

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, JAMMU
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Sub: Instructions regarding charging of tuition fees etc. by private schools.

CIRCULAR

With the commencement of new academic session in schools for 2024-25, it has been observed over the years that complaints /grievances are received regarding acts of violation of the provisions of the J&K School Education Act 2002 by some schools like demanding the annual charges /admission fee and other charges in addition to tuition fee from the students and also enhancement of annual charges and tuition fee without approval of the Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee (FFRC).

In this regard, attention is also invited to the relevant towards the following provisions of J&K School Education Act 2002 (Amended):

i. Section 20 C (3)

Orders passed by the committee for Fixation and Regulation of fee of private schools shall be deemed to have been duly passed by a public servant and its violation or non-compliance shall amount to disobedience under the provisions of section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860)

ii. Section 20E(1)

The private schools shall not charge any fee from the students or guardians, except tuition fee, annual fee, transport fee and voluntary special purpose fee such as the picnic, tour and excursions, etc. completely voluntary in nature or any other fee as may be approved by the Committee For Fixation And Regulation Of Fee of private schools after following the procedure prescribed.

iii. Section 27 (2)

Any person or private school which contravenes the directions of the Committee For Fixation And Regulation Of Fee of private schools shall be liable to a fine of not less than Rs.50,000/- for first offence and one lakh rupees for every subsequent offence including recommendation for disaffiliation of such private school by the said committee.

Further, some schools indulge in compelling parents/ students for purchasing schools uniforms and stationery from earmarked shops which is against the norms/guidelines and hence not permissible.

Accordingly, the following instructions are hereby issued for strict compliance:

- i. All the private schools shall strictly abide by the provisions of the J&K School Education Act 2002 and desist from charging any fee other than approved by the Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee. Any deviation shall invite action as envisaged under section 27 (2) of the Act.
- ii. All private schools shall desist from compelling the parents to purchase books/uniforms from any particular shops.
- iii. All private schools shall ensure that the uniform for the students is not changed frequently.
- iv. All Chief Education Officers shall ensure strict implementation of the above instructions and take appropriate action against the institutions violating the norms.
- v. The parents of students shall report any such incident of violating the rules to the concerned CEO/Directorate of School Education, Jammu.

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