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FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

Dt. 22/12/2022

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 **22nd December 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/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 through video conferencing.
4.	Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish) Phadtare, Cost Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present through video conferencing.
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	:	Present through video conferencing.
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	:	Presence is dispensed for a day.
10.	Shri. L. S. Mali, I.A.S., Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present through video conferencing.

Part-IV

Item No.2: **Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.**

E) **To consider the proposal for approval of fees of Shri. Pandit Baburao Chaughule College of Pharmacy-Thane (PH3506) running B.Pharmacy course for the academic year 2022-2023.**

"Discussed.

It is brought to notice that proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 of Shri. Pandit Baburao Chaughule College of Pharmacy-Thane running B.Pharmacy course was discussed and decided in the meeting held on 21/12/2022. On due consideration of the proposal, the Authority has decided to give a reasonable rise over the fees approved for the previous academic year. Inadvertently the previous year fees approved was considered as Rs. 50,000/- instead of Rs. 55,000/-. After giving reasonable rise over the previous year fee as Rs. 50,000/- the fees was approved as Rs. 55,000/-. It is brought to notice that the previous year fees of said college was Rs. 55,000/- the reasonable rise ought have been considered over & above Rs. 55,000/-.

On due consideration of the mistake brought to notice it was decided to give the reasonable rise over the previous year fees of Rs. 55,000/-. Accordingly, the fees has been revised as Rs. 60,000/- instead of Rs. 55,000/-. Necessary, corrigendum be issued accordingly.

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly".

F) **To consider the request letters received from the Management running the Unaided Institutions mentioned in the list Annexure 'A', 'B' & 'C' to condone the delay in submitting the online proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2023-2024 and to open link for submission of proposals as well as the letters intimating the option of no upward revision of fees.**

"Discussed.

The Fees Regulating Authority had decided to open the link for submission of online fees proposals for the academic year 2023-2024 w.e.f 04/10/2022. The Unaided Institutions were given time till 31/10/2022 for submission of online proposals. In view of the request received from the various Unaided Institutions seeking extension of time to submit the proposal, the Authority extended the period upto 15/11/2022 which was further extended upto 30/11/2022. In spite of granting sufficient time some of the Institutions again requested the Authority to extend the period . On

due consideration of the reasons assigned the period was extended up to 15/12/2022.

Inspite of granting more than two months the request is received from 29 Unaided Institutions conducting Higher and Technical courses (Annexure 'A'), 17 Unaided Institutions running Agriculture courses (Annexure 'B') & 16 Unaided Institutions running Health Science courses (Annexure 'C') to open the link and allow to submit proposal.

On due consideration of the reasons assigned the Authority is of the view that the reasons assigned to open the link are not satisfactory and convincing. The period of more than two months provided to such institution was more than sufficient to submit the online proposal. No case has been made out to entertain the request received from such Institutions. However taking into consideration the consequences to follow for non-submission of proposal and approval of fees to students as well as Institutions, it was decided to provide one more opportunity to all such Unaided Institutions who have failed to submit the proposal till 15/12/2022 and now willing to submit the proposal. It was decided to condone the delay in submitting the proposal by such Institutions by imposing the cost of Rs. 50,000/- per course seeking Upward Revision of fees in addition to process fees. It was further decided to accept the online intimation from Institutions seeking no upward revision of fees on payment of cost of Rs. 5,000/- per course in addition to process fees of Rs. 5,000/- for the delay in submitting online intimation to adopt the fees approved for the previous academic year i.e. 2022-2023 for the next academic year 2023-2024. The payment of cost shall be condition precedent to entertain and process the proposals seeking upward revision of fees and no upward revision of fees. It is made clear that no further request seeking extention of time shall be entertained to submit proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2023-2024 beyond 31/01/2023. So also the proposal received without payment of process fees and cost shall not be processed.

The Office is directed to open the link for submission of online proposal as well as intimation seeking no upward revision of fees w.e.f from 02/01/2023 and same shall be kept open till 31/01/2023. The Institutions mentioned in the list annexure 'A', 'B' & 'C' as well all such Unaided Institutes who have failed to submit the online proposal for approval of fees as well as intimation of no upward revision upto 15/12/2022 shall be entitled to submit the online proposal/ intimation subject to payment of cost

as mentioned above. No intimation seeking no upward revision of fees for academic year 2023-2024 in the form of letter, email or any other form other than the online intimation shall be entertained.

The Unaided Institutions who failed to submit the proposal within the period as prescribed i.e upto 31/01/2023, the list of such institutions be placed for the consideration of the Authority to initiate the process u/s. 20 of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015.

Let the follow-up action be taken".

G) <u>To consider the request received from various Unaided Institutions to open the link for submission of online proposals for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 & to give the option to opt for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.</u>

"Discussed.

The Authority had allowed the Unaided Institutions seeking upward revision of fees as well as institutions opting for no upward revision of fees by opening the link w.e.f. 1/4/2022. The proposal seeking upward revision of fees as well as intimation to opt for no upward revision of fees required to be submitted on and before 30/4/2022, which was extended upto 12/6/2022 without imposing cost. Subsequently, the period was extended upto 10/8/2022 on payment of the cost of Rs. 50,000/- per course to those institutions seeking upward revision of fees and Rs. 5,000/- per course for the delay in giving online intimation for no upward revision of fees. In spite of giving sufficient opportunity a number of Unaided Institutions failed to submit online proposals seeking upward revision of fees or intimation to opt for no upward revision of fees. The letters of request are received from the larger number of Unaided Institutions to open the link to enable them to submit the online proposal or to opt for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

On due consideration of the request received and consequences to follow on account of non-submission of proposal/intimation and particularly the difficulties to be faced by the students, it was decided to provide one more opportunity to all such institutions who have failed to submit the online proposal seeking upward revision fees for the academic year 2022-2023 subject to the penalty of Rs. 1,00,000/- per course and cost of Rs. 5,000/- per course for giving intimation to opt for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2022-2023. The payment of penalty/cost shall

be in addition to process fees as prescribed for submission of proposals seeking upward revision of fees. The link be made open w.e.f. 02/01/2023 and same shall be kept open till 31/01/2023 for submission of online proposal for upward revision of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 as well as intimation seeking no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

The opportunity as given is the last chance to all such Unaided Institutions who have failed to submit the proposal/intimation upto 10/08/2022.

Let the follow-up action taken be accordingly".

Date: 22nd December 2022

Place: Mumbai

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