



FEE REGULATORY COMMITTEE (SELF FINANCED SCHOOL)
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NO. FRC/A'BAD ZONE /G'NAGAR/10-D-41/17-8 / 14248-50 DATE:- 31.08.2018
 Dispatch date: 4/9/18

READ:-

- 1) Proposal submitted by Anand Niketan School, Sughad, Gandhinagar along with relevant documents.
- 2) Provisional order passed by Fee Regulatory Committee for academic year 2017-18 on 20.04.2018
- 3) Objection raised by the school management on 27.04.2018
- 4) Notice of Hearing of objection issued on 16.5.2018 fixing the hearing on 28.5.2018
- 5) Letter of request for adjournment dated 25.05.2018
- 6) Hearing fixed on 11.6.2018 and 22.6.2018
- 7) Details filed on 22.6.2018

FINAL ORDER
DATED: 31.8.2018

1. Anand Niketan School, Sughad, Gandhinagar has filed its proposal for fixation of fees structure for the academic year 2017-18 along with all relevant documents. After considering the said proposal as well as the documents attached therewith, the Committee has passed an order on 20/04/2018 determining provisional fees for pre-primary, primary, upper-primary and secondary (CBSC English Medium) for the academic year 2017-18.
2. Being aggrieved by the said order, the school management has raised an objection vide its order dated 27/04/2018 submitting therein that provisional fees determined by the committee are not appropriate looking to the expenditure of the school. It is further stated in the said letter of objection that apart from charging tuition fees, term fees etc., the school has also collected one-time admission fees for student in the range of Rs.

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10,000 to Rs. 20,000 during the academic year 2016-17. The building was owned and constructed by the school and the school is the owner of the same. The school has spent approximately Rs. 20.41 crores on the construction of the building which are duly reflected in the audited accounts for the year ended 31/03/2017. The land on which the school building is constructed is owned by the trustees and token rent of Rs. 1.10 lakhs per month is being paid. The Trustees of the Trust which runs the school are taking broad policy decisions regarding school and day to day management of the school is being looked after by director, principal and school management committee. None of the committee members are related to any of the trustees and none of the trustees are taking any remuneration or benefit or perquisite on any account, either directly or indirectly any account from the school or the Trust. The school, apart from carrying out educational activities also carries out other extra-curricular activities for the overall development of each student. Some of the activities carried out by the school are yoga, dance, music, table-tennis, gymnastics, badminton, chess, skating etc. All these activities are not compulsory but optional and most of the activities are carried out by school teachers. If necessary, the services of other faculty coach are taken but none of the service providers have any direct or indirect relationship with the school management. The school is affiliated with CBSE Board and all necessary declaration and affidavits were filed by the school with such board at the time of seeking affiliation.

3. Considering the various objections raised by the school management, a notice of hearing was issued on 16/05/2018 fixing the date of hearing on 28/05/2018. Since the said date was not convenient to the Managing Trustees, the hearing was fixed initially on 11/06/2018 and thereafter on 22/06/2018. On 22/06/2018, the learned representatives of the school management including the Managing Trustee appeared and filed certain more details. The total expenditure as per audited accounts for the year 2016-17 was Rs. 4,64,97,763 and as per the provisional account, the total expenditure for the year 2017-18 was Rs. 5,51,37,825. The depreciation on building charged to accounts as per written down value method at 10 % came to Rs. 1,78,98,887 and Rs. 1,86,20,170 for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively. However, depreciation on building as per straight-line method at 3.33 % came to Rs. 67,97,301 and Rs. 67,97,301 respectively for

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the year 2016-17 and 2017-18. Thus, the revised expenditure as per the norms prescribed by the Committee came to Rs. 3,53,96,177 and Rs. 4,33,14,956 for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively. The strength of students in the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 is 371 and 486 respectively. If the total expenses for both these years are divided by number of students, cost per student comes to Rs. 95,407 and Rs. 89,125 for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18. Based on these details, it is submitted that fees provisionally determined by the Committee are very less and the school is not in a position to meet with its requirements.

4. The Committee has also considered the income and expenditure statement furnished for the year 2017-18. While looking at the said statement, the Committee from that there is an excess of expenditure over income to the extent of Rs. 2,91,75,662. However, while minutely examining the details of expenditure, it is found that the school management has claimed depreciation expenses of Rs. 2,18,24,956 which is reduced to Rs. 67,97,301 as per the revised working. The school management has also claimed interest expenses of Rs. 3,11,589, interest on loan-1 of Rs. 80,47,777 and interest on loan -2 of Rs. 29,9,413. The school management has further claimed lease rent expenses of Rs. 15,64,182 and legal, provisional and consultation expenses of Rs. 1,90,890. On the income side, the school management has shown form fees of Rs. 49,000, other fees of Rs. 8,512 and admission fees of Rs. 14,66,000. After the Act came into force, the school management is not permitted to charge fees under any other head including admission fees.
5. Considering all these aspects of the matter and having given its thoughtful consideration to the details furnished and submissions made, the Committee is of the view that fees proposed by the school management are on the higher side. However, at the same time the fees provisionally determined by the Committee in absence of necessary financial details for the academic year 2017-18, are equally less. The Committee is therefore of the view that the same is required to be suitably increased. The Committee therefore, determines the final fees for the academic year 2017-18 are as under:

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Sr. No.	Standard / Section	Fee Proposed by the school for academic year 2017-18	Fee provisionally determined by the committee for academic year 2017-18	Fee finally determined by the committee for academic year 2017-18
1.	Pre Primary	72,000/-	60,000/-	65,000/-
2.	Primary	72,000/-	60,000/-	65,000/-
3.	Upper Primary	78,000/-	65,000/-	70,000/-
4.	Secondary	85,000/-	65,000/-	75,000/-

Terms and conditions:

1. The school is not permitted to collect fees for the first quarter of 2018-19, more than 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 the year 2018-19.
3. 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.
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.

Sd/-
(JUSTICE K. A. PUJ)
Chairman

Sd/-
(N. K. PATEL)
Member

Sd/-
(V. M. PATEL)
Member

Sd/-
(R. C. RAVAL)
Member

To,
THE PRINCIPAL,
ANAND NIKETAN SCHOOL, SUGHAD, GANDHINAGAR

Copy to:

1. District Education Officer, Gandhinagar
2. District Primary Education Officer, Gandhinagar for necessary action

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