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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 6112/2020 & CM APPL. 21961/2020, CM APPL.

16118/2021, CM APPL. 53204/2022, CM APPL. 41361/2023

MASTER EKLAVYA KOCHHAR AND ORS. .... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Sanjoy Ghosh, Sr. Advocate with  
Mr. Jitin Bhasin and Mr. Nitin  
Bhardwaj, Advocates.

versus

BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL & ORS. .... Respondents

Through: Mr. Kamal Gupta, Mrs. Tripti Gupta,  
Mr. Sparsh Aggarwal, Mr. Karan  
Chaudhary, Ms. Yosha Dutt, Mr. S.L.  
Bansal and Mr. Nihil Kukreja,  
Advocates for school.  
Mr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi,  
Standing Counsel (Civil), GNCTD.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI**

**ORDER**

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**03.05.2024**

Mr. Sanjoy Ghosh, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioners submits, that respondent No.1/Bal Bharti Public School, Rohini has made a wrong representation to this court inasmuch as it has come to be recorded in order dated 11.08.2023 that they have received a *15% fee hike* over the *base fee structure for the Academic Session 2021-2022* and that the school has been charging fee in accordance with the permissible fee hike as approved by the Directorate of Education ('DoE').

Mr. Ghosh points-out, that a perusal of paras 12.3 and 12.4 of short counter-affidavit dated 16.04.2024 filed on behalf of respondent No.3/DoE would show that the DoE has only approved a 15% fee hike computed on



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the fee structure for *Academic Session 2015-2016* and not on the fee structure for *Academic Session 2021-2022*. Senior counsel accordingly contends, that the school has been over-charging the students/parents.

Mr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi, learned Standing Counsel (Civil) appearing for respondent No.3/DoE stands by what has been stated in paras 12.3 & 12.4 of short counter-affidavit dated 16.04.2024 filed on behalf of the DoE.

Mr. Kamal Gupta, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.1 school submits that he has not received a copy of the short counter-affidavit; and seeks time to take instructions. Mr. Gupta submits however, that a 15% fee hike was allowed by the DoE on the fee structure for *Academic Session 2021-2022*.

A copy of the short counter-affidavit has been supplied to Mr. Gupta in court. Let requisite instructions be taken *positively* before the next date.

Re-notify on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 04:00 p.m.

**ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J**

**MAY 3, 2024**

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