# FEE REGULATORY COMMITTEE (SELF FINANCED SCHOOL)

## AHMEDABAD ZONE

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#### Read:

- Provisional Order passed by the Fee Regulatory Committee, Ahmedabad Zone, for the Academic Year 2020-21, on 11.03.2020, for Secondary and Higher Secondary Sections (CISCE-English Medium).
- 2. Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020.
- FRC'S notice dated 13.11.2020, for Final Order to be passed for the academic year 2020-21, on the basis of Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020.
- 4. School's letter of consent dated 20.11.2020.

# FINAL ORDER DATE: 21.12.2020

- 1. Jamnabai Narsee School affiliated to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), situated at Block 40/A, Shram Marg, Zone 4, GIFT City, Gandhinagar-382355, has submitted its proposal for the academic year 2020-21, proposing the fees structure for Secondary and Higher Secondary Sections (CISCE- English Medium). After considering the proposal submitted by the school, in light of the orders passed by the Fee Regulatory Committee, Ahmedabad Zone (FRC) for earlier years, the FRC has passed the Provisional Order on 11.03.2020, for the academic year 2020-21.
- It appears that the Provisional Order passed by the FRC on 11.03.2020, was dispatched to the school on 18.03.2020. The school was supposed to file its Page 1 of 4

- objections against the Provisional Order, if any, within seven days from the date of receipt of the Provisional Order. However, before the time for filing objections expired, it appears that the lockdown was imposed due to COVID-19 and neither school could file its objections nor the FRC could pass any order.
- 3. The Provisional 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 self-financed 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.
- 4. In view of the above facts, the Final Order is required to be passed by the FRC on the basis of Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020 and not on the basis of the Provisional Order passed by the FRC on 11.03.2020. The FRC therefore, issued the notice to the school proposing to pass the Final Order on the basis of Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020. The FRC has made it clear in the said notice that the FRC would pass the Final Order after giving reduction of 25% of the total fees determined by the FRC for the academic year 2019-20 in respect of each standard. The school was therefore, requested to give its consent within two weeks from the date of receipt of the said notice.

- 5. On receipt of the said notice, the school vide its letter dated 20.11.2020, has stated that the school has agreed to the fees as decided on the basis of the Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020. The school has further stated that the school has been following the guidelines of the Government of Gujarat and it has restructured its fees as per the Resolution dated 07.10.2020. As per the said Resolution, for the academic year 2020-21, there is reduction of 25% in the tuition fees as compared to the previous year i.e. 2019-20. The school has also clarified that it has not charged any fees except tuition fees. Accordingly, the school has given its consent to the FRC to pass the Final Order for the academic year 2020-21.
- 6. In the above view of the matter and considering the Provisional Order passed by the FRC on 11.03.2020, as well as the Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020 and the consent letter filed by the school on 20.11.2020, the Final Order is hereby passed determining the fees for Std. 9 & 10 for the Academic Year 2020-21 and 75% of the final fees determined by the FRC for Std. 9 & 10 for the Academic Year 2019-20 are considered as the final fees for Std. 9 & 10 for the Academic Year 2020-21, on the basis of Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020. It is however clarified that so far as Std. 11 is concerned, it appears that it starts from 2020-21 only and the FRC has determined the provisional fees for Std. 11 for the first time in the Academic Year 2020-21. Hence, there is no question of taking 75% of the final fees determined by the FRC for Std. 11 for the Academic Year 2019-20. The FRC however, determines the final fees for Std. 11 for the Academic Year 2020-21 by applying the intent of the Government Resolution dated 07.10.2020 and the final fees for Std. 11 for the Academic Year 2020-21 are considered as the 75% of the provisional fees determined by the FRC for the Academic Year 2020-21. It is however, made clear that the final fees determined by FRC in the present order would not be applicable to the Academic Year 2021-22 and 2022-23. The fees for those 2 years would be determined by the FRC on their own facts and after hearing the school in the matter.

### Terms and Conditions:

- 1) It is directed that the school is not permitted to collect fees for the Academic Year 2020-21 more than the final fees 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 determined the final fees for the Academic Year 2020-21 for Std. 9 & 10, on the basis of 75% of the final fees determined for the Academic Year 2019-20 and final fees for Std. 11 for the Academic Year 2020-21 on the basis of Provisional Order passed by the FRC for the Academic Year 2020-21 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/-MEMBER

SD/-(JAINIK VAKIL) (DR. VATSAL PATEL) MEMBER

SD/-(R. I. PATEL) MEMBER

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