

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION
OLD SECRETARIAT, DELHI - 110054

No. F.DE. 15(305)/PSB/2020/Pr. File/3183-90

Dated: 30.4.2026

ORDER

Subject: Collection of Monthly Fees in respect of Private Unaided Recognised Schools.

Whereas, this Directorate has received numerous complaints from parents/guardians alleging that certain private unaided recognised schools are compelling parents to make payment of fees on a bimonthly, quarterly, or advance basis, thereby causing financial hardship to the parent community.

And whereas, the Directorate of Education (DoE) had issued Circular No. DE.15(172)/PSB/2016/1671-78 dated 15.02.2019 in compliance with the Order dated 10.04.2013 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 1128/2010 titled Mr. Rahul Chadha & Ors. vs. Summer Field School & Ors., wherein it was, inter alia, directed that private unaided recognised schools shall collect fees on a monthly basis.

And whereas, it has been brought to the notice of this Directorate that certain private unaided recognised schools continue to mandate collection of fees for multiple months, i.e., two months, three months or more, in a single instalment, thereby compelling parents/guardians to make advance payments.

And whereas, such a practice imposes an undue financial burden upon parents, particularly those belonging to low and middle-income groups, and runs contrary to the underlying objective of ensuring equitable and inclusive access to education.

And whereas, the said practice appears to be inconsistent with the aforesaid directions of the Hon'ble High Court and the instructions issued by the Directorate from time to time, which envisage convenience, fairness and reasonableness in fee collection.

And whereas, the Directorate of Education is empowered under Section 24(3) read with Rule 50(xviii) and Rule 43 of the Delhi School Education Act and Rules, 1973, to issue such directions to the private schools as may be necessary to ensure proper conduct of school management and to protect the larger interests of students and parents. Further, in case of non-compliance with such directions, this Directorate is empowered to initiate appropriate action, including withdrawal of recognition of the school under Section 24(4) of DSEA, 1973, or recommendation for takeover of management of the school under Section 20(1) of DSEA, 1973, as the case may be.


In view of the above, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Director of Education under Section 24(3) read with Rule 50(xviii) and Rule 43 of the Delhi School Education Act and Rules, 1973, all Private Unaided Recognised Schools in the National Capital Territory of Delhi are hereby directed as follows:

- (i) No school shall, in any manner whatsoever, mandate, require, or compel any parent or guardian to pay fees for a period exceeding one calendar month in a single instalment. It is, however, clarified that parents or guardians who, of their own volition and without any coercion, pressure, or inducement, find it convenient to pay fees for more than one month in a single instalment may be permitted to do so.

(ii) No school shall compel, coerce, or require parents/guardians to deposit fee for more than one month at a time as a pre-condition for admission, continuation of enrolment, or any other benefit or service extended to the student.

(iii) Every school shall display this Order prominently on its notice board and upload the same on its official website within seven (7) working days of its receipt.

All Managers/Heads of Schools of Private Unaided Recognised Schools are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance of the above directions. Non-compliance of this Order shall be viewed seriously and this Directorate shall proceed to take appropriate action under the applicable provisions of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973 and the Delhi School Education Rules, 1973.



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1. P.S. to Secretary (Education), Dte. of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
2. P.P.S. to Director (Education), Dte. of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
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4. DDE (PSB), Dte. of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
5. All RDEs, Dte. of Education, GNCT of Delhi.
6. All District/Zonal DDEs, Dte. of Education, GNCT of Delhi for compliance.
7. OS (IT) with the direction to upload the same on the department's website.
8. Guard file.



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