GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION Old Secretariat, Delhi-110054

No. F.DE/ACT-I/Comp./DPS-M/2016/7924 -793 0

Dated: 16 04 16

ORDER

Whereas, the Parents of Delhi Public School, Mathura Road, Delhi have filed detailed complaints in the Office of Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister Delhi, alleging that the school authority has hiked the fee @ 15% to 20% w.e.f. academic session 2016-17 without the prior permission of this Directorate.

AND Whereas, the aforesaid complaint has been forwarded to this Directorate with the directions to go through the complaint and take suitable action against the Management of the said school in pursuance of order of Hon'ble High Court dated 19.01.2016 delivered in W.P.(C) No. 4109 of 2013, as well as order dated 19/02/2016 of this Directorate in respect of fee hike.

AND Whereas, in the said complaint, the parents have made the following allegations against the school authority:-

- The school has hiked the annual fee by 15% to 20% from April, 2016 onwards.
- The school authority has not obeyed the order of Hon'ble Delhi High Court dated 19.01.2016 delivered in W.P.(C) No.4109/2013 as well as order of Directorate of Education dated 19.02.2016.
- The school authority had also charged excess fee from the parents during the implementation of 6th Pay Commission wherein the Committee headed by Justice Anil Dev Singh had identified and mentioned in his seventh interim report that 43 schools out of 472 schools had to refund excess fee where DPS Mathura Road failed to refund the excess fee amount to the parents.

AND Whereas, the parents of the school have also provided the nine years comparative charts w.e.f. 2008-09 to 2016-17 along with copy of fee receipt/fee booklet upto the year 2016-17 except for the academic year 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2013-14.

AND Whereas, as far as enhancement of school fee is concerned, the Directorate vide order dated 19.02.2016 has already issued directions in compliance of order of Hon'ble High Court dated 19.01.2016, delivered in W.P.(C) No.4109/2013, titled as Justice for All Vs Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The operative part of the said letter dated 19.02.2016 is re-produced as under:-



"Therefore, in pursuance to the directions delivered in the judgment as referred above, all the private unaided recognized schools running on the land allotted by DDA/other Govt. agencies on concessional rates or otherwise shall not increase the rates of tuition fee without the prior sanction of Directorate of Education. Accordingly, Point no.6 of this Directorate's circular dated 16.04.2010 is modified to the extent that the Managing Committee of such schools is not competent to increase the fee to be charged from the students, provided that the allotment letter of the land of such schools/society must contain the condition of seeking prior approval of Director (Education) before increasing the rates of tuition fees".

The comparative chart of the school fee charged by the school authority for class-VI/VII for the academic session 2015-16 & 2016-17 as per receipt is as under:-

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Therefore, the enhancement of school fee without prior approval of this Directorate is in contravention of the above said order as well as order of Hon'ble High Court.

AND Whereas, on going through the said complaints, the allegations of illegal fee hike leveled against the school authority by the parents seems to be prima-facie true.

NOW Therefore, in view of the aforesaid violations of various provisions of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and rules made there under and non compliance of the order of the Directorate as mentioned above, the Managing Committee/Manager of the, Delhi is hereby directed to:-

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- Not to enhance any type of school fee from the academic session 2016-17 onwards without approval of this Directorate.



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The Managing Committee/Manager of the said Delhi Public School, Mathura Road, Delhi is also directed to submit the compliance report within 07 days on receipt of this order, failing which appropriate action under relevant provisions of Delhi School Education Act & Rules, 1973 may be initiated. Managing Committee/Manager Delhi Public School, Mathura Road, New Delhi Dated: 16 04/16 No. F.DE/ACT-I/Comp./DPS-M/2016/ 7924 - 7930 Copy for information to:-1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister; 2. Secretary to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister/ Minister (Education), Delhi 3. OSD to Chief Secretary, Delhi Secretary (Education) 5. DDE (S) 6. DDE of concerned Zone (P. LATA TARA) Deputy Director of Education (Act - I) 5. 3/21 05/12 (Peon) 16/4/16 et 7.30 Pm dt P. F. M. Waren seight sign als ACT- I Trumb No 1904-7930 et H22 Hours offin als Un - Julimin (nound & H22 At M HAT als Min रिलार क्रिका की संहर करता क्लाबी कार्ती अन्द्र के Natice Bourd 42 Betain Buil