



In the

Reserve Bank of India
Foreign Exchange Department
Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai
Chennai 600 001

Present

R Kesavan
Chief General Manager

Date : January 10, 2018
C.A.741/2017

In the matter of

M/s. Karadi Path Education Company Pvt Ltd.
No. 3A, Dev Regency,
11, 1st Mani Road,
Gandhinagar, Adyar,
Chennai-600 020

(Applicant)

In exercise of the powers under section 15 (1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the Regulations/Rules/Notifications/orders made there under, I pass the following

Order

The applicant has filed a compounding application dated November 23, 2017 (received at Reserve Bank on November 23, 2017) for compounding of contraventions of the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (the FEMA) and the regulations issued there under. The contraventions sought to be compounded are (i) delay in reporting of inflow of funds received from a person resident outside India for



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allotment of shares, (ii) delay in submission of Form FC-GPR on allotment of shares with Reserve Bank, and (iii) conversion of compulsorily convertible preference shares to equity shares at a price less than the fair value in terms of Paragraph 9 (1) A Paragraph 9 (1) B and Paragraph 5 respectively, of Schedule I to Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside India) Regulations, 2000 notified, vide Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000.

2. The relevant facts of the case are as follows: The applicant company was incorporated on December 29, 2010 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 (Registration No. U80301TN2010PTC078617) and is engaged in business of other educational services n.e.c. The applicant received foreign inward remittances from (i) M/s Aavishkaar India II Company Ltd., Mauritius (ii) M/s Pearson Affordable Learning Fund Ltd., UK towards subscription to equity shares and reported the same to the Reserve Bank as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Amount of Inward Remittance in INR	Date of receipt	Reported to RBI on
1	2,97,90,000.00	30.03.2012	20.03.2013
2	1,19,28,000.00	22.02.2013	13.03.2013
3	3,78,10,523.00	05.09.2013	31.12.2013
4	2,98,49,536.80	29.09.2015	17.10.2015
5	12,00,00,000.00	03.10.2015	27.10.2015
6	34,57,938.20	24.05.2017	17.06.2017

The applicant reported receipt of remittances to the Reserve Bank on dates indicated above with delay ranging from two months 26 days to 10 months 20 days approximately beyond the prescribed period of 30 days in respect of the remittance at Sr. Nos.1 and 3. Whereas, in terms of paragraph 9 (1) A of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, an Indian company issuing shares or convertible debentures in accordance with these Regulations should report to the Reserve Bank of India as per the prescribed procedure not later than 30 days from the date of receipt of the amount of consideration.



3. The company allotted equity shares and filed FC-GPRs as indicated below:

Sl. No	No. of shares allotted	Face Value (in INR.)	Amount (INR)	Date of allotment of shares	Reported to RBI on
1	19307	10	2,97,90,121.79	31.03.2012	13.08.2012
2	5432	10	1,19,28,020.16	25.02.2013	03.05.2013
3	24505	10	3,78,10,479.85	10.09.2013	17.01.2014
4	59549	10	14,98,49,103.60	03.10.2015	29.10.2015

The applicant filed form FC-GPRs as indicated above with delay ranging from one month eight days to three months 12 days approximately beyond the prescribed limit in respect of the allotments at Sr. Nos. 1 to 3. Whereas in terms of paragraph 9 (1) B of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, an Indian company issuing shares in accordance with these Regulations has to submit to Reserve Bank a report in Form FC-GPR along with documents prescribed therein within 30 days from the date of issue of shares to person resident outside India.

4. The company converted 5432 CCPS to 7730 equity shares on 10.09.2013 at ₹ 1543.08 per share. However, the fair value of equity shares as on the date of allotment of CCPS (25.02.2013) was ₹1990.42. The shortfall was brought in by way of inward remittance as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date of Conversion	Amount of shortfall (INR)	Date of receipt
1	10.09.2013	34,57,938.20	24.05.2017

The shortfall was brought in with delay of three years eight months 14 days approximately. Whereas in terms of Paragraph 5 of Schedule I to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB the price of shares issued to persons resident outside India under this Schedule, shall not be less than the fair valuation of shares.

5. The applicant was given an opportunity for personal hearing vide Reserve Bank's mail dated January 08, 2018 for further submission in person and/or producing documents, if any, in support of the application. The applicant appeared for the personal hearing on January 10, 2018 during which Shri Esakki Muthu S , Deputy General Manager, Finance and Shri Murali R, Consultant, CFO represented the



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applicant. The authorized representatives of the applicant admitted the contraventions as stated in para 2 and 3 above committed by the applicant for which compounding has been sought. During the personal hearing, it was submitted that the delays were unintentional. In view of the above, they requested to take a lenient view in the matter. The application for compounding is, therefore, being considered on the basis of the averments made in the application as well as other documents and submissions made in this context by the applicant during the personal hearing.

6. It has been declared in the compounding application dated November 23, 2017 that the particulars given by the applicant in the application are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief. It has been declared in the declaration dated November 23, 2017 furnished with the compounding application that the applicant was not under any enquiry/investigation/adjudication by any agency as on the date of the application and has, in this regard, not informed of initiation of any such enquiry/investigation/adjudication proceedings against it thereafter. Accordingly, the above contraventions which are being compounded in this Order are subject to the veracity of the above declarations made by the applicant and this order is without prejudice to any other action which may be taken by any authority under the extant laws if the said declarations are subsequently discovered to be false and/or incorrect.

7. I have given my careful consideration to the documents on record and submissions made by the applicant in the compounding application and during the personal hearing. Accordingly, I hold that the applicant has contravened the following FEMA provisions issued in terms of:

- (a) Paragraph 9 (1) A of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB due to delay in reporting of receipt of inward remittances towards subscription of equity shares as detailed in paragraph 2 above. The contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 6,76,00,523/- with the duration of contravention ranging from two months 26 days to 10 months 20 days approximately;



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(b) Paragraph 9 (1) B of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB due to delay in submission of Form FC-GPR to the Reserve Bank after issue of shares to persons resident outside India and the contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 7,95,28,621.80 with the duration of contravention ranging from one month eight days to three months 12 days approximately; and

(c) Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB due to conversion of compulsorily convertible preference shares to equity shares at a price less than the fair value. The amount of contravention relates to an amount of ₹ 34,57,938.20 with the duration of contravention being three years eight months 14 days.

8. In terms of Section 13 of the FEMA, any person contravening any provision of the Act shall be liable to a penalty up to thrice the sum involved in such contravention upon adjudication. However, taking into account the relevant facts and circumstances of the case as stated in the foregoing paragraphs, I am persuaded to take a lenient view on the amount for which the contraventions are to be compounded and I consider that an amount

of ₹ 1,92,477/- (Rupees one lakh ninety two thousand four hundred and seventy seven only) will meet the ends of justice.

9. Accordingly, I compound the admitted contraventions namely, the contraventions of paragraphs 9 (1) A, 9 (1) B and 5 of Schedule 1 to Notification No. FEMA 20/2000-RB, by the applicant on the facts discussed above in terms of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 on payment of an amount of ₹ 1,92,477/- (Rupees one lakh ninety two thousand four hundred and seventy seven only) which shall be deposited by the applicant with the Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, Fort Glacis, No.16, Rajaji Salai, Chennai - 600 001 by a demand draft drawn in favour of the "Reserve Bank of India" and payable at Chennai within a period of **15 days** from the date of this order.



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In case of failure to deposit the compounded amount within the above mentioned period, Rule 10 of the Foreign Exchange (Compounding Proceedings) Rules, 2000 dated May 3, 2000 shall apply.

The application is disposed of accordingly.

Dated this Tenth day of January, 2018.

Sd/-

R Kesavan
Chief General Manager