

FEE REGULATORY COMMITTEE (SELF FINANCED SCHOOL)

(Ahmedabad zone)

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::: READ :::

1. Proposal submitted by Maharaja Agrasen Vidhaylaya, Near Sterling Hospital, Gurukul, Memnagar, Ahmedabad - 380 052, has filed its proposal for Academic Year 2024-25 for Pre Primary, Primary Section (Std. 1 to 8), Secondary Section & Higher Secondary Section (Std. 11th & 12th - General, Science & Comp.) (CBSE English Medium) along with relevant documents.
2. Provisional order passed by the Fee Regulatory Committee for academic year 2024-25 on 28.03.2024 for Pre Primary, Primary Section (Std. 1 to 8), Secondary Section & Higher Secondary Section (Std. 11th & 12th - General, Science & Comp.) (CBSE English Medium).
3. Objections raised by the School vide its Letter dated 08.05.2024.
4. Notice issued to remain present for hearing on 28-11-2024.
5. The letter of acceptance & consent with regard to the final fees given by the school dated: 28-11-2024.

:: Final Order ::


:- For Academic Year : 2024-25 :-

Date of hearing: 28.11.2024

Date of order: 02.12.2024

(1) **Maharaja Agrasen Vidhaylaya, Near Sterling Hospital, Gurukul, Memnagar, Ahmedabad - 380 052**, has filed its proposal for Academic Year 2024-25, for Pre Primary, Primary Section (Std. 1 to 8), Secondary Section & Higher Secondary Section (Std. 11th & 12th - General, Science & Comp.) (CBSE English

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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 12.03.2024 determining the provisional fees for Pre Primary at Rs. 33,406/-, Primary (Std. 1 & 2) at Rs.34,729/-, Primary (Std. 3 to 5) at Rs.36,052/-, Std. 6 to 8 at Rs.33,375/-, Secondary Section (Std.9th & 10th at Rs.42,667/-, Higher Secondary Section Std.11th & 12th – General at Rs.46,691/-, Std.11th & 12th – Science at Rs.50,715/- and Std.11th & Std.12th – Comp. at Rs.53,361/-.

(2) On receipt of said order, the school has raised its objection vide its letter dated 08.05.2024. Considering the letter of objection the FRC has issued a notice of hearing of objection fixing the date of hearing on 28.11.2024. In response of the notice, the Ld. representative of the school Shree Trilok Chand Agrawal (Vice Chairman), Shree Prashant Jani (Office Superintendent) & Shri Rajesh Khubchandani (Asst. Office Superintendent) of the school remained Present on dated 28.11.2024. And also additional submission submitted on dated 28.11.2024. Also Submitted documents like provisional income & expenditure account for the year ending 31st March 2024 & Projected account for the year ending 31st March 2025, by submitting objection dated: 08.05.2024 stated that the FRC has grievously erred in law and or on facts in not considering relevant evidences, the impugned Provisional Order passed by the FRC also does not provide any reason whatsoever to arrive at the reduced / revised, the FRC while arbitrarily reducing / revising such fee has failed to provide any reason or justification for the same, considering the totality of facts and circumstances and position of financial status, services to students, top class infrastructure, fully equipped and adopting all modern amenities, your Honour is requested to kindly accept the explanation, information and supporting documents produced before the honour. The FRC also gone through the documents submitted while hearing. Also during oral submission the school management has submitted that the school had decided to pay salaries to the staff as per Seventh Pay Commission W.e.f 01.04.2019 but could manage to pay only pay and D.A. @12% and old HRA. We have not been able to increase D.A. and HRA at the prevailing rates to the staff members and as per projected income & expenditure accounts for the year ended 31st March – 2025 the school has to bear deficit of Rs.1,76,90,431/- and according to provisional income & expenditure of the year ended 31st March - 2024 the school has to suffer deficit of Rs. 21,25,561/-, there for requested the FRC to grant proposed fee to the School.



(3) After gone through the written as well as oral submission of the school management at the time of hearing and looking to the income & expenditure audited statement for the year ended 31st March - 2023 on page No. - (124) and other documents, the committee found that the following expenditure are not consider for the educational purpose.

| No. | Particulars | Amount (Rs.) |
|-----|--|---------------------|
| 1. | C.C.A. and SPL. occasions | 1,60,456.00 |
| 2. | I Card Expenditure | 65,964.00 |
| 3. | Advertisement Expenses | 49,790.00 |
| 4. | Audit Fees | 39,900.00 |
| 5. | Consultancy Exp. | 20,000.00 |
| 6. | Flat Maintenance | 13,750.00 |
| 7. | Group term insurance premium | 75,604.00 |
| 8. | Interactive System – License Fee | 2,83,200.00 |
| 9. | I.T. return filing Charge | 15,000.00 |
| 10. | Student and staff insurance premium | 1,94,545.00 |
| 11. | Traveling Expenses | 14,000.00 |
| 12. | Vehicle Petrol, Diesel & Repairing Expenses | 11,080.00 |
| 13. | Repairing & Maintenance Expenses (40% disallowed because no detailed explanation put forth) | 13,88,202.00 |
| 14. | Examination (MAV) 40% disallowed because no detailed explanation put forth) | 92,300.00 |
| | Total Expenditure (Disallowed) | 24,23,791.00 |

The FRC has considered the submissions of the school that the school is giving pay salaries to all the staff members as per seventh pay commission and the school is not charging any extra cost to the students for any kind of extra activities. The FRC has also considered the fact that the school has claimed depreciation exp. of Rs.15,24,617/-.

(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).



During oral hearing it is found that the school is charging two term fees as per the judgment delivered by Hon. High court of Gujarat in SCA No. 2356/2021 dated 22.07.2022.


(5) The FRC has determined final fees for smooth running of the school as against the fees proposed by the school for the Pre Primary, Primary Section (Std. 1 to 8), Secondary Section & Higher Secondary Section (Std. 11th & 12th - General, Science & Comp.) (CBSE English Medium) in shown in below table for the A.Y: 2024-25, 2025-26 & 2026-27 are as under.

| <u>CBSE English Medium</u> | <u>Fees Proposed by the school for A.Y. 2024-25</u> | <u>Provisional Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2024-25</u> | <u>Final Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2024-25</u> | <u>Final Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2025-26</u> | <u>Final Fees determined by FRC for A.Y.2026-27</u> |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pre Primary | Rs.48100/- | Rs.33406/- | Rs.36800/- | Rs.37900/- | Rs.39000/- |
| Std. 1 & 2 | Rs.50000/- | Rs.34729/- | Rs.38200/- | Rs.39400/- | Rs.40500/- |
| Std. 3 to 5 | Rs.51900/- | Rs.36052/- | Rs.39700/- | Rs.40900/- | Rs.42100/- |
| Std. 6 to 8 | Rs.53820/- | Rs.37375/- | Rs.41100/- | Rs.42400/- | Rs.43600/- |
| Std. 9 & 10 | Rs.61440/- | Rs.42667/- | Rs.47000/- | Rs.48500/- | Rs.49900/- |
| Std. 11 th & 12 th (General) | Rs.67235/- | Rs.46691/- | Rs.51400/- | Rs.53000/- | Rs.54500/- |
| Std. 11 th & 12 th (Science) | Rs.73030/- | Rs.50715/- | Rs.55800/- | Rs.57500/- | Rs.59200/- |
| Std. 11 th & 12 th (Comp.) | Rs.76840/- | Rs.53361/- | Rs.58700/- | Rs.60500/- | Rs.62300/- |

“The Ld. representative of the school who remained present before FRC for the hearing, has also submitted consent letter Dtd. 28-11-2024 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) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.


(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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Copy forwarded to:

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