

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
SCHOOL AND MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

No. 1337 /SME, Dt. 19-1-2021  
XIV - SME - LC - 1 - 8/2020  
**NOTIFICATION**

Various writ applications were filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa i.e. W.P.(C) No.11299 of 2020, W.P.(C) No.11514 of 2020 and W.P.(C) No.32259 of 2020 during the pandemic by Parents Associations. wherein it had urged that the State Government be directed to issue necessary orders to both private unaided and aided schools not to collect tuition fees for the lockdown period till actual commencement of classes and not to increase in fees in the academic session 2020-21.

On 01.09.2020 the Hon'ble High Court was pleased to pass the following order;

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*"..... it is directed that five representatives from Confederation of Odisha Public Schools, five representatives from parents, three of whom shall be the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary respectively of Odisha Abhibhabak Mahasangha, and one parent each as 3 nominated by the petitioner in W.P.(C) No.11299 of 2020 and the petitioner in W.P.(C) No.11263 of 2020 and five representatives of teachers' to be nominated by Odisha Private Schools Teachers Association, shall participate in such deliberations. Their names shall be conveyed to the Secretary, School and Mass Education Department positively by 2.00 P.M. on 03.09.2020, along with their preference whether they would like to attend such meeting physically or by video conferencing. The Secretary, School & Mass Education Department shall make an endeavour in the*

*proposed meeting whether the private educational institutions can be persuaded for waiver of a portion of fees payable by the students or accept part of the fees by deferring remaining part or whether any other kind of consensus can be arrived at on such terms that may be agreed upon between the parties, in view of the ongoing pandemic COVID-19 and also examine whether any unreasonable and excessive fees is being demanded by any of the private educational institutions on unreasonable head such as development fee, uniform charges, conveyance charges, or other charges of the like nature.....”*

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In deference to the aforesaid directions, meetings were held with the stake holders by the Principal Secretary to Government, School and Mass Education Department and an MoU was entered into on 10.09.2020 and the said MoU was filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa for kind consideration of the Hon'ble Court, copy of which is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-1**.

On 07.01.2021 the aforesaid writ applications have been disposed of by the Hon'ble High Court by a detailed judgement, copy of which is available in the website of School and Mass Education Department (<https://sme.odisha.gov.in/>) as well as website of Orissa High Court (<https://www.orissahighcourt.nic.in/>).

Accordingly, all the Private Educational Institutions are requested to comply with the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court and to implement the MoU dated 10.09.2020 in terms of the aforesaid judgment.

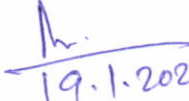
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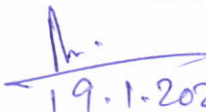
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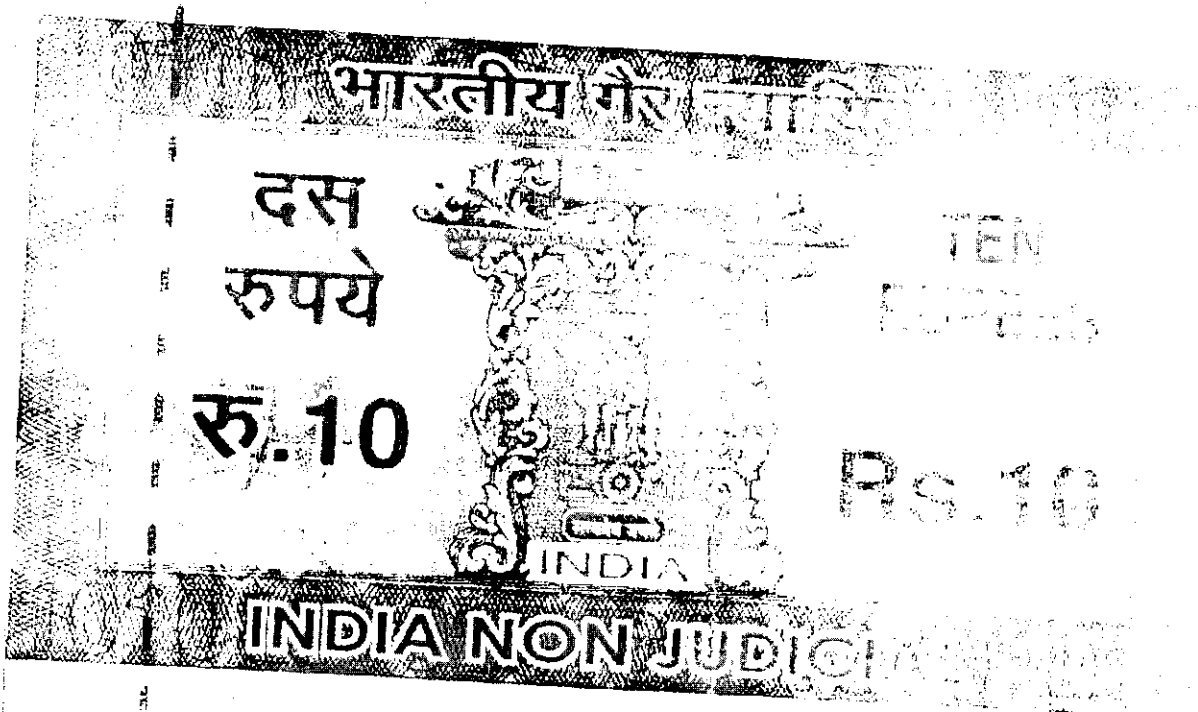
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONGST MEMBERS OF *In file No.*  
 ODISHA ABHIBHABAK MAHASANGHA  
 CONFEDERATION OF ODISHA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
 AND ODISHA PRIVATE SCHOOLS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
 BHUBANESWAR ENTERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020 *Date*  
*10/09/2020*

Members Present :

1. Sri Basudev Bhatta
2. Sri Ashok Kumar Paikaray
3. Sri Bhumohan Patnaik
4. Ms. Rajalaxmi Patnaik
5. Ms. Gitanjali Panda

*JS (Legal)*


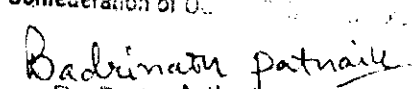
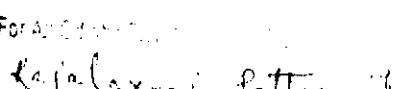
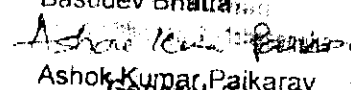
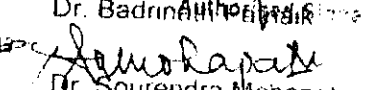
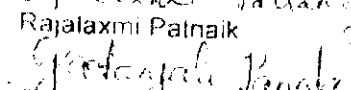
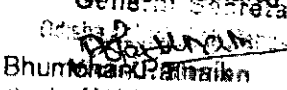
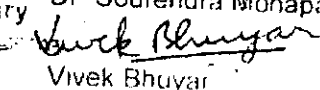
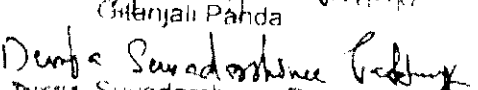
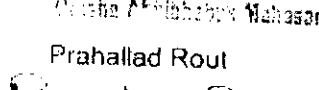
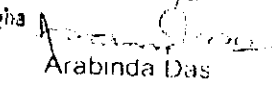
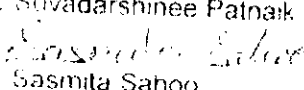
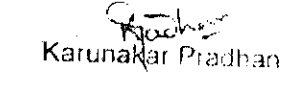
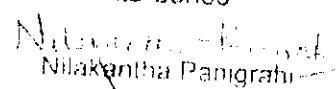
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- 6. Ms Suvadashinee Patnaik
- 7. Ms Sasmila Sahoo
- 8. Mr Nilakantha Panigrahi
- 9. Dr. Badrinath Patnaik
- 10. Dr. Sourendra Ku Mohapatra
- 11. Mr Vivek Bhuyar
- 12. Mr Arabinda Das
- 13. Mr Karunakar Pradhan
- 14. Prahallad Rout

At the outset all members present thanked Honble High Court of Odisha for creating a history by bringing the above three association together on to one table and paving the way for an amicable settlement of School Fee matter. Members present also thanked Sri Satyabrata Sahoo, IAS, Principal Secretary School and Mass Education Dept Govt of Odisha for taking the initiative in bringing all the above stakeholders for a healthy and amicable settlement which can be considered as a first of its kind in the country and set an example.

All the members present have understood the fact that education of our children is of paramount importance that should be given the highest priority. At the sametime the difficulties faced by each stakeholders due to severity of the Carona pandemic was also felt by all the members.

After thorough deliberation and as advised by the Principal Secretary School and Mass Education Dept. Govt of Odisha for an amicable settlement of the School Fees issue, the followings Memorandum of Understanding was executed on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 as agreed upon by all parties unanimously:

Confederation of O.C.		For Association	
 Basudev Bhatta	 Dr. Badrinath Patnaik	 Rajalaxmi Pattanayak	
 Ashok Kumar Paikaray General Secretary	 Dr. Sourendra Mohapatra	 Gitanjali Panda	
 Prahallad Rout	 Vivek Bhuyar	 Durga Suvadashinee Patnaik	
 Prahallad Rout	 Arabinda Das	 Sasmila Sahoo	
	 Karunakar Pradhan	 Nilakantha Panigrahi	

1. There are three types of school
  - i. Day School
  - ii. Day Boarding school
  - iii. Residential School
  
2. School Fees charges for the above schools are
  - i. Tuition Fees for the Day Schools
  - ii. Composite Fees for Day Boarding and Residential Schools
  
3. Optional Fees charged by the Schools are
  - i. Activity Fees
  - ii. Laundry Charges
  - iii. External Exam Fees
  - iv. Uniform Fee
  - v. Conveyance Fee
  - vi. Educursion Trip
  
4. Some Schools also charge the followings
  - i. Re-admission Fee
  - ii. Development Fee
  - iii. Annual Fee

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Followings are unanimously agreed upon by all Members present for the Pandemic period only effective from date 14 2020 is applicable till the Schools are reopened by the Government

S N	School Type	School Fees (Per annum) other as tuition Fees or Composite Fees Waiver %
1	All Schools fees upto Rs. 6,000/-	Nil
2	All Schools fees > Rs. 6,001/- to Rs 12,000/ p a	7.5%
3	All Schools fees & Rs. 12,001/- to Rs 24,000/ p a	12%
4	All Schools fees > Rs. 24,001/- to Rs 48,000/ p a	15%
5	All School fees > Rs 48,001/- to Rs 72,000/ p a	20%
6	All School fees > Rs 72,001/- to Rs 1,00,000/ p a	25%
7	All school fees above 1,00,001/- p a	26%
8	Transport and Food Charges	as per actual
9	(i) Transport and Food Charges as per actual	
	(ii) Hostel fees: Flat 30% waiver to be given	
	(iii) The Other Optional Fees as per para 3 and 4 shall not be charged during pandemic period till Schools re open	

Confederation of Schools of Odisha

<p><i>Basudev Bhatia</i> Basudev Bhatia Secretary</p> <p><i>Ashok Kumar Paikaray</i> Ashok Kumar Paikaray Secretary</p> <p><i>Bhumihar Patra</i> Bhumihar Patra Secretary</p> <p><i>Prahallad Rout</i> Prahallad Rout</p> <p><i>Prahallad Rout</i> Prahallad Rout</p>	<p><i>Badrinath Patnaik</i> Dr. Badrinath Patnaik</p> <p><i>Sourendra Mohapatra</i> Dr. Sourendra Mohapatra</p> <p><i>Vivek Bhuyar</i> Vivek Bhuyar</p> <p><i>Arabinda Das</i> Arabinda Das</p> <p><i>Karunakar Pradhan</i> Karunakar Pradhan</p>	<p><i>Rajalaxmi Patnaik</i> Rajalaxmi Patnaik</p> <p><i>Gitanjali Panda</i> Gitanjali Panda</p> <p><i>Durga Suvadarsinee Patnaik</i> Durga Suvadarsinee Patnaik</p> <p><i>Sasmita Sahoo</i> Sasmita Sahoo</p> <p><i>Nilakantha Panigrahi</i> Nilakantha Panigrahi</p>
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10. Any School which has not increased School Fees consecutively in the last two years will not be covered in this School Fee Waiver understanding subject to proper certification from SMC (School Management Committee) (2018-19 & 2019-20)

Agreed and signed by all members in judicial stamp paper with proper knowledge and faith

Odisha Abhibhabaka  
Mahasangha

Confederation of Odisha  
Public Schools  
Confederat

Odisha Private Schools  
Teachers Association

*Basudev Bhattachan*  
Basudev Bhattachan

*Ashok Kumar Paikaray*  
Ashok Kumar Paikaray  
Secretary

*Bhuvaneshwar Patnaik*  
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Attested.

*28-11-2020*