



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 20/04/2022

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 20th April 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
2.	Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak, Chartered Accountant	:	Member
3.	Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish) Phadtare, Cost Accountant	:	Member
4.	Shri. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist	:	Member
5.	Shri. L. S. Mali, IAS	:	Secretary

The presence of Dr. Vijay Vasant Khole, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University, Hon'ble Member, Fees Regulating Authority, Dr. K.D. Chavan, Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Science, Nashik, Dr. Dhanraj Mane, The Director, Higher Education, Pune & Shri. Vishwajit Mane IAS, Member Secretary of Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education of Research, Pune (MCAER) the ex-officio members of the Authority their presence is dispensed with at their request.

Dr. Abhay E. Wagh, The Director, Technical Education, Mumbai & the ex-officio member of the Authority absent.

Part-II

Item No.1: 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.

"In spite of notice dated 13/4/2022, issued as per the direction of the Authority to furnish the information and appear before the Authority along with documents mentioned in letter dated 13/4/2022, the Management neither furnished the documents nor appeared for the hearing.

List for order in the second week of June 2022."


Item No.2: To consider the letter dated 29/09/2021 received from the College of Agriculture, Udgir, Latur.

"Discussed.

Dr Ashok M. Patil the Principal of the College and Mr Gangadhar S. Dapkekar, the Secretary of the Trust are present.

In brief, it is the contention of the officials present that the Trustees who were managing the affairs of the Trust are not cooperating and providing the record pertaining to the Trust for the year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Due to this reason, the Management of the Trust is unable to submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. On account of the non-availability of records, the audit of the Trust, as well as the Institute, could not be carried out. In the academic year 2019-2020, the fees of Rs. 75,000/- was approved by the Authority and next academic year 2020-2021 the Institute has opted for no upward revision fees and continued to apply the fees approved for the academic year 2019-2020. In this background, it is submitted the Institute be allowed to charge the fees approved for the academic year 2019-2020 for the academic year 2021-2022.

The request of the Institute for a second no upward revision of fees is not permissible under the law. The Institute has to overcome the difficulties and get the accounts audited. In the peculiar facts of the case, the Institute is permitted to provisionally charge the fees at the rate of Rs. 75,000/- per student subject to the condition the Institute shall submit the proposal within three months for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. The Institute shall file the undertaking to effect that if the fees approved by the Authority found to be less than Rs. 75,000/- per student then the Institute shall refund the excess fees to each of the students. Failure to submit the proposal within three months, the Institute will be liable for penal action as contemplated u/s 20 of The Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015."



Item No.3: To consider the letter dated 11/1/2022 of Khandesh College of Engineering Technology, Jalgaon (EN5396) for the academic year 2021-2022.

"Discussed.

Mr Praful Ramesh Patel, the Principal of the Institute submit that due to certain acts of misappropriation committed in the Institute, the audit of the Institute for the financial year 2019-2020 could not be carried out. Due to this reason, the Institute could not submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. In this background, it is requested to allow the Institute to opt for a second no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022.

The Principal of the Institute made aware that the second no upward revision of fees is not permissible under the provisions of The Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015. It was also brought to his notice the decision of the Authority taken in respect of Polytechnic Institute in the meeting of the Authority held on 17/12/2021.

The Principal of the Institute requested to allow him to withdraw the request letter seeking no upward revision of fees and to take appropriate steps.

Allowed to withdraw the request letter seeking a second no upward revision of fees and granted liberty to take appropriate steps."

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

"Discussed.

The following were present:

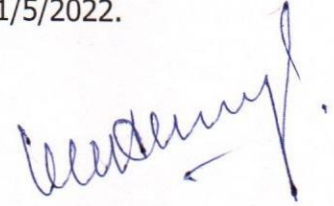
1. Mr Rahul Tiwari, the Secretary of the Institute
2. Mr Devashish Saha the Management of the Trust of the Institute
3. Mrs Shweta Chaturvedi, the Incharge Principal
4. Mr Santosh Hubale, the Registrar
5. Mr Santosh Sharma the Complainant absent.

The officials present submit that their Institute has collected Rs. 20,150/- over and above the fees approved by the Authority under the impression that they are entitled to charge the amount towards expenses of an educational tour to visit the Hon'ble Supreme Court as part of the

curriculum, the study material and blazer provided to the students as well as examination fees payable to the University. As soon as they received notice from the Fees Regulating Authority, they stopped charging the students over and above the fees approved by the Authority and started the process of refund of the amount to the respective students. They have refunded the amount collected in excess of fees to students except the expenses made towards study material and blazers provided to the students.

The officials of the Trust and the In-charge Principal of the Institute to file the statements mentioning in the names of the students, the exact amount charged over and above the fees approved by the Authority by giving the breakup of the cost of study material provided to the students and blazers. Also, provide the particulars of the amount refunded to individual students and the names of the students who are yet to be refunded the amount. The compliance to this effect be made within three weeks.

List the subject for further hearing on 11/5/2022."



Date: 25th April 2022

Place: Mumbai

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