



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 15/06/2022

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 **15th June 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	:	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 through video conferencing
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
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.1: To consider the Review Applications received from the Colleges/Institutes running the courses mentioned below as against the fees approved by the Authority for the academic year 2021-2022.

"Discussed.

After providing the opportunity of hearing to the person/persons representing the colleges/institutes mentioned below, it was decided to revise their fees as under:-

Review Application No. BDS-22/02 filed by the Nanded Rural Dental College and Research, Nanded (BDS0025).

The following were present:

1. Mr Srinivas Kaswa, the Director.
2. Mr Deepak J. Shinde, Office Superintendent.
3. Adv. Sanjay Kumar Sharma, the Chief Finance and Legal Advisor of the Institute.

Heard.

Mr Sharma, the Legal Advisor of the Institute submitted that on the previous date the Authority has recorded that in the balance sheet of the Trust the amount to the tune of Rs. 97,73,230/- shown as collected from the students as locker rent and Rs. 8,05,500/- as gymkhana fee but the same has not been shown in the online proposal. The Authority has further recorded that the said amount has been charged over and above the fees approved by the Authority. The Institute was directed to file year-wise and course-wise statements giving details of the fees recovered as locker rent and gymkhana fees during the period 2014-2015 till 2021-2022.

Pursuant to the direction, the Institute has approached the Chartered Accountant for clarification of the amount of Rs. 97,73,230/- shown in the balance sheet as locker rent to the tune of Rs. 97,73,230/- as such recovery of such amount was made by the Institute during the academic year 2019-2020. In fact the amount of Rs. 5,83,500/- and Rs. 2,83,500/- over recovered from the students studying in Dental Institute and College of Physiotherapy run by Institute during 2019-2020. The Chartered Accountant of the Institute has offered an explanation that the amount of Rs. 89,66,230/- received as OPD receipts were wrongly clubbed under

the head of locker rent. In support of the submission advanced the legal advisor of the Institute has submitted the copy of the Ledger Account Book of the Institute.

It was decided to direct the officials of the Institute as well as the Chartered Accountant to file an affidavit supporting the submission advanced.

List for further hearing on 22/06/2022.

Review Application No. PL22/03 filed by the Pravin Patil College of Diploma in Engg. & Technology, Bhayinder run by the Shree Shankar Narayan Education Trust (PL3277).

The following were present:

1. Mrs Ranjana Patil, Principal of the Institute.
2. Mr Rajiv Bhoir, Senior Clerk of the Institute.

Heard.

Being aggrieved by the decision of the Authority to finalise and approve the fees of the Diploma in Engineering course run by the Institute as Rs. 35,000/- per student for the academic year 2021-2022, the Institute has preferred the Review Application.

In Brief, it is contended that the fee finalised by the Authority as Rs. 35,000/- per student is grossly inadequate to run said course.

The Principal representing the Institute could not point out any error in assessing the fees by the Authority. It is only contended that the fee as finalised is inadequate and insufficient to meet the salary and non-salary expenditure of the Institute.

There is no merit in the Review Application. The record reflects that from the academic year 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, the fees of the Institute approved by the Authority was Rs. 30,000/- per student. For the academic year 2020-2021, the fee approved by the Authority was as Rs. 35,000/-. For the academic year 2021-2022, the Institute has claimed the fees of Rs. 51,119/-. The software has calculated the fees to be charged as Rs. 32,116/-. The Authority has examined the following disallowances made by the software.

1. Repairs and Maintenance- car maintenance Rs. 20,475/-
2. Advertisement – General Rs. 79,134/-
3. Professional Charges – Professional fees Rs. 1,48,590/-

4. Meeting Fee and Expenses - Other meeting expenses Rs.
2,95,156/-

The above-mentioned expenses disallowed by the software were allowed by the Authority. Accordingly the fees was worked out as Rs. 34,120/-. But, the Authority has approved the fees to be charged as Rs. 35,000/- per student as reasonable fees for the academic year 2021-2022.

During the course of the hearing, the Principal of the Institute offered to explain, the expenses of Rs. 25,50,821/- which was disallowed by the software as same were grouped together as 'other expenses' without providing the particulars of said expenses. After considering the explanation & documents furnished the Authority has decided to allow the expenditure of Rs. 9,36,605/-. Even after allowing the said expenditure, the fees has been worked out as Rs. 34,804/- per student which is less than the fees finalised and approved by the Authority. As such, no merit found in the review application. Accordingly, the Review Application is rejected.

Review Application No. EN-22/19 filed by Thakur College of Engineering & Technology, Mumbai (EN3176).

Discussed.

The Principal of the Institute has sent the letter through email dated 21/05/2022 and requested to allow their Institute to withdraw the Review Application.

Allowed to withdraw.

The Review Application is disposed of as withdrawn.

Review Application No. 18 of 22 filed by the Gulabrao Patil College of Pharmacy, Miraj run by the Gulabrao Patil Memorial Trust (DPH6497).

Discussed.

On the previous date 27/04/2022, after hearing the officials of the Institute, the direction was given to produce the documents of expenditure claimed in the proposal, Form No. 16 in respect of staff, the Bank Statements, the TDS Challan/returns of Tax deducted of the source, Form No. 24Q and 26Q for the verification. The Principal of the Institute requested to adjourn the hearing to enable him to take instructions either to withdraw the Review Application or to prosecute the same.



The Principal of the Institute has sent an email dated 02/06/2022 and requested to allow their Institute to withdraw the Review Application.

Allowed to withdraw.

The Review Application is disposed of as withdrawn.

Review Application No. 40 of 22 filed by the Gulabrao Patil Institute of Nursing Science, Miraj (RANM0633).

Discussed.

The Principal of the Institute has sent the letter through email dated 09/06/2022 and requested to allow their Institute to withdraw the Review Application.

Allowed to withdraw.

The Review Application is disposed of as withdrawn."

Item No.2: In the matter of St. Wilfreds College of Law, Panvel regarding the non-compliance report

"Discussed.

In the meeting dated 08/04/2022 has decided as under:

"It was brought to the notice of the Authority that the inspection of the Institute was conducted on 10/05/2019. The following deficiencies noticed .By letter dated 19/07/2019 the Institute was called upon to produce the following documents:

Item No.1: Attendance registers of teaching and non teaching staffs were not shown.

Item No.2: Record of visiting and proof of salary paid through bank.

Item No.3: Salary paid for teaching and non teaching staff statement counter signed by bank authority were also not shown.

Since the institution has failed to respond to the letter dated 19/07/20219, the reminder letter was sent to the Institute on 27/9/2019. However, the Management running the Institution neither complied with the direction nor offered any explanation.

In view of the above, it was decided to direct the Principal of the College, the President as well as the Secretary of the Trust to personally appear before the Authority on 15/06/2022 and explain why an appropriate action as provided under Law be not taken against the Institute and the Management running the Institute."

None present representing the Institute.

Issue notice to the Principal of the Institute as well as the President and Secretary of the Trust to personally appear before the Authority on 06/07/2022 and explain why an appropriate action as provided under Law be not taken against the Institute and the Management running the Institute".

Item No.3: To consider the matter of Nalanda Law College, Mumbai regarding the excess fees collected from the students

"Discussed.

The compliance of the order not reported.

Issue notice to the Principal of the Institute to appear and report the compliance.

List the subject on 23/06/2022".

Item No.4: To consider the complaint against Shree L. R. Tiwari College of Law, Mira Road.

"Discussed.

The Principal of the Institute filed the report.

List the subject for hearing on 07/07/2022.

Notice be sent to the Principal of the Institute."

Item No.5: 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 following were present:

1. Mr P. T. Patil, the Secretary of the Trust.
2. Dr S. D. Gadhave, the principal of the Institute.
3. Mr R. G. Waghe, the Clerk of the Institute.

Heard.


In brief, it is contended that the default on part of the Institution in submitting the proposal for the academic year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 was due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The fees of the Institute was finalised and approved as Rs. 8,000/- per student. For the academic year 2018-2019 the same fees for the academic year 2019-2020 as no upward revision of fees. It is submitted that the financial condition of the Institute is not good. The Institute is catering to the need of students from Barshi and nearby villages in the Solapur District. The financial condition of the students taking admission is not good. The Institute has not received the scholarship amount due and payable from the government for years together. It is difficult for the Institute even to pay the salary of the staff. Due to the

pandemic, even the students are not paying the fees. It is requested to take a lenient view in the matter and allow the institute to submit the proposal for the academic year 2020-2021 & 2021-2022.

The explanation as put forth by the Institute is not satisfactory. The Authority has extended the period for submission of the proposal for the academic year 2021-2022 by considering the situation due to the pandemic of Covid-19. The Institute has failed to submit the proposal though repeatedly provided opportunities to them. Only after the show-cause notice was issued, the Institute has appeared and pleaded for permission to submit the proposal.

As per section 14(1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, it is obligatory for unaided private professional educational institutions to submit the proposal for approval of fees on and before 31st October. The default in submitting the proposal within the stipulated period invites penal action as contemplated under section 20 of the said Act 2015. For the first default, the Institute is liable to pay the penalty which shall not be less than one lakh rupees which may extend to five lakh rupees. For the second and subsequent default, the Institute is liable for the penalty which shall not be less than two lakh rupees which may extend to ten lakh rupees.

In view of the default committed on the part of the Institute, the Authority is of the view that the Institute is liable to be punished under section 20 of the said Act 2015. Considering the submission advanced and the situation prevailing on account of the pandemic of covid-19, the Authority has decided to impose the minimum penalty of Rs. 1 lakh to the Institute, in committing the default, in submitting the proposal for the academic year 2020-2021. Accordingly, the Institute is directed to pay a minimum penalty of Rs. 1 lakh being the first contravention. For committing the second default in submitting the proposal for the academic year 2021-2022, the Institute is directed to pay the minimum penalty of Rs. 2 lakhs being the second contravention of section 14(1)(a) of the Act, 2015. Accordingly, direct the Institute to deposit the penalty of Rs. 2 lakhs for defaults in submitting proposal for the academic year 2021-2022. The amount of penalty to act as a condition precedent to entertain the proposal and approve the fees for the academic year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. The penalty be paid on and before 5th July 2022.



The link be open to enable the Institute to submit the online proposal for the academic year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 w.e.f. 16/06/2022 and same be kept open till 6/07/2022 subject to compliance of payment of penalty of Rs. 3 lakhs.

In case the Institute deposit the penalty and submit the proposal then the same be processed.

The proceeding is disposed of in the above terms".

Item No.6: 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 following were present:

1. Mr Sanjay Singh, the In-charge Principal of the Institute.
2. Mr Surekha Atpadkar, the Head Clerk of the Institute.

Heard.

In brief, it is contended due to the pandemic of covid-19 the Insitute could not submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022 within the stipulated period and thereby committed default in complying the mandate of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015. The In-charge principal of the Institute requested to allow the Institute to submit the proposal and condone the delay.

The explanation put forth cannot be accepted for the reason the time to submit the proposal was extended till 15th January 2022 by considering the situation and difficulties faced by the Institution on account of pandemic of covid-19. The large number of Instituions who failed to submit the proposal within the time due to pandemic had submitted the proposal within the period extended by the Authority. However, the Management running the above mentioned Institutes failed to submit the proposal even during the extended period. Only after show-cause notice issued, the Institute has pleaded for permission to submit the proposal. The reason assigned are concocted and put forth just for offering an explanation.

As per section 14(1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, it is obligatory for unaided private professional educational institutions to submit the proposal for approval of fees on and before 31st

October of the year. The default in submitting the proposal invites penal action as contemplated under section 20 of the said Act 2015. For the first default, the Institute is liable to pay the penalty which shall not be less than one lakh rupees which may extend to five lakh rupees. For the second and subsequent default, the Institute is liable for the penalty which shall not be less than two lakh rupees, which may extend to ten lakh rupees.

Undisputedly, the Institute has contravened the mandate of section 14(1)(a) of the said Act, 2015 to submit the proposal for the academic year 2021-2022 within the stipulated period provided under said provision as well as the period extended by the Authority. In view of contravention of section 14(1)(a) of the said Act 2015, the Institute is liable for penal action under section 20 of the said Act, 2015.

Considering the default being first act of contravention, it was decided to impose a minimum penalty of Rs. 1 lakh as provided under section 20 of the Institute for not submitting the proposal within the stipulated period. Subject to payment of the penalty, the Institute is permitted to submit the online proposal on and before 30th June 2022. The link be made open w.e.f 16/06/2022 and same to remain open to said Institute till 30/06/2022 to enable the Institute to submit the proposals for the academic year 2021-2022 subject to deposit of penalty of Rs. 1 lakh on and before 30/06/2022.


In case, the penalty is deposited on & before 30/06/2022 and the proposal is submitted by the Institute within the period prescribed then the same shall be processed.

The proceeding is disposed of in the above terms".

Item No.7:

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.

The Institute is running LLB 3 and LLB 5 years courses submitted the combined proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 after the constitution of the Fees Regulating Authority. The Authority has approved the fees of Rs. 35,000/- for the academic year 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 for the said courses run by the Institute. For the academic year 2018-2019, the Institute opted for no upward revision of fees as per section 14(1)(b) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015.



Since the academic year 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, the Institute has not submitted the proposal for approval of fees as per section 14(1)(a) of the Act of 2015 and thereby contravened the mandatory provisions of the said Act. In spite of notices sent, the Institute has failed to submit the proposal. The explanation put forth cannot be accepted for the reason the option of no upward revision of fees cannot be claimed successively & for indefinite period.

In view of the above, the Authority is of the view that there is a prima facie case of repeated violation of section 14(1)(a) of the said Act of 2015 on the part of the Management running the Institute. From the last three academic years, the Institute has charged the fees to the students without the approval of fees from the Fees Regulating Authority. In that view, there is strong prima facie case to proceed against the Management running the Institute to impose the penalty under section 20 of the said Act of 2015.

Issue show-cause notice to the Principal of the Institute as well as the President/Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and other Trustees of the Trust to appear before the Authority on 06/07/2022 and explain as to why the action as contemplated under section 20 of the said Act of 2015 be not imposed upon them for repeated contravention of section 14(1)(a) of the Act of 2015 and further action as provided under section 20(5) of the Act of 2015 be recommended against the Institute for repeated contravention of section 14(1)(a) of the Act of 2015.

The Principal of the Institute and the Management of the Trust be informed that if they fail to appear in person on 06/07/2022 at 11 a.m., the Authority may proceed with the matter and pass the appropriate order.

The Secretary of the Admission Regulating Authority, the Director of the Directorate of Higher Education, State of Maharashtra the Registrar of the University of Mumbai, the Secretary of Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa, and the Commissioner of the Social Welfare and Social Justice, Pune be invited as a special invitee for the meeting to be held on 06/07/2022 at 11:00 a.m.

The Director of the Directorate of Higher Education and the Commissioner of the Social Welfare and Social Justice Pune be requested to bring the information in respect of reimbursement of fees if any claimed & made to said Institute from the academic year 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 without the approval of fees by the Fees Regulating Authority

and decision if any taken in respect of such application seeking scholarship/ reimbursement of fees by their respective departments.

List the subject for hearing on 06/07/2022."

Item No.8: To consider the letter of request dated 22/3/2022 received from the Dean, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College, Pune.

"Discussed.

The following were present:

1. Dr Ashish Bhongirwae, the Dean of the Institute
2. Dr Deepak Gund-Patil, Assistant Professor of the Institute
3. Mr Adnan Goga, the Consultant

The Secretary of the Trust though directed to personally appear is absent.

Heard the officials present.

They have produced the following documents:

1. The photocopy of the resolution dated 28/08/2019 passed by the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation Pune
2. The photocopy of the letter dated 26/05/2020 received from the Under Secretary, the Department of Urban Development of State of Maharashtra granted permission to establish the Medical Education Trust by the Pune Municipal Corporation.
3. The photocopy of the certificate on registration dated 10/07/2020 issued by the Registrar of the Societies of registration of Pune Mahanagarpalika Education Trust (PMC-MET).
4. The photocopy of the certificate on registration dated 03/08/2020 issued by the Assistant Charity Commissioner of the Pune division of a registration of Pune Mahanagarpalika Education Trust (PMC-MET) under the provisions of Bombay Public Trust Act 1950.
5. The photocopy of the letter of consent issued by Municipal Commissioner Pune, Municipal Corporation addressed to Assistant Charity Commissioner, Pune to the use the name of Pune Municipal Corporation in registration of the Trust by the Pune Municipal Corporation Education Trust.
6. The photocopy of the Trust Deed.
7. The photocopy of the Memorandum of Understanding (Consortium agreement executed between Municipal Corporation of City of Pune and Pune Municipal Corporation Medical Education Trust).


8. The photocopy of the Government Resolution dated 16/03/2022 issued by the Under Secretary, the Medical Education and Drugs Department, Government of Maharashtra to accord the permission to admit 100 students in the academic year 2021-2022.
9. The photocopy of the letter dated 24/03/2022 issued by the Registrar, the Maharashtra University of Health Science, Nashik granting first-time affiliation to admit the 100 students to the M.B.B.S course for the academic year 2021-2022.
10. The photocopy of the notice dated 17/03/2022 issued by the State Common Entrance Test Cell Government of Maharashtra to admit the students through CET.

By referring to the documents mentioned above, the Dean of the Institute/College submitted that the State Government has granted the permission to admit the students in the Medical Institute/College vide GR dated 16/03/2022 on terms and conditions mentioned in said GR. One of such condition mentioned in the GR is that the Institute to be run by the Trust shall receive no financial assistance from the State Government. The Institute should run the Trust on a permanent no grant basis as a self-financed institution. It is further provided that their Trust, as well as Institute, shall strictly follow the provisions of the Maharashtra Educational Institutions (Prohibition of Capitation Fees) Act, 1987. The fees to be charged shall be as per the provisions of the Act, Rules and Regulations framed by the State Government as well as directives issued by the Hon'ble High Court and Supreme Court and fees to be charged shall be determined accordingly. It is further pointed out that the admission to the Institute run by the Trust to be made through the State Admission Regulating Authority on the basis of marks secured in the NEET examination. In the GR dated 16/03/2022, it is specifically mentioned that the fees to be charged to the students admitted to the Medical Institute run by the Trust to be determined by the State Fees Regulating Authority.

It is submitted that the Trust has been formed to run the Institute as Private Institute on the basis of self-sustainability. The Institute established is run and administered by the Trust formed by the Municipal Corporation Pune based upon a feasibility report from the consultant appointed. The Trust has been registered with objective to set up Institutions to run the graduate, post-graduate and super-speciality Medical,

Dental, Nursing, and Para-Medical courses and other courses mentioned in the Trust Deed. In order to run the Institute, the Trust Deed provides for high-power governing body. The Management of the Trust to be run through the Board of Trustees constituted as per the Trust Deed. The Trust has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (Consortium Agreement) with the Municipal Corporation Pune. In terms of MOU, the Pune Municipal Corporation has agreed to provide the land and the hospitals of Pune Municipal Corporation to be utilized for the purpose of running the Medical Institute by their Trust. He further submitted that in terms of understanding between the Trust and Pune Municipal Corporation, the Pune Municipal Corporation has agreed to provide financial assistance to the Trust.


On due consideration of documents produced and submission advanced, the Authority is of the view that the Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College, Pune is a Private Professional Educational institution within the meaning of section 2(q) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015. The said Medical Institute/College run by the Trust formed by the Municipal Corporation, Pune. The permission has been accorded to establish the Medical Institute/College on a self-financed basis. In that view, the Medical Institute/College run by the Trust referred above does not fall under the excepted categories provided under section 2(q) of the Act of 2015. The Medical Institute/College cannot said to be an institution exclusively established, maintained, or administered by the Pune Municipal Corporation a Local Body. The Pune Municipal Corporation has set up a Trust with the objective to undertake various activities including Medical Education. The Trust set up by the Pune Municipal Corporation has started the said Medical Institute/College as per one of the objectives of said Trust. The Institute/College has been established on a self-sustainability basis. The Municipal corporation has agreed to provide the land, the infrastructure & financial support necessary to start the said Medical Institute/College. In terms of the permission granted by the State Government, the admissions to be made in the said Medical Institute/College run by the Trust to be governed and regulated through State CET. So also, the condition imposed by the State Government specifically provides that the fees to be charged to the students shall be as per fees to be approved by the State Fees Regulating Authority. In that view the provisions of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of



Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 are applicable to the Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Hospital run by the Pune Mahanagarpalika Medical Educational Trust (PMC-MET).

The Institute shall charge Rs. 7,00,000/- as ad-hoc fees to the batch of the students admitted in the academic year 2021-2022 and further, charge the ad-hoc fees for the batch of students to be admitted in the academic year 2022-2023 as per ad-hoc fees to be notified for the M.B.B.S course by the Fees Regulating Authority. The ad-hoc fees to be charged subject to the finalisation of fees by the Authority on the basis of the proposal for approval of fees to be submitted by the Institute u/s. 14(1)(a) of the Act of 2015 in the academic year 2023-2024. On the basis of the fees proposal to be submitted for the academic year 2023-2024, the Authority shall decide the fees to be charged for the batch of students admitted in the academic year 2023-2024 as well as finalised the final fees to be charged and recoverable from the students from the batch of students admitted for the academic year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The Institute to take a note that no fees can be charged and recovered from the students over and above the fees approved and finalised by the Fees Regulating Authority.

The term "Fees" has been defined under section 2(g) of the Act of 2015 and includes Tuition Fee, Library Fee, Gymkhana Fee, Examination Fee, Development Fee or amount payable for any curricular or co-curricular activities, Laboratory Fee, Information Broucher Fee, and any other amount collected from the students by whatever name called and accepted in whatever manner i.e. made payable to a Private Professional Educational Institutional except the amount paid towards optional facilities like Hostel accommodation, Mess charges, and Students Insurance Fee. If the Institute failed to submit the proposal in a manner provided under section 14(1)(a) of the Act of 2015 or charged the fees over and above the fees approved by the Fees Regulating Authority or commit a breach of any other provisions of said Act, the Management running such Institute shall liable for penal action as provided under section 20 of the said Act of 2015. The Institute is directed to strictly adhere to the provisions of said Act of 2015. If any irregularities had been committed on the part of the Institute in charging the ad-hoc fees then the Institute is directed to rectify the same forthwith by refunding the excess amount if any recovered to the individual student. Inform accordingly."



Item No.9: To consider the proposal for approval of fees for the RGNM course running the Apex Nursing School, Kolhapur (RGNM0077) for the academic year 2021-2022.

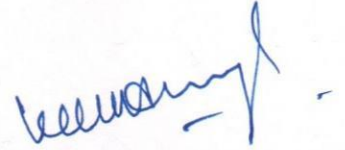
"Discussed.

Mr Shubham Sonkamble, the Principal of the Institute appeared. He submits that he has recently joined the Institute. He could not satisfy the queries raised during the course of the hearing.

The Principal of the Institute is directed to produce all the records based upon which the proposal for approval of fees has been submitted by the Institute and particularly the particulars of receipts of the fees and keep their Chartered Accountant present on the next date of hearing. The documents to be submitted within three weeks. After compliance, the subject be listed for further hearing".

Date : 15th June 2022

Place: Mumbai



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