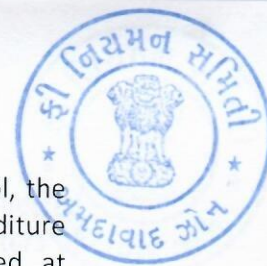


3. On 19.9.2018, the Ld. Representatives of the school appeared and filed certain details along with covering letter dated 19.9.2018. The details filed by the school inter alia include the details of total income and expenditure for the last three years i.e. 2015-16 to 2017-18. Number of students in each class and fees charged by the school for the last three years, breakup of the fees charged by the school under different heads, ownership of school building and land, rent paid by the school for the last three years, relationship between the school management and trustees and details and breakup of miscellaneous expenses. As per the details filed by the school, the total income for the academic year 2017-18 was Rs.29,14,88,564/- and total expenses for the very same period are Rs.27,34,13,851/-. Thus, there is admittedly an excess of about Rs.2 crores of income over the expenditure. As a matter of fact, from 2015-16 onwards, every year there was excess of income over the expenditure. The strength of the students in 2017-18 was 3,110 and if total expenditure of Rs.27,34,13,851/- are divided by number of students i.e. 3,110, the cost per student would come to Rs. 87,914/-. It appears that the school has collected fees for the academic year 2017-18 not only tuition fees but it has collected separately, library fees, laboratory fees, examination fees, Yoga and Physical Education Fees, computer fees and activity fees. There was increase of Rs.11,000/- in fees under different heads for all standards. It is further stated that the school building and the land are not owned by the school or any trust. The school building is owned by the private individual and it has been leased to the school. The name of the owner is however not given in the details submitted by the school. The total rent paid by the school for the academic year 2017-18 was to the tune of Rs.4,97,78,985/-. In the year 2015-16, the rent paid was Rs.3,87,05,096/- and in the year 2016-17, the rent paid was Rs.4,64,85,910/-. Thus, there was substantial increase in the rent for the every year. The school is providing certain facilities which are either compulsory or optional. The school has given the details of such activities and pointed out which activities are compulsory or optional. Though the school has furnished the proposal after the end of the accounting year and though the further details were filed on 19.9.2018, the school has not furnished audited accounts.
4. Pursuant to the hearing taken place on 19.9.2018, the school has filed detailed submissions on 20.9.2018 and correct working of the total fees under various heads actually collected by the school for the academic year 2017-18 were filed. The school has also made it clear that the transportation fees being optional and being different for different students based on the pickup point, the same were not included. After giving such fresh working, the school has given new working of total income of the school which indicates that the school has received total fees from 3110 students at Rs.21,38,95,600/-. Certain fees not received from special cases were deducted and the net fees received were shown to Rs.20,75,68,453/-. Over and above these, the school has also collected other fees to the tune of Rs.8,39,20,111/- which inter alia include caution money, admission fees, transportation charges, cost collected for lunch, processing fees and other income including interest. The school has also given working of additional amount which would be required to be paid on account of increase in salary due



to 7th Pay Commission. The school has separately shown the expenditure towards smart classes for the entire school. The school has also dealt with the representations made by the parents association and clarified that in the representation, the tuition fees as being compared with provisional fees determined by the committee, since as per the order of the Committee no other fee is to be collected other than tuition fees. The tuition fees along with other compulsory fees such as library, laboratory fees, examination fees, yoga and education fees, computer fees, activities fees, etc. were required to be included in the total fees. It was also pointed at that the parents' association representation also indicate that there should not be any surplus to the school on the basis of fees to be decided by the committee. However, considering the deficit, 7th pay commission and cost of smart class, the fees are required to be enhanced at least by Rs.24,108/- per student on an average basis. Accordingly, the school has made an attempt to justify the fees proposed as against the fees actually collected.

5. It appears that during the pendency of the proposal and before and after the provisional order was passed by the committee certain complaints were filed. The gist of such complaints was that the fees collected and the fees proposed by the school are not matched with each other. Even after the provisional order was passed by the committee, certain complaints were filed pointing out therein that the fees determined by the committee for various classes are higher or equal to what the students are paying in different cases. A request was therefore made to the committee that the committee should go through the fees charged by the school and reduce the fees already provisionally determined by the committee.
6. The committee has also taken into consideration the detailed representation made by Shri Jignesh A. Patel and others pointing out therein that during the academic year 2014-15 to 2016-17, the fees charged by the school were not so high. However, from the academic year 2016-17 onwards, the fees proposed by the school are much more higher than the fees actually collected. The fees actually collected as per the details submitted before the committee are ranging between Rs.88,961/- to Rs.1,08,487/- and fees proposed by the school are ranging between Rs.1,10,000/- to Rs.1,40,000/- for the academic year 2017-18. It was further pointed out that the school should be directed not to collect any other fees or activities such as transportation and miscellaneous charges as the State Government has already published circular and made it optional or voluntary. It was also pointed out that the school management is trying to get more fees by misrepresenting the account and there are many loopholes in the accounts and in the verification too correct details were not filed.
7. The committee has considered the submissions made by the school either orally or in writing and also gone through the details furnished by the school. The committee has also taken into consideration the complaints made by the parents and also representation made before the committee. The committee is of the view that at the time of passing of the provisional order, the committee has taken into account certain expenses. The committee has observed in its



provisional order that while looking at the expenses claimed by the school, the building and playground rent is claimed at Rs.4,97,78,985/-, activity expenditure is claimed at Rs.4,30,12,223/-, expenditure on maintenance is claimed at Rs.2,11,32,208/-, expenditure on transportation is claimed at Rs.4,59,12,056/-, expenditure on housekeeping is claimed at Rs.57,52,274/- and miscellaneous expenses are claimed at Rs.1,95,23,759/-. After narrating all these expenses, the committee was of the view that the expenditure claimed by the school management on account of building rent expenses, activities expenses, maintenance expenses, miscellaneous expenses of which no detailed breakup was given and transportation expenses being optional were taken out from the total expenses.

8. In view of the above discussion, the committee is of the view that at least from 50% rent paid by the school for building and play ground, 30% of activity expenditure, 30% of expenditure for maintenance and 30% miscellaneous expenses are required to be disallowed. Looking to the surplus earned by the school from year to year including the academic year 2017-18, fees charged and expenses incurred for optional activities, even compulsory expenses incurred by the school being partly excessive and disallowable in nature as indicated above and other fees collected by the school in violation of the provisions of the Act, the committee is of the view that the provisional fees determined by the committee are just and proper and the same do not require any reconsideration. Accordingly, the committee determines the final fees for the academic year 2017-18 as under:

Section	Fee actually collected by the school for academic year 2017-18	Fees proposed by the school for academic year 2017-18	Provisional Fees determined by the committee for academic year 2017-18	Final Fees determined by the committee for academic year 2017-18
Pre Primary	88961	110000	60000	60000
Primary	91303	115000	60000	60000
Upper Primary	93219	125000	65000	65000
Secondary	94692	130000	65000	65000
Higher Secondary General	108487	140000	70000	70000
Higher Secondary Science	108487	140000	80000	80000

Terms and conditions:

1. The school is permitted to charge fees for the academic year 2018-19 by giving rise of 5% in the final fees determined by the committee for the year 2017-18.
2. It is further made clear that the school is not permitted to collect fees under any other head including under the head of Admission Fees or term fees and thereby causing extra burden on the students.



3. It is also made clear that the school should either return the excess fees collected for the year 2017-18 or give adjustment thereof in the remaining quarters of 2018-19.
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 before the Fees Revision Committee within three weeks from the date of receipt of the order and after making payment of Rs.10,000/- by way of filing fees.
6. The school is directed to place the order determining final fees on its notice board as well as on its website.

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(JUSTICE K. A. PUJ)
Chairman

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(D. V. Buch)
Member

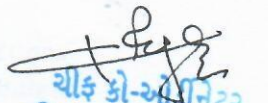
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To,
The Principal,
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Copy to: 1. District Education Officer, Gandhinagar
2. District Primary Education Officer, Gandhinagar for necessary action


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