



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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(Part B)

Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 14/02/2024 & 15/02/2024

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 14th & 15th February, 2024 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	:	Not Present.
3.	Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak, Chartered Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present through video conferencing on 14.02.2024 & presense is dispensed on 15.02.2024 as per request made.
4.	Shri. Nitin Bapurao Chavan, Chartered Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.
5.	Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish) Phadtare, Cost Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.
6.	Shri. Atul Damodar Dharap, Cost Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.
7.	Shri. Adv. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.
8.	The Director, Technical Education, Mumbai, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority.	:	Absent.
9.	The Director Higher Education, (M.S), Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority.	:	Absent.
10.	Commissioner Medical Education (M.S) , Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority .	:	Presence dispensed
11.	The Director, Directorate of AYUSH, Maharashtra State, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent

12.	The Member Secretary of the Maharashtra Council of Agriculture Education and Research , Pune , Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority.	:	Presence dispensed
13.	Shri. S.Ramamoorthy,I.A.S., Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.

Item No.4:

To consider the Review Applications received from the College/ Institute running the courses mentioned below as against the fees approved by the Authority for the academic year 2023-2024.

(A)

Review Application No. 53/2023 filed by Agnel School Of Law, Navi Mumbai (Code No. LLB324721019).

"The following were present:

1. Mr. Rajesh Sakhare, the Incharge Principal of the Institute.
2. Mr. Raghunathan Iyengar, the Chief Finance Officer of the Institute.
3. Fr. Saby Rodrigues, the Assistant Managing Director of the Institute.
4. Ms. Julie Mendonsa, the Accountant of the Institute.

Heard.

In the previous meeting held on 08/02/2024 after hearing the Officials the further hearing was adjourned to 14/02/2024 to enable the officials to comply the direction. The minutes of the meeting dated 08/02/2024 reads as under:-

"The Officials present submitted that the Institute has refunded the amount which was collected over and above the fees approved by the Authority to individual student and requested to revised the fees by considering the refund of amount.

The Officials were directed to file the detailed Affidavit with statement showing the names of the students of L.L.B. 3 years course as well as L.L.B. 5 years course with corresponding fees collected, the fees to be charged as per fees approved by the Fees Regulating Authority and the amount refunded to individual student with balance if any payable. The Principal of the Institute is directed to submit the mode of payment as well as proof of payment of refund of fees made to individual student. The necessary compliance be made on and before 12/02/2024.

List after compliance for further hearing on 14/02/2024".

In compliance to the direction the Institute has filed an Affidavit dated 12/02/2023. As per the affidavit filed the Principal of the Institute has mentioned the break up of excess fees charged, the out standing fees to be recovered from the students , the fees refunded & balance fees to be refunded

to the students studying in L.L.B III years course as well as L.L.B. V years course with bank statement.

Mr. Raghunathan Iyengar, the Chief Finance Officer of the Institute appeared before the Authority submitted that the Institute has decided to refund the excess fees recovered to the students studying in the college & undergoing L.L.B III years course and L.L.B. V years course to whom excess fees charged. As on 14/02/2024 as against the amount of Rs. 1,15,00,000/- the Institute has refunded the amount to the tune of Rs. 56,00,000/-. The process of refund of balance amount is in progress. The letters have been sent to the students to provide the bank details. The process of refund of the amount shall be completed by the end of this month.

The Institute has preferred Review Application against the decision of the Authority dated 06/07/2023 to approve the fees of Rs. 10,500/- per student for L.L.B III years course & Rs. 9,500/- per student for L.L.B V years course. The fees was considerably reduced as compare to previous years fees, as the Authority has noticed that the Institute has charged the fees over and above the fees approved by the Authority to the tune of Rs. 16,86,197/- from the students studying in L.L.B III years course and Rs. 14,36,399/- from the students studying in L.L.B V years course. The said amount was accordingly reduced from the expenditure and the fees was finalized for L.L.B III years & L.L.B V years course. Being aggrieved the Institute preferred the Review Application.

In the meeting of the Authority held on 29/11/2023 during the course of hearing the fact regarding charging collecting the fees over and above the fees approved by the Authority and the complaint received from the students was brought notice of the Institute. The Officials representating the Institute were directed to furnish the details of the other income shown in the proposal as well as audited financial statement and make statement about refund of excess fees to the students & one week time was granted to Institute to comply the direction.

The Review Application was taken up for hearing on 08/11/2023. The above mentioned officials appeared and submitted that the Institute has refunded the amount which was collected over and above the fees approved by the Authority to individual student and requested to revised the fees.

In the hearing held on 08/02/2024 the Review Application was heard and Institute was directed to file detailed affidavit mentioning the names of the

students of L.L.B III years course as well as L.L.B V years course with corresponding fees collected and amount to be refunded to each individual.

In compliance of the direction given by the Authority the Principal of the Institute has filed the Affidavit and provided the information of excess fees collected, the amount to be refunded and the amount actually refunded to individual students.

On due consideration of submission advanced, the affidavit filed and the statement made by the Chief Finance Officer that the entire amount shall be refunded, the Authority is of the view that the Review Application deserves to be allowed. The Institute has refunded the amount more than the amount which was reduced from the expenditure by the Authority while approving the fees for the academic year 2023-2024. As against the other receipts by way of excess fees of Rs. 31,00,000/- reduced from expenditure the Institute has already refunded more than Rs. 56,00,000/- and undertake to refund balance amount by the end of this month.

The Chief Finance Officer of the Institute made the statement that the Board of Trustee have taken the decision to refund the excess fees to the students studying in the college, from the academic year 2021-2022. Out of amount of Rs. 1,15,00,000/- the amount to the tune of Rs. 56,00,000/- already refunded as per the statement made and the affidavit filed. The Institute has initiated the process to collect the bank details of the students to refund the amount to them.

In view of the affidavit filed with supporting documents such as bank statement the Authority is of the view the Review Application to be allowed and the fees is to be revised as amount more than the amount which has been reduced from the expenditure has been refunded by the Institute. The Institute has filed an affidavit thereby undertake the balance amount on and before 31/03/2024 and file compliance report to the Authority on and before 05/04/2024. It was therefore decided to allow the Review Application and revised the fees of the Institute as under :-

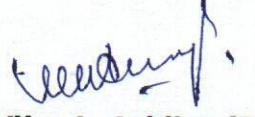
Review Application No.	Name of the Institute	Course	After hearing, Fees Revised for the A.Y. 2023-2024
53/2023	Agnel School Of Law, Navi Mumbai Code No.LLB324721019	L.L.B.3	22,000/-
		L.L.B.5	18,000/-

The Institute is directed to refund the balance amount, to the students studying in the college by the end of 31/03/2024 and submit the compliance report on and before 05/04/2024.

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly.

Date: 14th & 15th February, 2024

Place: Mumbai



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