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FRC 50/16/LAW/BHAVANS

PRESENT:-

Hon'ble Justice R. Rajendra Babu - Chairman

Sri. S Suresh Babu - FRC Member

ORDER

The Bhavans N A Palkhivala Academy for Advanced Studies and Research, Ramanattukara, for short the Academy, had submitted the prospectus for the academic year 2013-14 for the approval of the Admission Supervisory Committee (ASC). They have requested by letter dated 06.08.2013 for the approval of the fee structure.

The total intake strength of 3 year LLB Course is 120 in two sections of 60 each (Government quota 50%) and 5 year BBA LLB (Hons.) course is 120 in two sections (Government quota 50%)

The Academy proposed a fee structure of Rs.21, 750/- per semester for 3 year LLB Course and as per the meeting held on 05.09.2013 the same was provisionally approved by the ASC. The Academy proposed Rs.42,000/- per semester for the 5 year BBA LLB (Hons.) course and the Committee provisionally permitted the Academy to collect Rs. 43,000/- from the students, being the 1st batch to commence the college and decided to inspect the college.

The Academy demanded for allowing a fee structure adopted by the NUALS or a somewhat similar one. In the meeting of the Committee held on 15.05.2014, the fee structure of the BBA LLB (Hons.) degree in the School of Indian Thought, MG University, NUALS, CUSAT etc. had been discussed and adjourned for taking a final decision later.

In the meeting of the FRC held on 11.07.2014, it was decided to constitute an inspection team consisting of one nominee each from Government Law College, Calicut. Government Law College, Ernakulam, and from NUALS, Cochin for the inspection of the college within one month and for their inspection report. The inspection team had to report the infrastructure, the facilities available in conducting the course, the

details of facilities and all other information's required for fixing the fee per semester/annum. Accordingly, the Government issued G.O (Rt)No. 2092/2014/H.Edn dated 30.08.2014, constituted a Committee of Sri. Jawahar K T, Associate Professor of Government Law College, Kozhikode, Dr. Balakrishnan K, Associate Professor of NUALS and Dr. Bindu M Nambiar, Associate Professor, Government Law College, Ernakulam.

By G.O (Rt) No. 2590/2014/H.Edn dated 30.08.2014, Sri. Ajikumaran, Special Secretary, Higher Education Department was appointed as the Convenor of the above Committee.

On 19.01.2015, the Academy requested the ASC to fix the tuition fee and the other fees for the 5 year BBA LLB (Hons.) course alleging that, the ASC has permitted them to collect a lump sum of Rs. 43,000/- from the students at the time of admission to commence the functioning of the college and hence to issue an order differentiating the separate items like Tuition fee, Special fee, Miscellaneous fee, Admission fee, Caution deposit etc. The rate proposed in the prospectus for the 5 year course for 2014-15 also was furnished wherein the tuition fee for semester was shown as Rs.35,000/-

On 07.08.2015, the Committee constituted to inspect the Academy, visited the Academy and submitted their report. The Government has forwarded a copy of the report on 03.09.2015.

On a primary evaluation, the FRC found that some more documents were necessary for regulating the fee structure. Accordingly, by letter dated 23.11.2015, the Academy was directed to produce the documents (8 in no:) before the FRC.

The Academy had complained that due to the non regulation of a fee structure, they are not in a position to collect the fee from the 2nd semester onwards in respect of 5 year BBA LLB (Hons.) students. Accordingly, the FRC passed an Interim Order on 04.05.2016, permitting the Academy to collect the fee of Rs.23,000/- per semester towards tuition fee and Rs,7,000/- per semester towards other fee(total Rs. 30,000/- per semester) starting from the Academic year 2013-14 and Rs.43,000/- paid already by the students shall be adjusted towards the 1st semester and for successive semester. The above fee structure was made applicable to all the subsequent batch of students commencing from 2014-15 and 2015-16 BBA LLB (Hons) 5 year course; in supersession of the earlier Order dated 05.09.2013 and 02.09.2013.

Detailed deliberations were made and the College authorities expressed their inability to continue the college without allowing the fees already demanded by them and submit that the Committee may take appropriate decision to regulate the fee of 5 year LLB. Sri Suresh Babu, the FRC Member, has requested Mr. N Sivadas, the Chartered Accountant of the Academy to produce required documents already demanded and meet him personally for a discussion conveniently fixed by the FRC Member. The college has submitted some documents, but it was insufficient to arrive at a conclusion and the FRC Member requested for the book of records and some more documents. But the same was produced by them on the date of hearing i.e. on 02.03.2017. Hence, documents could not be scrutinised by the Chartered Accountant within the short span of time. Therefore, the Hon'ble Chairman authorised Sri. Suresh Babu, the Chartered Accountant and FRC Member to verify all the documents produced by them and submit a report as per the criteria for fixing the tuition fee within two weeks and the Committee shall regulate the tuition fee on the basis of the available records submitted by Sri. Suresh Babu.

In the meeting held on 02.03.2017, the Principal of the Academy informed that they had stopped the 3 year

LLB Course. Hence, the FRC need to fix the fee structure for the 5 year BBA LLB (Hons) course only.

Accordingly, Sri. Suresh Babu submitted the report on 05.05.2017. On perusing the reports and the derivations submitted by him, the Committee decided to fix the fee for 5 year LLB course in respect of the Bhavans N A Palkhivala Academy for Advanced Studies and Research. For the academic year 2013-14 & 2014-15, the tuition fee is fixed as Rs.20,000/- per semester and from the Academic year 2015-16 onwards for 3 years, the tuition fee is fixed as Rs.22,500/- per semester by adding 12.5% WPI for 2 years from 2015-16 for next 3 academic years.

The college was collecting a uniform fee from all students, even though the admission in 50% seats was through the allotment by CEE. But those students also will have to pay the same fee, which the students under the management quota have to pay.

The detailed schedules including the other fees for 5 years BBA LLB course are shown below.

TUITION FEE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEARS 2013-14 & 2014-15

ITEMS	FIRST YEAR		SECOND YEAR		THIRD YEAR	
	1 ST SEM	2 ND SEM	3 RD SEM	4 TH SEM	5 TH SEM	6 TH SEM
TUITION FEE FOR FIRST SEMESTER (A)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
ADMISSION FEE	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
UNIVERSITY FEE	1265	-	1265	-	1265	-
FEE FOR VALUE ADDED COURSES AND TRAINING	1000	-	1000	-	1000	-
LIBRARY FEE	5000	-	5000	-	5000	-
PTA FEE	500	-	500	-	500	-
MOOT COURT	2000	-	2000	-	2000	-
COMPUTER & INTERNET FEE	2000	-	2000	-	2000	-
SPORTS	500	-	500	-	500	-
TOTAL MISC. FEE (B)	13,265	-	12,265	-	12,265	-
REFUNDABLE CAUTION DEPOSIT (C)	50,000	-	-	-	-	-
CAUTION DEPOSIT (D)	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL IN RS. (A+B+C+D)	<u>88,265</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>32,265</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>32,265</u>	<u>20,000</u>

TUITION FEE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEARS 2013-14 & 2014-15

ITEMS	FOURTH YEAR		FIFTH YEAR	
	7 TH SEM	8 TH SEM	9 TH SEM	10 TH SEM
TUITION FEE FOR FIRST SEMESTER (A)	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
ADMISSION FEE	-	-	-	-
UNIVERSITY FEE	1265	-	1265	-
FEE FOR VALUE ADDED COURSES AND TRAINING	1000	-	1000	-
LIBRARY FEE	5000	-	5000	-
PTA FEE	500	-	500	-
MOOT COURT	2000	-	2000	-
COMPUTER & INTERNET FEE	2000	-	2000	-
SPORTS	500	-	500	-
TOTAL MISC. FEE (B)	12,265	-	12,265	-
REFUNDABLE CAUTION DEPOSIT (C)	-	-	-	-
CAUTION DEPOSIT (D)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL IN RS. (A+B+C+D)	<u>32,265</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>32,265</u>	<u>20,000</u>

TUITION FEE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEARS 2015-16 ONWARDS

ITEMS	FIRST YEAR		SECOND YEAR		THIRD YEAR	
	1 ST SEM	2 ND SEM	3 RD SEM	4 TH SEM	5 TH SEM	6 TH SEM
TUITION FEE FOR FIRST SEMESTER (A)	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
ADMISSION FEE	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
UNIVERSITY FEE	1265	-	1265	-	1265	-
FEE FOR VALUE ADDED COURSES AND TRAINING	1000	-	1000	-	1000	-
LIBRARY FEE	5000	-	5000	-	5000	-
PTA FEE	500	-	500	-	500	-
MOOT COURT	2000	-	2000	-	2000	-
COMPUTER & INTERNET FEE	2000	-	2000	-	2000	-
SPORTS	500	-	500	-	500	-
TOTAL MISC. FEE (B)	13,265	-	12,265	-	12,265	-
REFUNDABLE CAUTION DEPOSIT (C)	50,000	-	-	-	-	-
CAUTION DEPOSIT (D)	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL IN RS. (A+B+C+D)	<u>90,765</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>34,765</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>34,765</u>	<u>22,500</u>

TUITION FEE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEARS 2015-16 ONWARDS

ITEMS	FOURTH YEAR		FIFTH YEAR	
	7 TH SEM	8 TH SEM	9 TH SEM	10 TH SEM
TUITION FEE FOR FIRST SEMESTER (A)	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
ADMISSION FEE	-	-	-	-
UNIVERSITY FEE	1265	-	1265	-
FEE FOR VALUE ADDED COURSES AND TRAINING	1000	-	1000	-
LIBRARY FEE	5000	-	5000	-
PTA FEE	500	-	500	-
MOOT COURT	2000	-	2000	-
COMPUTER & INTERNET FEE	2000	-	2000	-
SPORTS	500	-	500	-
TOTAL MISC. FEE (B)	12,265	-	12,265	-
REFUNDABLE CAUTION DEPOSIT (C)	-	-	-	-
CAUTION DEPOSIT (D)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL IN RS. (A+B+C+D)	<u>34,765</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>34,765</u>	<u>22,500</u>

The Principal of Bhavans N A Palkhivala Academy for Advanced Studies and Research, Ramanattukara, is directed to collect the fees as stated above starting from the Academic year 2013-14. The Tuition Fee collected from the students excessively if any, during the above period shall be refunded/appropriated with future fee and if the Tuition Fee less collected during the above period shall be levied from the students as per the fees fixed as above.

Email this Order to the Principal, Bhavans N A Palkhivala Academy for Advanced Studies and Research, Ramanattukara.

Dated on this the 16th day of May 2017.

**Sd/-
CHAIRMAN**