

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION  
(PRIVATE SCHOOL BRANCH)  
OLD SECRETARIAT, DELHI-110054

No. F. DE-15/ACT-I/WPC-4109/PART/13/16418-16422 Dated: 28/6/2017

ORDER

Whereas, Decent Public School, B Block Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-85 had submitted its online proposal for fee hike for the academic session 2016-17.

And whereas, the proposal of Decent Public School was accepted by the Director (Education) vide order No. F. DE-15/ACT-I/WPC-4109/PART/13/532-536 dated 28-02-17, subject to rectification of all the deficiencies/irregularities mentioned in the said order and subject to furnishing of compliance of the same before Deputy Director of Education concerned.

And whereas, in response to the said order dated 28.02.17, the school had submitted its compliance report on 06.03.17. Detail of submissions of school along with remarks of this branch is as under:

**Financial Discrepancies:**

S No	Details of discrepancy	Submission of School	Remarks
1	The School land was allotted to Decent Educational & Child Development Society; The Society is offering the school building as venue of exams for various bodies like Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Any fee received from such activity is being treated as income of the society instead of the school. According to the management, since society does not charge any rent on building from school, it can use the building for other purpose after the school hours.	It has been informed by the school that hence forth the net fees if any arising out of offering school building for exams shall be transferred to the school instead of the society.	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.
2	Rs.35,000/- was paid to 'Celebration House Event's' for sound arrangement for annual function. However, no TDS was deducted as required under	It is stated by the school that have received the income tax assessment for the above and no	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike



	section 194C of Income Tax Act, 1961.	objection is raised by the tax authorities there by accepting our not deducting TDS because the income of M/s Celebration House is less than taxable limit as declared by the vendor.	proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.
3	Few payments were made to EWS students in cash but the list of the students along with their signatures acknowledging the receipt was not available.	It is confirmed that all the payments made to EWS students are duly acknowledged by their signature and the list has already been filed with the education department.	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.
4	The school has not complied with accounting standards, for example, salary and other allowances paid to Ms. Renu Gupta, Ms. Mansi Gupta and Mr. Anubhav Gupta are not showing notes to accounts as required by AS-18.	The school has stated that the school undertake to show the mentioned name in the notes to the accounts as required by AS 18 in consultation with our statutory auditors for ensuing accounts for 16-17	School may be directed to adopt correct practise. Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.
5	The school has taken interest free loan from Decent Educational & Child Dev. Society, which has outstanding balance of Rs. 33,41,636 as on March 31, 2016. In absence of access of books of accounts of the society, the source of such fund is not known. However, this may be to fund the deficit balance in capital account.	The school has stated that Since the implementation of 6 <sup>th</sup> pay commission in 2009, the school is facing excess of expenditure over income even after taking into account all its fees and development fund. The accumulated loss in Rs 35.57 lacs as on 31-03-16 and this revenue loss (not capital) is mainly	Not required any further action.

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		financed by the society by way of unsecured loan of Rs 33.41 lacs out of funds mainly collected from donations etc from corporate and individual well wishers.	
6	Development Fees has been used for purposes other than the purchase, up-gradation and replacement of furniture, fixtures and equipment. This is non-compliance of Clause 14 of Order No.F.DE./15(56)/ACT/2009/778 dated 11-02-2009. Further, it has been treated as revenue receipt which is in contravention to Clause 14 of the above mentioned order. Also, school is not investing development fee in a separate fund.	The school has stated that they are now showing the development fees as capital receipt and following the norms of above order dated 11.02.09. However clause 15 of the above order permits to utilize development fund for the purpose of meeting any shortfall on account of salary. The school has stated that In their case they are facing shortfall in salary as such dev. Fund is used for meeting short fall in salary.	School may be directed to adopt correct practise. Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.
7	Clause 14 of Order No. F.DE./15 (56) /Act /2009 / 778 dated 11/02/2009 requires the schools to maintain depreciation reserve fund equivalent to the depreciation charged to the revenue account in order to collect development fund. School has started accounting for depreciation reserve fund from F.Y 2015-16. In order to maintain depreciation reserve fund, the net block of fixed assets as on 31 March 2015 has been shown as gross block as on 1 April 2015.	The school has stated that since previous audited account can't be changed, The school has stated that they have no alternative but to treat the net block of fixed assets as on 31-03-16 as gross block on 01-04-15. Based on the same they are now showing the fixed assets at gross value and create depreciation reserve accordingly.	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.



8	The school is charging fine on late payment of school fees beyond 10th of every month at the rate of Rs. 5 per day for every day of delay after 10th day of the month. This levy of fine is not as per Rule 166 of Delhi School Education Rule, 1973.	A case has been filed Vide (WP(C) 3616/2013 in High Court Delhi, where the action committee has challenged the constitutionality of rule 166 of DSEAR 1973. Since the matter is sub-judice, as such the school undertake to abide by the decision of the High Court Delhi in the matter. Nevertheless the fine is charged to motivate parents to pay school fees in time.	School may be directed to follow rule 166 of DSEAR, 1973.
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**Other discrepancies:**

S No	Details of discrepancy	Submission of School	Remarks
1	The school has paid Rs.2,50,000/- in FY 2015-16 towards repairing of furniture for which there is no formal agreement with the vendor. Further, tendering process was not followed in awarding the contract.	The school has stated that they have now started obtaining quotations from the vendors for undertaking repair work	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.
2	Instances were found, wherein there is delay in compliance with the payment of statutory dues viz TDS payments.	The school has stated that they are now very careful and making payment of statutory dues in time. Nevertheless they have not received any objection for one day delay in payment from Income Tax deptt. and our up to date income tax assessment is	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017



		complete.	
3	The vouchers in respect of the accounting entries made in books of accounts were not numbered. This practice is an exposure to risk of non-traceability of missing vouchers and back dated entries.	The school has stated that they have since numbered the vouchers and follow the same practice in future also.	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017
4	Most of the cash payment vouchers do not have the signature of the recipient, due to which the fact that payment was actually made or not cannot be established. Further, school maintains huge balances of cash in hand.	Most of the cash payment relates to over the counter purchase of goods for which cash memos are attached. Nevertheless we shall be more careful in future and maintain the cash at the minimum level possible.	School may be directed to follow the correct procedure. Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.
5	Recognized unaided school fund is not maintained by the school as required by Clause 24 of Order no. F.DE./15/ACT/2K/243/KKK/883-1982 dated 10.02.2005.	The balance sheet of the school has been prepared as per the format given vide order FDE-15/Act-1WPC-4109/Part/13/7905-7913 dated 16-04-16 and the recognized unaided school fund as per rule 175 of DSEAR 1973	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.
6	The school has collected increased fees from students during the period April 2016 to June 2016. Though as per the guidelines of the department vide order number F.DE-15/Act-1/WPC-4109/Part/13/7914-7923 dated 16-04-2016, such increased fees should be refunded to the students or adjusted from their subsequent	The increased fee has been voluntarily paid by few parents subject to final approval by Education Deptt. for fee increase. The school will act according to DoE final decision in the matter which is submitted for final approval in the	School may be directed not to charge any increased fee without prior approval of Director of Education.



	fee. However, School has neither refunded nor adjusted such increase fee collected by it.	fees increase matter.	
7	No Fixed Asset Register was maintained. Although physical verification was done on the basis of details of fixed assets provided by the school.	The fixed assets register is maintained and shown to the inspection team but suggested improvements. The school has stated that they have now maintained it with further improvements.	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.
8	No receipt register was maintained by the school.	The school has stated that they are maintaining the fees receipt register in digital mode as our fees receipt is totally computerized.	Compliance may be seen during scrutiny of the fee hike proposal for the Academic Session 2017-18.

**Though the school has either rectified the discrepancies or has undertaken to comply the same, compliance of the same as mentioned against each submission above, will be seen/examined during the scrutiny of fee hike proposal for the session 2017-18, if any.**

And whereas, compliance report dated 06.03.17 along with all relevant materials were put before the Director(Education) for consideration and who after considering all the materials on record has accepted the fee hike proposal of the said school for session 2016-17 and allowed the school to increase the fee, as proposed by the school.

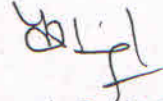
Accordingly, it is hereby conveyed that the fee hike proposal of Decent Public School, B Block Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-85 has been accepted by the Director of Education and the school is hereby allowed to increase the fee, as proposed by the school.

Further, the management of said school is hereby directed under section 24(3) of DSEAR 1973 to comply with the following directions:

1. The fee should be utilized as per true letter and spirit of Rule 177 of the DSEA&R, 1973 and the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Modern School Vs Union of India (2004).

This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority.

Non compliance of the order shall be viewed seriously.



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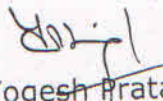
To

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