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

No. F.DE.15 (1114)/PSB/2022/ 443-447

Dated: 16 01 23

Order

WHEREAS, St. Sophias Sr. Sec. School (School ID- 1617173), A-2, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 (hereinafter referred to as "the School"), run by the St. Sophia' Christian Education Society (hereinafter referred to as "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, the manager of every recognized school is required to file a full statement of fees every year for the ensuing academic session under section 17(3) of the DSEAR, 1973 with the Directorate. Such a statement is required to indicate the 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 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 recognized 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 recognized 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 authorized by the Director in this behalf and also by officers authorized by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India'.

Thus, the Director (Education) has the authority to examine the full statement of fees filled under section 17(3) of the DSEA, 1973 and returns and documents submitted under section 18(5) of DSEA, 1973 read with rule 180 (1) of DSER, 1973.

AND WHEREAS, besides the above, the Director (Education) is also required to examine and evaluate the fee increase proposal submitted by the private unaided recognized schools which have been allotted land by the DDA/ other land-owning agencies with the condition in their allotment to seek prior approval from Director (Education) before any increase in fee.

AND WHEREAS, 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



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to regulate the fees 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 that in the case of private unaided schools situated on the land allotted by DDA/other land-owning agencies at concessional rates:

"27 (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/ other land-owning agencies.

AND WHEREAS, accordingly, the DoE vide Order No. F.DE-15(40)/PSB/2019/4440-4412 dated 08.06.2022, directed all the private unaided recognized schools, running on the land allotted by DDA/other land-owning agencies at 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 increase of fee for the academic session 2022-23. Accordingly, this Order dispenses the proposal for increase of fee submitted by school for the academic session 2022-23.

AND WHEREAS, in order to examine the proposals submitted by the schools for fee increase for justifiability or not, the DoE has deployed teams of Chartered Accountants at HQ level who has evaluated the fee increase proposals of the school carefully in accordance with the provisions of the DSEAR, 1973, and other Orders/ Circulars issued from time to time by the DoE.

AND WHEREAS, in the process of examination of the fee increase proposal filed by the aforesaid school, necessary records and explanations were also called from the school through emails dated 19.09.2022, 27.09.2022 and 18.10.2022. The school was also provided an opportunity of being heard on 20.10.2022 to present its justifications/clarifications on the fee increase proposal. Based on the discussion with the school during personal hearing, the 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 the fee increase post personal hearing, the fee increase proposal was evaluated by the team of Chartered Accountants and the key suggestions noted for improvement by the school are hereunder:



A. Financial Suggestion for Improvements

- Para 7.14 of AS-15 "Employee Benefit" issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) states 'Plan Assets as:
 - a. assets held by a long-term employee benefit fund; and
 - b. qualifying insurance policies."

Further, the para 57 of the AS-15 states "an enterprise should determine the present value of defined benefit obligations and the fair value any plan assts 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."

And Para 60 of Guidance Note-21 'Accounting by Schools' (2005) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India states "A defined benefit scheme is a scheme under which amounts to be paid as retirement benefits are determined usually by reference to employee's earnings and/or years of service".

On review of the audited financial statements for the FY 2021-22 revealed that the school has not created any provision for retirement benefits in the audited financial statements. The retirement benefits are the statutory liability which the school is required to pay to their eligible employees on their retirement/resignation, as the case may be. Therefore, the school is hereby directed to create provision for retirement benefits in its books of accounts as per actuarial valuation report and make an equivalent investment in plan assets within the meaning of AS-15 issued by ICAI and report the same in its audited financial statement. The compliance of the same will be review at the time of subsequent fee increase proposal.

2. Clause 24 of DoE Order dated 11.02.2009 states "Every recognized unaided school covered by the Act, shall maintain accounts on the principles applicable to a non-business organization/not-for-profit organization as per Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Such schools shall prepare their financial statement consisting of a Balance Sheet, P&L Account and Receipt & Payment account every year."

Further, Appendix-III (Part-I-General instructions and accounting principles) of Guidance Note-21 states:

- "the financial statement of the Schools should be prepared on accrual basis.
- 2. a statement of all significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation and presentation of the balance sheet and income and expenditure account should be included in the School's Balance sheet......
- 3. accounting policies should be applied consistently from one financial year to the next. Any change in the accounting policies which has a material effect in the current period, or which is reasonably expected to have a material effect in later periods should be disclosed....".

Review of the audited financial statements for the FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22 of the school revealed that the school has been recording income and expenses on cash basis. Thus, the school is deviating from basic principle in preparation of books of account and presenting the audited



financial statements. Therefore, the school is hereby directed, to maintain its books of account in accordance with GAAP from subsequent financial years and made necessary adjustment in its books of accounts accordingly. The compliance with this direction shall be verified while evaluating the fee increase proposal of the subsequent year.

B. Other Suggestion for Improvements

1. As per Clause 19 of Order No. F.DE/15(56)/Act/2009/778 dated 11.02.2009 "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."

Further clause 21 of the aforesaid order "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."

And as per clause 22 of Order No. F.DE. /15(56)/ Act/2009/778 dated 11.02.2009 "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."

As per Rule 176 of the DSER, 1973 "Income derived from collections for specific purposes shall be spent only for such purpose."

Further, sub-rule 3 of Rule 177 of DSER, 1973 provides "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 of the concerned school and shall not be included in the savings referred to in sub-rule (2)."

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 Transport fees from the user students but has not maintained fund-based accounting. The surplus/deficit generated by the school from these earmarked levy in last three financial years are as under:

(Figures in INR)

Particulars	Transport Fees	
For the year 2019-20		
Fee Collected during the year (A)	11,87,100	
Expenses during the year (B)	16,04,099	



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Particulars	Transport Fees
Difference for the year (A-B)	(4,16,999)
For the year 2020-21	
Fee Collected during the year (A)	-
Expenses during the year (B)	9
Difference for the year (A-B)	
For the year 2021-22	- 100
Fee Collected during the year (A)	
Expenses during the year (B)	89,733
Difference for the year (A-B)	(89,733)
Total (Surplus)	(5,06,732)

^{*}The school has not collected transport fees in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22

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 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.

2. During the personal hearing, the school confirmed that it was not preparing a Fixed Asset Register (FAR). The school should ensure that FAR capturing details such as Asset Description, Quantity, Supplier name, invoice number, purchase date, manufacturer's serial number, location, purchase cost, other costs incurred, depreciation, identification number, etc. is prepared to facilitate identification of asset and documenting complete details of assets at one place.

The school confirmed that it will prepare the FAR as per the recommendations of the Directorate starting from FY 2022-23 onward. Accordingly, the school is directed to prepare the FAR with relevant details mentioned above. The above being a procedural finding, no financial impact is warranted for deriving the fund position of the school.

3. As per para 67 of the Guidance Note on Accounting by Schools issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, "The financial statements should disclose, inter alia, the historical cost of fixed assets".

On review of the financial statements, it has been noticed that the fixed assets are reported at written down in the audited financial statements. Further fixed assets schedule forming part of the financial statements does not include opening cost of the asset, closing cost of the asset, opening balance of accumulated depreciation, and closing balance of accumulated depreciation.



The school is hereby again directed to report historical cost of assets and accumulated depreciation for each head of fixed assets as prescribed in the Guidance Note on Accounting by Schools in the fixed asset schedule annexed to the financial statements.

4. As per Order No. F.DE-15/ACT-I/WPC-4109/Part/13/7905-7913 dated 16.04.2016 "The Director hereby specify that the format of return and documents to be submitted by schools under rule 180 read with Appendix-II of the Delhi School Education Rules, 1973 shall be as per format specified by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, established under Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (38 of 1949) in Guidance Note on Accounting by Schools (2005) or as amended from time to time by this Institute."

On review of audited Financial Statements for the FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22, it has been noted that the depreciation on fixed assets have been provided at the rates prescribed in the Income Tax Rules, 1962. Therefore, the school is directed to provide depreciation on assets in accordance with the guidance note cited above

5. The Directorate vide its order No. F.DE.15/Act-I/08155/2013/5506-5518 dated 04.06.2012 directed that the school shall provide 25% reservation to children belonging to EWS category. Even as per the land allotment letter, the school is required to provide free ship to the students belonging to weaker section. However, as per the information provided by the school for FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22, it has been noted that the school has not complied with above requirement in FY 19-20 and FY 20-21. Therefore, DDE District may be requested to look into this matter and ensure compliance with the above requirements. The details of total students and EWS students for the FY 2019-20 to 2021-22 are tabulated below:

Particular	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
EWS	142	145	142
Total Strength	651	591	621
% Of EWS students to total students	21.82%	24.53%	22.81%

6. Section 13 (1) of the Right to Education Act, 2009 states that "no school or person shall, while admitting a child, collect any capitation fee and subject the child or his or her parents or guardian to any screening procedure".

Section 13 (2) of the Right to Education Act, 2009 states that "Any school or person, if in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (1),-

a. receives capitation fee, shall be punishable with fine which may be extended to ten times the capitation fee charged.

b. subjects a child to screening procedures shall be punishable with a fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees for the first contravention and fifty thousand rupees for each subsequent contravention.

And section 2(b) of the Right to Education Act, 2009 states "capitation fee" means any kind of donation or contribution or payment other than the fee notified by the school.

Further, the Supreme Court in its Judgement dated 02 May 2016 in the matter of Modern 'Dental College and Research Centre Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh [Medical Council of India]' held that education is a noble profession and emphasized that:



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"Every demand of capitation fee by educational institutions is unethical & illegal. It emphasized that commercialization and exploitation are not permissible in the education sector and institutions must run on a 'no-profit-no-loss' basis".

The Hon'ble Supreme Court categorically held that "though education is now treated as an 'occupation' and, thus, has become a fundamental right guaranteed under Article 19(1) (g) of the Constitution, at the same time shackles are put in so far as this particular occupation is concerned, which is termed as noble. Therefore, profiteering and commercialization are not permitted, and no capitation fee can be charged. The admission of students has to be on merit and not at the whims and fancies of the educational institutions,"

Further, the Hon'ble High Court in LPA 196/2004 in the matter of 'Rakesh Goyal Vs. Montfort School and Section 13(1) of RTE Act, 2009' states "no school or person shall, while admitting a child, collect any Capitation fee/Donation from the parents. Any school or person who contravenes this provision and receives a capitation fee, shall be punishable with a fine which may extend to ten times the capitation fee charged".

Further, The Directorate of Education, vide Order No. DE15/ Act/Duggal.com/203/99/23033-23980 dated 15.12.1999 and Order No.F.DE. /15(56)/ Act/2009/778 dated 11.02.2009, indicated the following types of fee that a recognised private unaided school can collect from the students/parents:

- a. Registration Fee: Registration fee INR 25 per student prior to admission, shall be charged.
- b. Admission Fee: No admission fee of more than 200/- per student, at the time of the admission shall be charged. The admission fee shall not be charged again from any student who is once given admission as long as he remains on the rolls of the school. Further, Clause 4 of the Public notice dated 04.05.1997 states "admission fee can be charged only at the nominal rate but not exceeding INR 200 in any case. It should not be made a regular practice. Once a student is admitted in the school, he should not be asked to pay admission fee again at middle or secondary or senior secondary stage".
- c. Caution Money: No Caution Money/ Security Deposit of more than INR 500 per student shall be charged. The caution money thus collected shall be kept deposited in a Scheduled Bank in the name of the concerned school and shall be returned to the student at the time of his/her leaving the school along with the bank interest thereon irrespective of whether he/she requests for a refund. Thus, it is not an income of the school, but a deposit/ liability which is to be refunded at the time of students leaving the school.
- d. Tuition Fee: It is required to be determined so as to cover the standard cost of the establishment including provisions for DA, bonus etc. and all terminal benefits, as also the expenditure of revenue nature concerning curricular activities. No fee shall be charged in excess of the amount so determined.
- e. **Annual Charges:** Annual charges are expected to cover all revenue expenditure not included in tuition fee and overhead and expenditure on playgrounds, sports equipment, cultural and other co-curricular activities as distinct from curricular activities of the school.
- f. Earmarked Levies: Earmarked levies are required to be charged from the user students only. Earmarked levies for the services rendered are to be charged on no profit no loss basis in respect



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of facilities provided to the user students involving additional expenditure in the provision of the

g. Development Fee: It is to be treated as capital receipts and utilized towards purchase, upgradation and replacement of furniture, fixture and equipment.

Based on the provisions mentioned above, charging of "One Time – Maintenance Charges" from the students at the time of admission is nothing but is in the nature of capitation fee only. Additionally, not only the charging of one-time fee at the time of admission is tantamount to capitation fee but also charging unwarranted fee under different heads or introduction of any new head in the fee structure other than the prescribed heads of fee and accumulation of surplus funds out of it is prima-facie considered to be a collection of capitation fee in other manner and form.

Accordingly, the collection of one-time fees from the students at the time of admission indicates that the school is engaged in profiteering and commercialization of education.

As per Section 27 of the DSEA, 1973, the manager of the school is responsible for looking after the smooth operation of the school and ensuring compliance with the provisions of the DSEAR, 1973, including the compliance of directions of the Hon'ble High Court and Supreme Court as well as the orders/circulars issued by the Directorate of Education from time to time in this regard. The manager and principal have been bestowed with the power to ensure the school's proper functioning, including ensuring the admission process transparently, jointly as well as in their personal capacity, be responsible for the levy and collection of capitation fees and any other unauthorised fees collected by the school.

Therefore, the school is directed not to charge capitation as mentioned above with immediate effect. The school is also directed to submit compliance with this direction within 30 days from the date of issue of this order. Noncompliance with this directive would be taken seriously, and the department would take appropriate action against the school under Section 24(4) of the DSEA, 1973 without giving any further opportunity to the school.

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 is INR 1,49,86,525 out of which the expected expenditures of the school would be INR 1,56,39,205 resulting in net deficit of INR 6,52,680 for the FY 2022-23. The detailed calculation is as under:

Particulars	Amount (INR)	
Cash and Bank balances as on 31.03.2022 as per Audited Financial	9,94,821	
Statements		
Investments as on 31.03.2022 as per Audited Financial Statements	14,59,260	
Total Liquid Fund as on 31.03.2022	24,54,081	
Add: Fee for FY 2021-22 as per Audited Financial Statements (On the assumption that income accrue in FY 2021-22 will at least accrue in FY 2021-22)	1,32,86,100	
Add: Other income for FY 2021-22 as per Audited Financial Statements (On the assumption that income accrue in FY 2021-22 will at least accrue in FY 2021-22)	43,219	



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	Amount (INR)
Particulars CS - 4- 5 - EV 2022 23	1,57,83,400
Estimated availability of funds for FY 2022-23 Estimated availability of funds for FY 2022-23	7,96,875
Less: FDR in joint name of DoE and the Manager as on 31.03.2022 Less: FDR submitted with High Court as on 31.03.2022	6,62,385
Net Available Funds for FY 2022-23	1,49,86,525
Less: Budgeted expenses for the session 2022-23	1,56,39,205
Less: Salary arrears as per 7th CPC (Refer Note 1 Below)	-
Net Deficit	6,52,680

Note 1: Based on the documents/information submitted by the school, it has been noted that the school hasn't applied for fee increase since FY 2016-17. Further, the school has not reported any amount as arrears payable in its audited financial statements from FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22. Therefore, no amount of salary arrear has been considered while deriving the fund position.

However, the school has proposed INR 1.59 crore for the period from 01.01.2016 to 31.03.2022 towards salary arrears in its budget which has not been considered as the same has already been included while evaluating the fee increase proposal of the previous years.

ii. In view of the above examination, it is evident that the school does not has adequate funds for meeting all the operational expenditures for the FY 2022-23. In this regard, the directions issued by the Directorate of Education vide circular no. 1978 dated 16 April 2010 states.

"All schools must, first of all, explore and exhaust the possibility of utilizing 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 utilized 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 suggestions that were identified (appropriate financial impact has been taken on the fund position of the school) and certain procedural suggestions which were also noted (appropriate instructions against which have been given in this order), 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, it is relevant to mention charging of any arrears on account of fee for several months from the parents is not advisable, not only because of the additional sudden burden fall upon the parents/students but also as per the past 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 5% to be effective from 01 October 2022.

AND WHEREAS, recommendation of the team of Chartered Accountants along with relevant materials were put before the Director of 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. Hence, for smooth payment of salaries and other employee's benefit, the fee increase is required to the School.

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

Accordingly, it is hereby conveyed that the proposal for fee increase of St. Sophias Sr. Sec. School (School ID-1617173), A-2, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 filled by the school in response to the Order No. F.DE.-15(40)/PSB/2019/4440-4412 dated 08.06.2022 for the academic session 2022-23, is accepted by the Director (Education) with the above conclusion and suggestions and the school is hereby allowed to increase the fee by 5% to be effective from 1 October, 2022.

Further, the management of said School is hereby directed under section 24(3) of DSEAR 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.
- 3. 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 Dandry 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) Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi

To The Manager/ HoS St. Sophias Sr. Sec. School (School ID- 1617173) A-2, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063

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- 2. P.S. to Director (Education), Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
- 3. DDE (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