



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FIXATION OF FEE IN RESPECT
OF SELF FINANCING LAW COLLEGES**

PROC. NO.CFF/ Law Colleges / Fees / 054/ 2024

Date: 20-06-2024

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. Pongiappan
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**Thiru. R. Balachandran
Member
Chartered Accountant of repute**

- Ref: 1) G.O. Ms. No.295, Law (LS) Department, dated: 02-11-2018
2) Minutes of the meeting dated: 14.02.2024
3) Letter No. CFF/ Law / Fees / 054 / 2024, dated: 14.02.2024
4) Letter No. CFF/ Law / Fees / 054 / 2024, dated: 02.04.2024
5) Letter No. CFF/ Law / Fees / 054 / 2024, dated: 14.03.2024
6) Letter No. CFF/ Law / Fees / 054 / 2024, dated: 17.04.2024.
7) Meeting held on dated: 07.05.2024

1. With reference to G.O. first cited the committee was constituted for fixation of fee in respect of Self-Financing Law Colleges and at present the Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. Pongiappan.
2. The Chairman of the Committee convened the meeting on 14.02.2024 to discuss regarding fixation of fee for the 3 years and 5 years Law Courses in the Self Financing Law Colleges. During the meeting the Committee decided to get the fee proposals from the following Self Financing law colleges offering 3 years and 5 years law courses.

1. The Central Law College, Salem District
2. Saraswathi Law College, Villupuram District
3. KMC College of Law, Tiruppur District
4. Erode College of Law, Erode District
5. S. Thangapazham Law college, Tenkasi District
6. Mugil College of Law, Kanyakumari District
7. Mother Teresa Law College, Pudukottai District
8. G.T.N Law College, Dindigul District
9. Thulasi College of Law for Women, Tuticorin District

In this connection, individual mails have been sent to the principals of the above colleges on 14.02.2024 vide ref (3) asking them to submit their proposal for revision of fee for the year 2024 -2025 and two subsequent academic years in the prescribed format.

3. The Committee decided to verify the proposals submitted by the colleges in detail and requested Thiru. R. Balachandran, who is the member of this Committee (Chartered Accountant of repute) to verify the details of income and expenditure statements submitted by the colleges and prepare the consolidated expenditure statements. Further

the Committee verified the Expenditure Statement submitted by the Law Colleges, especially in respect to 20 Major heads namely Salaries and allowances including PF (Teaching, Non-Teaching and Administration), Welfare Expenses, Electricity Charges, Telephone, Postage & Internet, Equipment Purchase, Books & Periodicals, Printing & Stationary, Consumable, Research and Development, University affiliation fees and Inspection Charges, Sports, Games, Meetings and Functions, Awards, Merit Scholarship, Travelling and Conveyance, Repairs and Maintenance, Depreciation, Advertisement and Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Further the Committee requested the colleges to bring the following documents for verification.

1. Salary Acquaintance
 2. TDS certificate (Quarterly return statement)
 3. Audited Income / Expenditure statement along with Income Tax Return.
 4. Supporting documents for the expenditure claimed under the Head / other Expenditure.
 5. Any other documents to support the specific expenditure claimed
4. In final the Committee analyzed the consolidated expenditure statements in detail, to arrive at a comprehensive fee for the students studying in various colleges located in rural and urban areas, before fixing the fee the Committee decided to invite the representatives of the law colleges (vide ref (6)) to appear before the Committee on 07.05.2024. Thereafter in response to the request of the Committee, the following representatives of the Law Colleges appeared before the Committee on 07.05.2024 at 12.00 Noon.

1. Dr. P.S Srinivasan, Principal, GTN Law College, Dindigul
2. Dr. P. Ashok Kumar, Principal, Saraswathi Law College, Villupuram District

3. Dr. M. S. Soundra Pandian, Principal, KMC Law College, Tiruppur
 4. Mr. R. Gandhinathan, Mother Teresa Law College, Pudukottai
 5. Dr. S. Gajendra Raj, Erode College of Law, Perundurai
 6. Mr. R.M. Vivekanandan, S. Thangapazham Law College, Tenkasi
5. During discussion, the Chairman explained various issues related to fixation of fee and also the method in which the Committee had arrived at the expenditure details of the institution. The representatives of the college requested the Committee to revise the fee fixed by the Committee during the academic year 2022 -2023. The Chairman and the members of the Committee informed to the representatives that the expenditure incurred towards capital expenditure can't be passed on to the students, further it was also informed to the representatives that all the expenditure claimed by the institution except depreciation are taken into account to arrive the fee. However after scrutinizing the documents submitted by the colleges, the Committee unanimously resolved that the fee fixed during the year 2022-2023 vide Proceeding dated: 15.10.2022 a sum of Rs. 85,000/- could be sufficient at present. Hence it is decided not to revise the fee until further order.
6. The fee fixed (i.e Rs. 85,000/-) is all inclusive of Moot Court fee, Library fee, University fee, Internet fee, Soft Skill Development fee, Sports fee, Admission fee, Special fee, Maintenance and Amenities fee and other requiring expenses.
7. It is made clear that the fee fixed by the Committee is maximum fee is to be charged by the institution. It is open to the institutions to charge lesser fee than the fee fixed by the committee.
8. If the institution seeks revision of the fee fixed, it is always open to the institution apply for revision of fee to the committee along with the relevant records and book of accounts to the committee.

9. The management of the college is directed to cover all the students under Students Group Insurance Scheme. The above fee does not include Hostel, Transport and Mess charges.
10. The Committee recommends to the institution to consider granting of partial waiver in case of deserving meritorious students.
11. The Committee directs the Institution shall not collect or levy any other recurring or non-recurring fee including capitation fee.
12. Any deviation of the order of this committee will entail serious penal consequences like withdrawal of approval by Bar Council of India and disaffiliation by the concerned University as well as imposition of fine.
13. Any student / parent aggrieved by overcharging of fees if any, by the Institution is at liberty to approach the committee for redressal.

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Chairman

/ By Order/


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