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

No. F.DE.15 (||4|)/PSB/2022/ 669-673

Dated: 20 01 23

Order

WHEREAS, Ojas Public School (School ID- 1413322) A-7, Sector- 17, Rohini, New Delhi, 110089, (hereinafter referred to as "the School"), run by the Ojas Shikshan Sansthan (hereinafter referred to as the "Society"), is a private unaided school recognized by the Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi (hereinafter referred to as "DoE"), under the provisions of Delhi School Education Act & Rules, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as "DSEAR, 1973"). The school is statutorily bound to comply with the provisions of the DSEAR, 1973 and RTE Act, 2009, as well as the directions/guidelines issued by the DoE from time to time.

AND WHEREAS, every school is required to file a full statement of fees every year before the ensuing academic session under section 17(3) of the DSEAR, 1973 with the Directorate. Such statement is required to indicate estimated income of the school to be derived from fees, estimated current operational expenses towards salaries and allowances payable to employees etc. in terms of rule 177(1) of the DSEAR, 1973.

AND WHEREAS, as per section 18(5) of the DSEAR, 1973 read with sections 17(3), 24 (1) and rule 180 (3) of the above DSEAR, 1973, responsibility has been conferred upon to the DoE to examine the audited financial Statements, books of accounts and other records maintained by the school at least once in each financial year. Sections 18(5) and 24(1) and rule 180 (3) of DSEAR, 1973 have been reproduced as under:

Section 18(5): 'the managing committee of every recognised private school shall file every year with the Director such duly audited financial and other returns as may be prescribed, and every such return shall be audited by such authority as may be prescribed'

Section 24(1): 'every recognised school shall be inspected at least once in each financial year in such manner as may be prescribed'.

Rule 180 (3): 'the account and other records maintained by an unaided private school shall be subject to examination by the auditors and inspecting officers authorised by the Director in this behalf and also by officers authorised by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.'

AND WHEREAS, besides the above, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the judgment dated 27.04.2004 held in Civil Appeal No. 2699 of 2001 titled Modern School Vs. Union of India and others has conclusively decided that under sections 17(3), 18(4) read along with rules 172, 173, 175 and 177, the DoE has the authority to regulate the fee and other charges, with the objective of preventing profiteering and commercialization of education.

AND WHEREAS, it was also directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, that the DoE in the aforesaid matter titled Modern School Vs. Union of India and Others in paras 27 and 28 in case of private unaided schools situated on the land allotted by DDA at concessional rates that:

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(c) It shall be the duty of the Director of Education to ascertain whether terms of allotment of land by the Government to the schools have been complied with...

28. We are directing the Director of Education to look into the letters of allotment issued by the Government and ascertain whether they (terms and conditions of land allotment) have been complied with by the schools......

.....If in a given case, Director finds non-compliance of above terms, the Director shall take appropriate steps in this regard."

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide its judgement dated 19.01.2016 in writ petition No. 4109/2013 in the matter of Justice for All versus Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Others, has reiterated the aforesaid directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and has directed the DoE to ensure compliance of terms, if any, in the letter of allotment regarding the increase of the fee by recognized unaided schools to whom land has been allotted by DDA/ land owning agencies.

AND WHEREAS, accordingly, the DoE vide order No. F.DE.15 (40)/PSB/2019/4440-4412 dated 08.06.2022, directing all the private unaided recognized schools, running on the land allotted by DDA/other land-owning agencies on concessional rates or otherwise, with the condition to seek prior approval of DoE for increase in fee, to submit their proposals, if any, for prior sanction, for increase in fee for the academic session 2022-23.

AND WHEREAS, in pursuance to order dated 08.06.2022 of the DOE, the school submitted its proposal for enhancement of fee for the academic session 2022-23. Accordingly, this order dispenses the proposal for enhancement of fee submitted by the school for the academic session 2022-23.

AND WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the proposals submitted by the schools for fee increase are justified or not, this Directorate has deployed teams of Chartered Accountants at HQ level who has evaluated the fee increase proposals of the school very carefully in accordance with the provisions of the DSEA, 1973, the DSER, 1973 and other orders/ circulars issued from time to time by this Directorate for fee regulation.

AND WHEREAS, in the process of examination of fee hike proposal filed by the aforesaid School for the academic session 2022-23, necessary records and explanations were also called from the school through email. Further, the school was also provided an opportunity of being heard on 23.09.2022 to present its justifications/ clarifications on fee increase proposal including audited financial statements and based on the discussion, school was further asked to submit necessary documents and clarification on various issues noted.

AND WHEREAS, on receipt of clarification as well as documents uploaded on the web portal for fee increase, and subsequent documents submitted by the school as a result of the personal hearing, were evaluated by the team of chartered accountants and key suggestions noted for improvement by the school are hereunder:

A. Financial Suggestions for Improvement

1. As per Accounting Standard 15 - 'Employee Benefits' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India states "Accounting for defined benefit plans is complex because actuarial assumptions are required to measure the obligation and the expense and there is a possibility of

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actuarial gains and losses." Further, the Accounting Standard defines Plan Assets (the form of investments to be made against liability towards retirement benefits) as:

- a. Assets held by a long-term employee benefit fund; and
- b. Qualifying insurance policies

Para 57 of Accounting Standard 15 - 'Employee Benefits' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, "An enterprise should determine the present value of defined benefit obligations and the fair value of any plan assets with sufficient regularity that the amounts recognised in the financial statements do not differ materially from the amounts that would be determined at the balance sheet date."

An appropriate charge to the income and expenditure account for a year should be made through a provision for accruing liability. The accruing liability should be calculated according to actuarial valuation. However, if the school employs only a few persons say less than 50, it may calculate the accrued liability by reference to any other rational method. The ensuing amount of provision for liability should then be invested in "Plan Assets" as per AS-15 issued by ICAI.

On review of the documents submitted by the school post personal hearing, it has been noted that the requirement of AS-15 for getting actuarial valuation report is not applicable to the school as it has employed less than 50 staff in a year. During personal hearing, school submitted that it has 6 staffs who are eligible for gratuity and leave encashment. However, on review of audited financial statements submitted by the school, it has been noted that the school has not made any provision towards its liability of gratuity and leave encashment as required by AS-15.

Therefore, the school is directed to make provision for gratuity and leave encashment in the audited financial statements based on the rational method and invest the same in an investment which qualify as plan assets within the meaning of AS-15 within 30 days from the date of issue of this order. Accordingly, expenditure amounting to INR 1,00,000 proposed by the school towards gratuity and leave encashment has been considered while deriving the fund position of the school for FY 2022-23.

B. Other Suggestions for Improvement

1. As per Clause 14 of this Directorate's Order No. F.DE./15 (56) /Act /2009 / 778 dated 11.02.2009 "Development fee, not exceeding 15% of the total annual tuition fee may be charged for supplementing the resources for purchase, up gradation and replacement of furniture, fixtures and equipment. Development fee, if required to be charged, shall be treated as capital receipt and the collection under this head along with income generated from the investment made out of this fund, will be kept in a separately maintained development fund account."

On review of the audited Financial Statements of the school from FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22, it has been noted that the school has not been treating development fee as capital receipt. Instead the school is treating it as revenue receipts for meeting revenue expenses of the school. Further, during personal hearing, the school has explained that it does not have sufficient funds to meet the expenditure of the school. Therefore, it is treating development fee as revenue receipt for payment of salary.

Also, as per Para 99 of Guidance Note on Accounting by Schools (2005) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India states "Where the fund is meant for meeting capital

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expenditure, upon incurrence of the expenditure, the relevant asset account is debited which is depreciated as per the recommendations contained in this Guidance Note. Thereafter, the concerned restricted fund account is treated as deferred income, to the extent of the cost of the asset, and is transferred to the credit of the income and expenditure account in proportion to the depreciation charged every year."

Further, Para 102 of the Guidance Note-21 also states "In respect of funds, schools should disclose the following in the schedules/notes to accounts:

- In respect of each major fund, opening balance, additions during the period, deductions/utilization during the period and balance at the end;
- ii. Assets, such as investments, and liabilities belonging to each fund separately;
- iii. Restrictions, if any, on the utilization of each fund balance;
- iv. Restrictions, if any, on the utilisation of specific assets."

Also, as per para 67(ii) of the Guidance Note-21 "The financial statements should disclose, inter alia, the historical cost of fixed assets."

However, on review of audited Financial Statements of the School from FY 2019-20 to 2021-22, it has been noted that the school does not follow the accounting practice suggested in the guidance note cited above and do not maintain any deferred income account. Accordingly, school is hereby directed to follow para 99 of GN-21 for correct presentation of its financial statements and make necessary rectification entries in the development fund account, development fund utilization account and general fund account. Non-compliance of the above direction shall be reviewed seriously at the time of evaluation of proposal for enhancement of fee for subsequent year.

2. Clause 19 of Order No. F.DE. /15(56)/Act/2009/778 dated 11.02.2009 states "The tuition fee shall be so determined as to cover the standard cost of establishment including provisions for DA, bonus, etc., and all terminal, benefits as also the expenditure of revenue nature concerning the curricular activities."

Clause 21 of Order No. F.DE. /15(56)/Act/2009/778 dated 11.02.2009 states "No annual charges shall be levied unless they are determined by the Managing Committee to cover all revenue expenditure, not included in the tuition fee and 'overheads' and expenses on play-grounds, sports equipment, cultural and other co-curricular activities as distinct from the curricular activities of the school."

Clause 22 of Order No. F.DE /15(56)/ Act/2009/778 dated 1.02.2009 states "Earmarked levies will be calculated and collected on 'no-profit no loss' basis and spent only for the purpose for which they are being charged."

Clause 6 of Order No. DE 15/ Act/ Duggal.Com /203 /99 /23033-23980 dated 15.12.1999 states "Earmarked levies shall be charged from the user student only."

Rule 176 states "Collections for specific purposes to be spent for that purpose' of the DSER, 1973 states "Income derived from collections for specific purposes shall be spent only for such purpose."

Sub-rule 3 of Rule 177 of DSER, 1973 states "Funds collected for specific purposes, like sports, co-curricular activities, subscriptions for excursions or subscriptions for magazines, and annual charges, by whatever name called, shall be spent solely for the exclusive benefit of the students at

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the concerned school and shall not be included in the savings referred to in sub-rule (2)." Further, Sub-rule 4 of the said rule states "The collections referred to in sub-rule (3) shall be administered in the same manner as the monies standing to the credit of the Pupils Fund as administered."

Also, earmarked levies collected from students are form of restricted funds, which, according to Guidance Note-21 'Accounting by Schools' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, are required to be credited to a separate fund account when the amount is received and reflected separately in the Balance Sheet.

Further, the Guidance Note-21 lays down the concept of fund-based accounting for restricted funds, whereby upon incurrence of expenditure, the same is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account and a corresponding amount is transferred from the concerned restricted fund account to the credit of the Income and Expenditure Account.

From the information provided by the school post personal hearing, it has been noted that school charges earmarked levies in the form of "Smart class and Activity fee" and "Transport fee" from the students but has not maintained fund-based accounting. The surplus/deficit generated by the school from these earmarked levies in last three financial years are as under:

(Figures in INR)

| | (Figures in 1743) | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Particulars | Smart Class and Activity Fee* | Transport Fee | | |
| For the year 2019-20 | | | | |
| Fee Collected during the year (A) | 17,60,920 | 4,15,000 | | |
| Expenses during the year (B) | 7,50,500 | 4,35,950 | | |
| Difference for the year (A-B) | 10,10,420 | (20,950) | | |
| For the year 2020-21 | 749 | | | |
| Fee Collected during the year (A) | 2,000 | * | | |
| Expenses during the year (B) | 12 | 27,788 | | |
| Difference for the year (A-B) | 2,000 | (27,788) | | |
| For the year 2021-22 | | | | |
| Fee Collected during the year (A) | 44,400 | - | | |
| Expenses during the year (B) | 20,000 | | | |
| Difference for the year (A-B) | 24,400 | (30,279) | | |
| Total (Surplus) | 10,36,820 | (79,017) | | |

^{*} Smart Class and Activity fee are charged from all the students

In view of the above the earmarked levies are to be collected only from the user students availing the services, and if any service/facility has been extended to all the students at the school, a separate charge cannot be levied towards these services by the school as the same would get covered either from tuition fee (expenses on curricular activities) or annual charges (expenses other than those covered under tuition fee). Accordingly, charging earmarked levies in the name of Smart Class and Activity fee from all the students loses its character of earmarked levy. Thus, the school is directed not to charge smart class and activity fee as earmarked levy with immediate effect and should incur the expenses relating to these from tuition fee and/or annual charges.

The school is also directed to maintain separate fund account depicting clearly the amount collected, amount utilised and balance amount for each earmarked levy collected from students. Unintentional surplus/deficit, if any, generated from earmarked levies must be utilized or adjusted

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against earmarked fees collected from the users in the subsequent year. Further, the school should evaluate costs incurred against each earmarked levy and propose the revised fee structure for earmarked levies in the subsequent proposal of fee increase by ensuring that the proposed levies are calculated on no-profit no-loss basis and not to include fee collected from all students as earmarked levies.

The act of the school of charging unwarranted fee or any other amount/fee under head other than the prescribed head of fee and accumulation of surplus fund thereof tantamount to profiteering and commercialization of education as well as charging of capitation fee in other form.

3. Para 18 of Guidance Note on Accounting by Schools (2005) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India states that "schools should follow recognition and measurement principles, within the framework of accrual basis of accounting, for the purpose of preparation of their financial statements."

On review of the financial statements of the school for the FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22, it has been noted the school is following hybrid approach for recording of transactions i.e., some incomes and expenditures are booked on accrual basis and some are booked on cash basis. Thus, the school has not correctly applied recognition and measurement principle mentioned in Guidance note cited above. Therefore, the school is directed to follow accrual basis of accounting and recognize both income and expenses on accrual basis only. Compliance of the above shall be verified at the time of evaluation of proposal for enhancement of fee for the subsequent year.

4. The school has prepared a Fixed Assets Register (FAR) that only captures date, asset name, supplier name, bill number, quantity, amount and depreciation. The FAR should also include details such as manufacturer's serial number, location, asset identification number, etc. to facilitate identification of asset and document complete details of assets at one place.

Accordingly, the school is directed to prepare/update the fixed assets register by capturing all the details mentioned above and submit the compliance report within 30 days from the date of issue of this order. Compliance of the above shall be verified at the time of evaluation of proposal for enhancement of fee for subsequent year.

After detailed examination of all the material on record and considering the clarification submitted by the school, it was finally evaluated/concluded that:

i. The total funds available for the FY 2022-23 amounting to INR **74,98,751** out of which cash outflow in the FY 2022-23 is estimated to be INR **83,10,343**. This results in net balance of deficit amounting to INR **8,11,592** for FY 2022-23 after all payments. The details are as follows:

| Particulars Partic | Amount (in INR) | |
|--|-----------------|--|
| Cash and Bank balances as on 31.03.22 as per Audited Financial Statements | 7,78,272 | |
| Investments as on 31.03.22 as per Audited Financial Statements | 9,37,147 | |
| Liquid Funds as on 31.03.2022 | 17,15,419 | |
| Add: Fees for FY 2021-22 as per Audited Financial Statements (On the assumption that the amount received in FY 2021-22 will at least accrue in FY 2022-23) (Refer Note 1 Below) | 56,20,734 | |
| Add: Other income for FY 2021-22 as per Audited Financial Statements (On the assumption that the amount received in FY 2021-22 will at least accrue in FY 2022-23) (Refer Note 2 below) | 1,62,598 | |

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| Total Available Funds for FY 2022-23 | 74,98,751 | |
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| Less: Investment for Gratuity and Leave Encashment (Refer Financial Suggestion for Improvement No. 1) | · er | |
| Net Available Funds for FY 2022-23 | 74,98,751 | |
| Less: Budgeted expenses for the session 2022-23 (Refer Note 3 Below) | 83,10,343 | |
| Less: 7th CPC Arrears (Refer Note 4 Below) | | |
| Net Deficit | 8,11,592 | |

Note 1: The Department vide its Order No.F.No.PS/DE/2020/55 dated 18.04.2020 and Order No.F.No.PS/DE/2020/3224-3231 dated 28.08.2020 had issued guidelines regarding the chargeability of fees during the pandemic COVID 2019. The department in both the abovementioned orders directed to the management of all the private schools not to collect any fee except the tuition fee irrespective of the fact whether running on the private land or government land allotted by DDA/other land-owning agencies and not to increase any fee in FY 2020-21 till further direction.

The department in pursuance of the order dated 31.05.2021 in WPC 7526/2020 of Single Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and interim order dated 07.06.2021 in LPA 184/2021 of the Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and to prevent the profiteering and commercialization, again directed to the management of all the petitioners private unaided recognized schools through its Order No. F. No. DE.15 (114) /PSB /2021 /2165-2174 dated 01.07.2021:

- (i) "to collect annual school fee (only all permitted heads of fees) from their students as fixed under the DSEAR, 1973 for the academic year 2020-21, but by providing deduction of 15% on that amount in lieu of <u>unutilized facilities</u> by the students during the relevant period of academic year 2020-21". And if the school has collected the fee in excess to the direction issued by the Hon'ble Court, the same shall be refunded to the parents or adjusted in the subsequent month of fee or refund to the parents.
- (ii) The amount so payable by the concerned students be paid in six equal monthly instalments w.e.f. 10.06.2021.

On review of the audited financial statements of FY 2021-22 and based on the further information provided by the school, it has been noted that the school has reported 100% of the tuition fees and 85% of annual charges and development fees in its audited financial statements of FY 2021-22 on receipts basis. Therefore, the income collected by the school during the FY 2021-22 with respect to tuition fee, annual charges and development fees has been grossed up on accrual basis to make comparative income with the FY 2022-23. The detailed calculation has been provided below:

Table A

| Particulars | Income as per Fee Reconciliation submitted by the school for the FY 2021-22 | Income Considered while deriving the fund position for the FY 2022-23 | Remarks |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| Tuition Fee | 43,97,760 | 43,97,760 | While calculating the income for the FY 2022- |

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| Particulars | Income as per Fee Reconciliation submitted by the school for the FY 2021-22 | Income Considered while deriving the fund position for the FY 2022-23 | Remarks | |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|
| | | | 23, tuition fee has been considered as per the income reported by the school in the fee reconciliation statement. | |
| Annual Charges | 6,34,950 | 7,47,000 | Annual charge and Development fee of FY 2021-22 has been increased to 100% as | |
| Development fees | 3,73,808 | 4,39,774 | the school has collected these after allocating 15% discount during FY 2021-22. | |
| Total | 54,06,518 | 55,84,534 | | |

Note 2: All the other income as per audited financial statements of FY 2021-22 has been considered with the assumption that the amount received in FY 2021-22 will at least accrue during FY 2022-23.

Note 3: All budgeted expenditure proposed by the school has been considered while deriving the fund position of the school except the following:

| Heads | Amount (INR) | Remarks | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Salary Expenses | 34,45,657 | Refer Note 6 Below | |
| Extra Curriculum Expenses | 3,00,000 | Neither income nor expenditure has been consider while calculating the fund position of the school for FY 2022-23 on the assumption that earmarked lev are collected on no profit/no loss basis. | |
| Development fund | 4,48,000 | Since the school does not maintain development fund account therefore, capital expenditure has been restricted to the development fee receivable in FY 2022-23. | |

Note 4: In accordance with Section 10(1) of Delhi School Education Act 1973, scales of pay and allowance, medical facilities, pension gratuity, provident fund, and other prescribed benefits of the employees of a recognized private school shall not be less than those of the employees of the corresponding status in schools run by the appropriate authority.

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Further, Directorate of Education has adopted the Central Civil Serviced (Revised Pay) Rules, 2016 vide Circular No 30-3(17)/(12)/VII pay Comm./2016/11006-11016 dated 19.08.2016 and No. 30-3 (17)/(12)/VII pay Comm./Coord./2016/12659-12689 dated 14.10.2016 for employees of Government Schools.

Further, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (xviii) of Rule 50 of the Delhi School Education Rules, 1973, vide Competent Authority order No DE.15 (318)/PDB/2016/18117, dated 25.08.2017, the managing committees of all Private unaided Recognized Schools have already been directed to implement central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rule, 2016 in respect of the regular employees of the corresponding status with effect from 01.01.2016 (for the purpose of pay fixation and arrears). Further, guidelines/detailed instructions for implementation of 7th CPC recommendations in Private Un-aided Recognized Schools of Delhi has been issued vide DOE order dated 17.10.2017.

As per school's reply during hearing, it was held that the school has not implemented 7th CPC till date. Further, the school has provided undertaking from the staffs vide dated 30.09.2022 to forego their salary arrears as per 7th CPC for the period Jan 2016 to till date. Therefore, no provision for the 7th CPC salary arrears have been provided in the books of accounts and accordingly, the same has not been considered while calculating the fund position of the school.

Note 5: All amount buugeted by the school has been considered while deriving the fund position of the school for the FY 2022-23 has been considered except in respect of the following heads, the school has proposed expenditure in excess of 10% as compared to the actual expenditure incurred in FY 2021-22 or the school proposed new head of expenditure for which the school has not offered satisfactory explanation/ Justification. Therefore, the aforesaid expenditure in excess of 10% over the previous year and/or new head of expenditure have not been considered while deriving the fee increase proposal of the school.

| Particulars | FY 2021-22 | FY 2022-23 | Net Increase/ (Decrease) | % Change | Amount disallowed in excess of 10% (in INR) | |
|---|------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|---|--|
| Salaries to Teaching and Non- Teaching Staff | 50,93,039 | 74,40,000 | | | | |
| Casual Salary/Temporary Staff Salary | g, | 6,00,000 | 39,54,961 | 78% | 34,45,657 | |
| Salary of Contractual Staff | - | 10,08,000 | | | | |
| Cultural Activity Expense | - | 1,00,000 | 1,00,000 | 100% | 1,00,000 | |
| Total | 50,93,039 | 91,48,000 | 40,54,961 | | 35,45,657 | |

ii. In view of the above examination, it is evident that the school does not have surplus fund to meet its budgeted expenditure for the academic session 2022-23 at the existing fee structure. In this regard, the directions issued by the Directorate of Education vide circular no. 1978 dated 16.04.2010 states:

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"All schools must, first of all, explore and exhaust the possibility of utilising the existing funds/ reserves to meet any shortfall in payment of salary and allowances, as a consequence of increase in the salary and allowance of the employees. A part of the reserve fund which has not been utilised for years together may also be used to meet the shortfall before proposing a fee increase."

AND WHEREAS, in the light of above evaluation which is based on the provisions of DSEA, 1973, DSER, 1973, guidelines, orders and circulars issued from time to time by this Directorate, it was recommended by the team of Chartered Accountants along with certain financial and other suggestions that the sufficient funds are not available with the school to carry out its operations for the academic session 2022-23. Accordingly, the fee increase proposal of the school may be accepted.

AND WHEREAS, recommendation of the team of Chartered Accountants along with relevant materials were put before the Director (Education) for consideration and who after considering all the material on the record, and after considering the provisions of section 17 (3), 18(5), 24(1) of the DSEA, 1973 read with Rules 172, 173, 175 and 177 of the DSER, 1973 has found that funds are not available with the school for meeting financial implication for the academic session 2022-23.

AND WHEREAS, it is relevant to mention that Covid-19 pandemic had a widespread impact on the entire society as well as on general economy. Further, charging of any arrears on account of fee for several months from the parents is not advisable not only because of additional sudden burden fall upon the parents/students but also as per the experience, the benefit of such collected arrears is not passed to the teachers and staff in most of the cases as was observed by the Justice Anil Dev Singh Committee (JADSC) during the implementation of the 6th CPC. Keeping this in view, and exercising the powers conferred under Rule 43 of DSER, 1973, the Director (Education) has accepted the proposal submitted by the school and allowed an increase in fee by 14% to be effective from 01 Oct 2022.

AND WHEREAS, the school is directed, henceforth to take necessary corrective steps on the financial and other suggestions noted during the above evaluation process and submit the compliance status within 30 days from the date of this order to the D.D.E (PSB).

Accordingly, it is hereby conveyed that the proposal for fee increase for the academic session 2022-23 of Ojas Public School (School ID- 1413322) A-7, Sector- 17, Rohini, New Delhi, 110089 is hereby accepted by the Director (Education) and the school is allowed to increase its fee by 14% to be effective from 01 Oct 2022.

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

- 1. To increase the fee only by the prescribed percentage from the specified date.
- 2. To ensure payment of salary is made in accordance with the provision of Section 10(1) of the DSEA, 1973. Further, the scarcity of funds cannot be the reason for non-payment of salary and other benefits admissible to the teachers/ staffs in accordance with section 10 (1) of the DSEA, 1973. Therefore, the Society running the school must ensure payment to teachers/ staffs accordingly.

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To utilize the fee collected from students in accordance with the provisions of Rule 177 of the DSER, 1973 and orders and directions issued by this Directorate from time to time

Non-compliance of this order or any direction herein shall be viewed seriously and will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of section 24(4) of Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and Delhi School Education Rules, 1973.

This is issued with the prior approval of the Competent Authority

(Nandini Maharaj) Additional Director of Education (Private School Branch)

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Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi

To
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No. F.DE.15 (1141)/PSB/2022/669-673

Dated: 20 01 23

Copy to:

- 1. P.S. to Principal Secretary (Education), Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
- 2. P.S. to Director (Education), Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
- 3. DDE (North West B) ensure the compliance of the above order by the school management.
- 4. In-charge (I.T Cell) with the request to upload on the website of this Directorate.
- 5. Guard file.

(Nandini Maharaj)

Additional Director of Education

(Private School Branch)

Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi