

‘CBSE not a party to ongoing school fee dispute in Gujarat’

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AMID THE ongoing dispute between private schools, mostly affiliated to the CBSE, and the state government over fee regulation, CBSE chairman RK Chaturvedi on Saturday said that the central board has no hold over fees and that it was an issue between the schools and the state government.

“The CBSE is not involved in the tussle over fee structure between CBSE-affiliated schools and the state government. It is a state government issue as CBSE is only an affiliation body. However, the affiliation norms state that the

fee should be commensurate with the infrastructure and facilities of the school and at par with the state government laws but CBSE is not a party to the ongoing litigation over fee regulation in Gujarat,” Chaturvedi said.

The private schools in the state have legally challenged the Gujarat Self Financed Schools (Regulation of Fees) Act which was brought by the government to put a cap on school fees. The private schools and those affiliated to the CBSE charge much higher fees than the stipulated structure. They argued in the High Court that since they are private schools, they are out of the purview of the state government.