



## FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions  
(Regulation of Admissions and Fees)

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### Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 26/05/2022

The Meeting of the Fees Regulating Authority (constituted under section 11(2)(3)(4) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015) held on **26<sup>th</sup> May 2022** in the Conference Hall, Room No. 305, Government Polytechnic Building, 49 Kherwadi, Ali Yawar Jung Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051.

The following were present:

1.	Hon'ble Justice V. L. Achliya (Retd.), Chairperson of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present
2.	Dr. Vijay Vasant Khole, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Presence dispensed for a day at his request.
3.	Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak, Chartered Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present
4.	Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish) Phadtare, Cost Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present
5.	Shri. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present
6.	Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Science, Nashik, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Presence dispensed for a day at his request.
7.	Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Mumbai, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent.
8.	Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Pune, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent. Representative present.
9.	Member Secretary of Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education of Research, Pune, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Presence dispensed for a day at his request.
10.	Shri. L. S. Mali, I.A.S., Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present



**Part-II****Item No.3: Any other subject with the permission of the chair.**

- i) **To consider the letter of request dated 22/3/2022 received from the Dean, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College, Pune.**

"Discussed.

From the letter dated 22/3/2022 received from the Dean, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College, Pune, there is no clarity about the constitution of the Trust, its Management and particularly the role of Pune Municipal Corporation the local body in the establishment and the Management of the Trust.

It was decided to invite the Secretary of the Trust and the Dean of the Institute for discussion to take an appropriate decision. The officials be requested to bring the documents relating to the formation and registration of the Trust and particularly the trust deed/constitution of the Trust and other relevant documents.

List for hearing on 10/6/2022".

- ii) **To discuss the letter dated 21/5/2022 received from Shri Sachin Patil Advocate on record and Standing Council State of Maharashtra and the order dated 19/5/2022 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal Nos. 3978-3995/2017 (Rashtriya Shikshan Samiti Trust etc. Vs Committee for fixation of fee structure of Private Professional Colleges and others).**

"Discussed.


The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 19/5/2022 has issued the following directions:

*"Para No. 14: The conspectus of the above discussion would lead us to the following conclusions: -*

- a) *A web-portal under the aegis of Supreme Court has to be set-up wherein any information about the private medical colleges charging capitation fees can be furnished by the students. The webportal has to be maintained and regulated by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology;*
- b) *The Chief Secretaries of the States and Union Territories are directed to publish the details about the web-portal in the English as well as vernacular newspapers at the time of admission. In addition,*



*a pamphlet should be compulsorily given to the students and their parents at the time of counselling informing them about the availability of the web-portal;*

- c) *While fixing the schedule for the admission process, the National Medical Commission and the Dental Council of India have to make sure that the counselling for all the rounds, including the stray vacancy round, is completed at least two weeks before the last date of admission;*
  - d) *The names of students who are recommended by the authority for admission in the stray round vacancy have to be made public along with rank allotted to them in the NEET exam. The admissions should be made strictly on the basis of merit and in the event of any admission to the contrary, suitable action shall be taken against the private medical colleges;*
  - e) ***While fixing fee, the Fee Fixation Committees of the States should take into account all the components of fee, leaving no scope for managements to charge any additional amounts apart from what has been prescribed by the fee fixation committee from time to time. In the event that the management intends to charge additional amounts over and above the price band fixed by the Fee Fixation Committee, or for any component not included in the structure fixed by the Fee Fixation Committee, the same can only be done with the concurrence of the Fee Fixation Committee;***
  - f) ***The management of private medical colleges are strictly prohibited from accepting payment of fees in cash, in order to avoid charging of capitation fee. The students or any other aggrieved persons are at liberty to report on the web-portal regarding collection of fees in cash by any medical colleges;***
  - g) *The Director General of Health Services and other concerned authorities to the State Governments should ensure that the All-India Quota and State Quota rounds of counselling are completed strictly in accordance with the time schedule that is fixed.*
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**Para No. 15:** *The aforementioned suggestions of the Amicus Curiae and the learned Counsel for the States and National Medical Council are accepted and directions are issued accordingly."*

It was decided to circulate the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court to all the Medical Institutions/Colleges in the State of Maharashtra for taking note of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and compliance.

It was further decided to publish the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the website of Fees Regulating Authority for the information of all the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions in the State of Maharashtra as well as the students and all concerned.

Let the follow-up action to be taken accordingly".

iii)

**To consider the letter of request received from various Nursing Schools/Institutes to open the link for submission of an online proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2020-2021 and/or 2021-2022.**

"Discussed.

The following institutions running the RANM/RGNM courses have sent letters requesting to open the link for submission of the online proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2020-2021 and/or 2021-2022.

Sr. No.	Code	Institute Name	Academic Year
1	RANM0430	Sau R.G. Mali Nursing School, Dule	2020-2021
2	RANM0431	Kiran Nursing School, Dule	2020-2021
3	RANM0218	Sakolkar Nursing School, Aurangabad	2020-2021
4	RANM0200	Kalavati Nursing School, Airoli, Navi Mumbai	2021-2022
5	RGNM0097	Mangala Nursing School, Akole	2021-2022
6	RANM0218	Sakolkar Nursing School, Aurangabad	2021-2022



Sr. No.	Code	Institute Name	Academic Year
7	RANM0347	Shrimati Padmini Institute of Nursing & Paramedical Science	2021-2022
8	RANM0650	Loknete Rajarambapu Patil Training College of Nursing, Sangli	2021-2022
9	RGNM0136	Loknete Rajarambapu Patil Training College of Nursing, Sangli	2021-2022
10	RANM0647	Swami Vivekanand Medical Mission School of Nursing, Nagpur	2021-2022
11	RANM0430	Sau R. G. Mali Nursing School, Dhule	2021-2022
12	RANM0431	Kiran Nursing School, Dhule	2021-2022
13	RANM0403	Health Care Nursing School, Gondia	2021-2022

There is absolutely no justification to entertain the request to open the link for online submission of proposals for the academic year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. The period for submission of online proposal for the academic year 2020-2021 was expired on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and the period for submission of proposal for the academic year 2021-2022 was expired on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 as provided u/s 14(1)(a) of the Act of 2015.

In the meeting of the Authority held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 examined the issue of jurisdiction to entertain and decide the proposal seeking approval of fees for RANM and RGNM courses run by the Nursing Institutes. It was decided not to entertain the proposals seeking approval of fees for the academic year 2020-2021 and onwards for the reason, the said courses being not professional courses as well as same are not affiliated to any University. The tenure of the then Authority expired on 18/3/2021. Subsequent thereto the letter dated 19/3/2021 received from the Medical Education and Drugs Department, Mantralaya. By the said letter the official from the said department informed that the said courses were declared as professional courses and requested to entertain and decide the fee proposals of said courses. Since the tenure of the Authority was expired on 18/3/2021 and the new Authority not constituted, the then Secretary, In-Charge of the Fees Regulating Authority issued the instructions to open the link for submission of the online proposal for approval of fees for the




academic year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. The link was made open w.e.f 1/4/2021 and Institutes were directed to submit the proposal within 15 days. Thereafter, the period for submission of an online proposal was extended up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 of the orders of the Secretary, In-Charge, Fees Regulating Authority.

Vide notification dated 18/6/2021, the State Government reconstituted the Authority. The Authority has extended the period for submission of proposal up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 without penalty who failed to submit proposal till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and requested an extension of the period. Later on, the period was extended with a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Subsequently, the period was extended up to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 with the penalty of Rs. 50,000/- per course. By the decision taken in the meeting of the Authority held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the period was extended up to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to all the Institutes/Colleges who had not submitted the proposals seeking approval of fees on pre-deposit of the penalty of Rs. 50,000/- per course. The Institutes/Colleges mentioned above failed to submit the proposals within the period extended.

Now, the link has been opened for submission of online proposals for approval of fees of Unaided Private Professional Courses affiliated to the University for the next academic year i.e. 2022-2023 w.e.f. 1/4/2022. The time limit for submission of the online proposals of Unaided Private Professional Courses affiliated to the University for the academic year 2022-2023 due to expire on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Authority has to consider and decide those proposals for the academic year 2022-2023. It is therefore not possible to entertain the request of the above-mentioned Institutions to open the link and approve the fees for the previous two years (i.e. 2020-2021 & 2021-2022).

It was therefore decided to reject the request of the above-mentioned Institutions to open the link for submission of the online proposals for approval of fees for the academic year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

It was further decided not to entertain any request similar in nature from any other Institutions running RANM/RGNM courses. The letters of request if any received same be filed without processing before the Authority".





iv) **To take action against Shri. Rajashri Shahu Law College, Barshi, Dist- Solapur for non-submission of the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2020-21 and 2021-22 in the respect of the LLB course run by the said Institute.**

"Discussed.

The Institute is running LLB 5 years course as Unaided Private Professional Educational Institution. The Institute had submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2018-2019 as provided u/s 14(1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015. The Authority has approved the fees of Rs. 8,000/- for the said academic year. For the next academic year i.e. 2019-2020, the Institute has opted for no upward revision of fees.

Since, the Institute has not submitted the proposal seeking approval of fees for the academic years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as provided u/s 14(1)(a) of the Act, 2015, the show-cause notice was issued to said Institute.


The Institute has responded to the show-cause notice and admitted that their Institute has failed to submit the proposal for approval of fees for said academic years due to the pandemic of covid-19.

The explanation put forth appears to be unsatisfactory and concocted. The effect of covid-19 started from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March 2020. The time limit to submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2020-2021 was up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. In that view, a prima facie case has been made out to initiate proceeding u/s 20 of the Act, 2015 against the Management running the Institute.

Issue notice directing the President/Chairman, the Secretary and other members of the Trust running the Institute and the Principal of the Institute to appear on 15/6/2022 and explain why the penalty as contemplated u/s 20 of the Act 2015 be not imposed against them.

Follow-up action be taken.

List on 15/6/2022."





v) **To take action against Shri. Rajashri Shahu Law College, Vikhroli, Mumbai for non-submission of the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-22 in the respect of the LLB 3 and 5 years courses run by the said Institute.**

"Discussed.

The Institute is running LLB 3 and 5 years courses as Unaided Private Professional Educational Institution. The Institute had submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2019-20 as provided u/s 14(1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015. The Authority has approved the fees of Rs. 11,000/- for LLB 3 years course and Rs. 16,000/- for LLB 5 years course run by the said Institute for the Batch of students admitted in the academic year 2019-2020.

Since the Institute has not submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022, the show-cause notice was issued to said Institute.

The Institute has responded to the show-cause notice and admitted that their Institute has not submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the said academic year. The Institute has assigned the cause for the non-submission of the proposal due to the pandemic of covid-19.

The explanation put forth by the Institution appears to be not satisfactory and convincing. The due date for submission of the proposal for the academic year 2021-2022 was 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Due to the pandemic of covid-19, the then Authority has extended the period till 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Authority reconstituted vide notification dated 18/6/2021 entertained the request received from a large number of institutions seeking an extension of the period. In the meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021, it was decided to extend the period up to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to all such Institutions who failed to submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. However, the said Institute failed to submit the proposal even though the period was extended till 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022, In that view, there is a prima facie case to initiate proceeding u/s 20 of the Act, 2015 against the Management running the Institute.

Issue notice directing the President/Chairman, the Secretary and other members of the Trust running the Institute and the Principal of the Institute to appear before the Authority on 15/6/2022 and explain why the penalty as contemplated u/s 20 of the Act 2015 be not imposed against



them for their default in submitting the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022.

Follow-up action be taken.

List on 15/6/2022."

- vi) **To take action against Lord's Universal College of Law, Goregaon, Mumbai for non-submission of the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 in the respect of the LLB 3 and 5 years courses run by the said Institute.**

"Discussed.

Deferred to next meeting."

- vii) **To consider the letter of request dated 5/4/2022, received from the Director, G. H. Rasoni Institute of Engineering and Technology, Nagpur (EN4142) to record the change in name of G. H. Rasoni Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, Nagpur (EN4142) as G. H. Rasoni Institute of Engineering and Technology, Nagpur from the academic year 2016-2017.**

"Discussed.

In brief, it is submitted on the part of above named Institute that from the academic year 2016-2017, the name of G. H. Rasoni Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, Nagpur (EN4142) has been changed to "G. H. Rasoni Institute of Engineering and Technology, Nagpur" (EN4142) as per the approval given by AICTE. However, the said change has not been recorded and taken into consideration by the Fees Regulating Authority while declaring the fees for the academic year 2021-2022. The Institute has made request to record the change in the record of the Fees Regulating Authority.

In view of the notification dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016 issued by the AICTE, it was decided to accept the request of the Institute. The necessary change in the name of the Institute be recorded in the record of the Fees Regulating Authority. The name of the previous Institute be shown in the bracket as a previously known institute in front of the new name of the Institute.

Let the follow-up action to be taken."



- viii) **To consider the letter of request dated 5/4/2022, received from the Director, G. H. Rasoni Institute of Engineering and Technology, Nagpur (EN4142) to record the merger of G. H. Rasoni Institute of Information Technology, Nagpur (MB4117) and G. H. Rasoni Polytechnic, Nagpur (PL4226) to G. H. Rasoni Engineering and Technology, Nagpur (EN4142) from the academic year 2020-2021.**

"Discussed.

By the letter dated 5/4/2022, the request has been made on behalf of the Management running the Institute to take note of the merger of "G. H. Rasoni Institute of Information Technology, Nagpur" (MB4117) and "G. H. Rasoni Polytechnic, Nagpur" (PL4226) running the M.B.A. and M.C.A & Polytechnic courses with "G. H. Rasoni Institute of Engineering and Technology, Nagpur" (EN4142) w.e.f. the academic year 2020-2021 by the orders of AICTE.

In view of approval given by the AICTE for the merger of "G. H. Rasoni Institute of Information Technology, Nagpur" (MB4117) and "G. H. Rasoni Polytechnic, Nagpur" (PL4226) running the M.B.A. and M.C.A & Polytechnic courses, the necessary note be taken in the record of the Fees Regulating Authority of the merger of said Institutes".

**Date : 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Place: Mumbai**



**Justice Vijay L. Achliya (Retd.)  
Chairperson  
Fees Regulating Authority  
State of Maharashtra**