



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 20/04/2023

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 **20th April 2023** 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/absent:

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	:	Present.
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	:	Absent.
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.
9.	Member Secretary of Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education of Research, Pune, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent.
10.	Shri. L. S. Mali, I.A.S., Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.

Part-III**Item No.1(vi):**

To consider the proposal for approval of fees of the D.Pharm course for the academic year 2022-2023 submitted by the Dr. R.G. Bhojar Institue of Pharmaceutical Education & Research, Wardha (DPH4213).

"Discussed.


The Following were present.

1. Dr. Pranita P. Kashyap, the Principal of the Institute.
2. Mr. Prashant R. Chaudhari, the Director of the Institute.
3. Mr. Shashane S. Raut , the Clerk of the Institute.

While considering the proposal for approval of fees of the D.Pharm course for the academic year 2022-2023 run by the Institute, it was noticed that the Institute is running D.Pharm as well as B.Pharm courses. The Institute had submitted the proposal for approval of fees in respect of the B.Pharm course for the academic year 2021-2022. The Authority had approved the fees of Rs. 90,000/- per student for said academic year. For the next academic year i.e. 2022-2023, the Institute has opted for no upward revision of fees in respect of the B.Pharm course.

In order to ascertain any staff (teaching and/or non-teaching) shown as employed for B.Pharm course in the Institute also shown as employed for D.Pharm course run by the same Institute the scrutiny of the proposal was made. On scrutiny, it is found that 14 person with similarities in their names, designation, date of appointment, were also shown as staff employed in the proposal submitted for the approval of fees of B.Pharm course for the academic year 2021-2022 also named in the proposal submitted for approval of fees in respect of D.Pharm course run by the same Institute for the academic year 2022-2023. The comparative chart of the staff shown to be employed for the B.Pharm course as well as D.Pharm course is prepared & kept with minutes of meeting as **Annexure-'A'**.

In view of the above, the letter was issued to the Principal of the Institute to produce the documents reffered in the letter dated 17/04/2023 and further directed the Principal of the College to appear along with the Chartered Accountant of the Institute, as well as the President and Secretary of the Trust, running the Institute.




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The Institute has sent an email expressing the difficulty to attend the hearing kept on 20/04/2023 and requested to reschedule the meeting. However, the following official appeared for hearing:

1. Dr. Pranita P. Kashyap, the Principal of the Institute.
2. Mr. Prashant R. Chaudhari, the Director of the Institute.
3. Mr. Shashane S. Raut, the Clerk of the Institute.

During the course of the hearing, the enquiry was made with Dr Pranita Kashyap, the Principal of the Institute about her qualification, appointment and approval of her appointment. In response she has disclosed that she is appointed & drawing salary as the Principal of the Institute running the B.Pharm course & her appointment has been approved by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU). She has categorically stated that no separate Principal is appointed & posted for the D.Pharm course. So also no salary paid to her from the Institute running the D.Pharm course. She is drawing yearly salary of about 6 lakhs from the Institute running the B.Pharm course. In response to the query made, she has stated that the separate teaching and nonteaching staff are employed for B.Pharm course and D.Pharm course in the colleges run by same Trust. The staff of respective colleges are paid salaries from the respective Institutions in which they are employed. She denied that some of the staff employed for the B.Pharm course also employed for the D.Pharm course and paid salary from both courses. She has denied that she was employed and paid salary as the Principal of the college running D.Pharm course in the academic year 2022-2023 or prior to that.

In view of the explanaton given, the attention of the Principal of the Institute was invited to names of the persons shown as staff employed and paid salary for the D.Pharm course, which includes her own name mentioned in the proposal submitted for approval of fees of D.Pharm course for the academic yer 2022-2023. She was surprised to see her name shown as the Principal of the D.Pharm course and paid salary from the said course in the proposal submitted by the Institute. In respect of other 13 persons pointed out as employed in the capacity as non-teaching staff mentioned in the proposal submitted for approval of fees for the D.Pharm course, she expressed surprised and submitted that those persons are non teaching employees of college running B.Pharm course & all of them paid salary from college running B.Pharm course. On inquiry



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made with the Clerk of the Institute present before the Authority he submitted that due to some mistake, the names of those persons mentioned in the proposal of D.Pharm course.

Mr. Prashant Chaudhari, the representative of the Management submitted that there was a mistake in submitting the proposal of the D.Pharm course & same was realised only after they received the letter from the Fees Regulating Authority to produce the documents and appeared for hearing. All the 14 persons mentioned in the Annexure-A neither employed nor paid salary from the D.Pharm course in the academic year 2022-2023 or prior to that . They are employed in the institute running B.Pharm course & paid salary from same College.

It was brought to the notice of the Principal of the Institute that the proposal has been signed, verified and affirmed by her along with the Secretary of the Trust. She submitted that before signing the proposal she has not cross-checked and verified the information.

It is noticed that in the proposal submitted for approval of fees of the B.Pharm course for the academic year 2021-2022 the person by the name "Hiwanj Sunanda A" shown as person employed as a Officer Superidentant w.e.f 01/09/2019 with a salary of Rs. 1,19,224/-. Interestingly the same person also shown as employed in college running D.Pharm course in same capacity w.e.f. 02/09/2019 on yearly salary of Rs. 2,65,458/- with name "Hiwanj Sunanda Amol". Similarly, the person by name "Kude Rajesh V" shown as employed w.e.f. 03/03/2011 as a Peon with a yearly salary of Rs. 1,96,320/- in an Institute running the B.Pharm course also shown as employed with name "Kude Raju Vasantrao" w.e.f. 03/03/2011 as a 'Cleaning Person' with yearly salary of Rs. 1,96,320/- in the proposal submitted for approval of fees of D.Pharm course. Similarly, the person by the name "Atmaram Madhu S." shown as person employed as a 'Gardener' in the B.Pharm course w.e.f. 01/08/2016 with yearly salary of Rs. 1,96,320/-, also shown as employed in the same capacity with same date of joining and salary with a slight difference in name as "Atmaram Madhu G " in the proposal submitted for approval of fees of D.Pharm course. In the proposal of the B.Pharm course, the person by the name 'Hiwanj Amol P.' shown to be employed as a Librarian w.e.f. 01/01/2018 with a yearly salary of Rs. 5,82,720/- paid to him also shown to be employed as a Librarian w.e.f. 01/01/2018 & paid yearly salary of Rs. 5,82,720/- in the proposal of the D.Pharm course with slight variation in name as 'Hiwanj



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Amol Pandurang'. Similarly, the person by the name 'Chaudhari Minal B' shown as person employed as Clerk w.e.f. 01/09/2016 with a yearly salary of Rs. 2,04,384/- in the Institute running the B.Pharm course also shown as person employed in same capacity w.e.f. 01/08/2017 & paid yearly salary of Rs. 2,65,458/- with slight variation in name as 'Chaudhari Minal S.' in the proposal submitted for approval of fees of D.Pharm course. On the same line, the person by name 'Dighade Rushikesh S' shown as employed in the capacity as an Accountant w.e.f. 02/04/2018 with a yearly salary of Rs. 3,47,520/- in the proposal of B.Pharm course also shown as employed in the same capacity with same date of joining with a yearly salary of Rs. 3,72,820/- with slight variation in name as 'Dighade Rushikesh Rajendra' in the proposal for approval of fees of D.Pharm course. Similarly, the person by the name 'Pakhale Amol Omkarrao' shown as employed in the capacity as a Lab Assistant w.e.f. 01/08/2014 with a yearly salary of Rs. 2,13,708/- in the institute running B.Pharm course also shown as employed in the same capacity with the same date of joining in the proposal for approval of fees of D.Pharm course run by same Trust with slight variation in his name as 'Pakhale Amol P' & paid yearly salary of Rs. 2,31,021/-.

The officials submitted that though there is a slight difference in the names of the same persons in the proposals submitted for the B.Pharm course and D.Pharm course but those persons are same persons employed in the Institute running B.Pharm course & none of them paid salary from the D.Pharm course. They have submitted that their names were inadvertently mentioned in the faculty details form while submitting the proposal seeking approval of fees of the D.Pharm course submitted for the academic year 2022-2023.

In view of the above, it is necessary to conduct inquiry & provide opportunity of hearing to the Principal of the Institute and the Management running the Institute. Accordingly, the Principal of College and Management running the college are directed to file an affidavit clarifying the above referred facts noticed during the scrutiny of proposal.

At the time of scrutiny of the proposal, it is noticed that the Institute has not made a segmental bifurcation of the expenditure in respect of the B.Pharm course & D.Pharm course. In order to determine and finalised the fees the Officials are directed to submit the segmental bifurcation of

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expenditure in respect of B.Pharm as well as D.Pharm courses supported with documentary evidence.

During the course of hearing Dr Prashant Chaudhari the representative of Management submitted that while coming from Nagpur to Mumbai for hearing the bag in which original documents were kept was stolen and the complaint of theft has been lodged.

The officials are directed to file an affidavit and submit the documents within one week and appear for hearing on 04/05/2023.

List for hearing on 04/05/2023".

Date: 20th April 2023

Place: Mumbai



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