

FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) ''शिक्षण-नव्हेव्यवसाय -ज्ञान यज्ञ''

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 27/04/2022

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 **27**th **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 Education	:	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 & Shri. Vishwajit Mane IAS, Member Secretary of Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education of Research, Pune (MCAER) the ex-officio members of the Authority presence is dispensed with at their request.

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

Item No.1: To consider the proposals for the fixation of fees for the academic year 2021-2022.

"Discussed.

The Authority has examined the proposals received from the Institutes/Colleges mentioned below seeking approval of fees for the academic year 2021-22. After due consideration of the proposals, it was

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decided to approve the fee structure of the respective colleges/institutes as under:

D. Pharmacy Course

Sr. No.	Code No.	Institute Name		Final Fee for A.Y. 2021-22
1.	DPHZZ1/	Jankalyan Vikas Mandal's Lilawati Satish Avhad D. Pharmacy College, Hokarna Tanda, Khed, Nanded	D. Pharm	

Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm) Course

Sr. No.	- Couc			Final Fee for A.Y. 2021-22	
			B. Pharm		
2.	PH6827	Mahadevrao Wandre Institute Of	2019-20	74,000/- Confirmed	
		Technology, Turkewadi	2020-21	74,000/- Confirmed	
			2021-22	74,000/-	

M.B.A course

Sr. No.	Code No.	Institute Name		Final Fee for A.Y. 2021-22
3.	MB6119	PIBM-Tirupati Institute of Management, Pune	M.B.A	70,000/-

Nursing courses

Sr. No.	Codo No		Final Fee for A.Y. 2021-22	
	BSCN0085	Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh Nursing Institute, Amravati	R.A.N.M.	55,000/-
			R.G.N.M.	62,000/-
4.			B. Sc. N.	85,000/-
			P.B.S.C.N.	80,000/-
			M. Sc.	1,10,000/-



Item No.2:

To consider the Review Applications received from the Colleges/Institutes running Diploma in Pharmacy (D. Pharm) courses against the fees approved in 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:-

Sr. No.	Review Application No.	e die Institute	After hearing Fees Revised for the A.Y. 2021-2022
7	D. Pharm 13 of 2022	Matoshri Institute of Pharmacy, Dhanore, Nashik Code No. : DPH5468	70,000/-
8	D. Pharm 14 of 2022	Yashodeep Institute of Pharmacy, Aurangabad Code No.: DPH2567	75,000/-
9	D. Pharm 15 of 2022	K. K. Wagh Institute of Pharmacy, Nashik Code No. : DPH5463	85,000/-
10	D. Pharm 16 of 2022	Shri Dhaneshwari Manav Vikas Mandal's Diploma In Pharmacy Institute, Aurangabad. Code No.: DPH2143	63,500/-
11	D. Pharm 17 of 2022	Dadasaheb Balpande College of Diploma in Pharmacy, (DBCDIP) Nagpur Code No. : DPH4644	80,000/-
12	D. Pharm 19 of 2022	Godavari Institute of Pharmacy, Kolpa, Aurangabad Code No. : DPH2578	65,000/-
13		Mahila Vikas Sanstha's Dr. R.G. Bhoyar Institute Of Pharmacy, Wardha Code No.: DPH4276	82,500/-
14	D. Pharm 21 of 2022	Kadam College Of Pharmacy, Vaijapur, Aurangabad Code No. : DPH2611	70,000/-
15	22 of 2022	Shri. Prakashchand Jain College of Pharmacy & Research, Palaskheda, Nashik Code No.: DPH5458	80,000/-



In Review Application No. 18 of 22 filed by Gulabrao Patil Memorial Trust's Gulabrao Patil College of Pharmacy, Miraj (DPH6497) Mr Satish Patil, the Principal of the Institute, Mr Kamlesh Modi, the Chartered Accountant of the Institute and Mr Sandip Lokhande, the Accountant of the Institute appeared and presented the case of the Institute.

The Officials of the Institute were asked 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 from the Management to produce the documents for verification as well as to take instructions to prosecute the Review Application or withdraw the same. He submits that he will take appropriate instructions and accordingly inform the Authority.

List the Review Application for hearing after receipt of communication from the Principal of the Institute.

In Review Application No. 23 of 22 filed by Adarsh College of Pharmacy, Vita, Sangli (PH6820) the Institute has sent a letter dated 25/4/2022 communicating their decision to accept the fees approved by the Authority and not to prosecute the Review Application.

In view of the above, the Review Application is disposed of as not pressed.

In Review Application No. 5 of 22 filed by Sanjivani College of Pharmaceutical Education & Research, Ahmednagar (PH5195) the Principal of the Institute has sent an email dated 27/4/2022 informing the Authority that the Institute would like to withdraw the Review Application.

In view of the above, the Review Application is disposed of as withdrawn.

In Review Application No. 23 of 21 filed by the Acharya Vinoba Bhave Nursing School, Katol, Nagpur (RANM0433) Mr Chandrakant Kumbhare, the Clerk cum Secretary of the Trust and Chetana Bhangare, the Vice-Principal of the Institute appeared. Mr Ranka, the Chartered Accountant of the Institute who audited the accounts of the Institute is absent.



On the previous date, the Secretary of the Trust secured adjournment to produce the documents i.e. Form No. A1 and A2 and other documents supporting the proposal as well as to keep the Chartered Accountant present for the hearing.

Mr Kumbhare submitted that Mr Ranka, the Chartered Accountant is unable to attend. As he is busy with audit work at Yavtmal.

Mr Kumbhare produced Form No. A1 and A2 issued by Mr Chetan Ambulkar, the Chartered Accountant to whom he approached for the said certificate. He submits that he has realised the mistakes made on the part of the Trust as well as the Institute. He requested to condone the lapses and mistakes committed on the part of their Trust as well as the Institute. He assured the Authority that henceforth all the payments shall be made by the Bank Transfer or account payee cheque. He submitted that the cash transactions were made as per advice from the Chartered Accountant but in future, no transactions shall be made in cash. He submitted the letter in writing thereby given the undertaking that all the transactions of the Institute shall be made in accordance with the norms of the Authority.

The Authority has examined Form No. A1 and A2 and the Bank Statements. The Bank Statements reflect that the lakhs of rupees were withdrawn in the form of cash after the amount of scholarship received in the Bank Account of the Institute. The practice of cash withdrawal of a huge amount from the Bank Account appears to be prevailing for a long time. The Institute has acted totally in breach of mandatory provisions of the Income Tax Act providing restrictions to carry transactions in cash by the individual as well as the Institute/Body Corporate.

The Authority has disallowed the salary expenditure claimed by the Institute to the extent of 50% as the Institute failed to produce the Bank Statements as well as Form No. A1 and. After making the various disallowances the fees of the Institute was approved and finalised as Rs. 53,500/- for the academic year 2020-21. Being aggrieved the Institute has preferred the Review Application seeking enhancement of fees at least to the extent of fees approved for the previous academic year. The fees of the Institute was approved by the Authority for the academic year 2018-2019 as Rs. 75,000/-. The Institute opted for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2019-2020 and continues to charge the fees



as Rs. 75,000/- for the said year. The Institute has sought approval of fees of Rs. 1,11,296/- for the academic year 2020-2021.

On due consideration of overall facts of the case, the evidence produced in support of the expenditure claimed, the Bank Statements, Form No. A1 and A2 issued by another Chartered Accountant produced during the course of the hearing, the Authority is of the view that the Institute is not entitled to seek substantial enhancement of fees. The Institute has failed to submit the Audit Report. The Chartered Accountant who audited the accounts failed to appear. So also not issued the certificate in Form No. A1 and A2. The Bank Statement reflects the huge withdrawal by way of cash from the account of the Institute. The saif practice was prevailing since long. There is no satisfactory evidence to accept the expenditure shown in the proposal were genuine. There was no proper accounting. The Clerk working in the Institute himself claimed to be the Secretary of the Trust and running the entire affairs of the Institute as well as the Trust. The Institute was inspected by the Authority in the year 2018. In the inspection, serious lacunas were noticed by the Authority. The staff employed shown to be paid a nominal salary. The Authority has approved and finalised the fees of the Institute for the academic year 2021-2022 as Rs. 58,000/-. The Secretary of the Trust requested to at least revise Rs. 58,000/- fees for the academic year 2020-2021. He has also submitted that the Institute is withdrawing the Review Application filed against fees approved for the academic year 2021-2022. In the facts and circumstances of the case and the fees approved for the RANM course of other Institutes, it was decided to revise the fees of the Institute as Rs. 58,000/- for the academic year 2020-2021.

Item No.3: Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

i) To consider the Review Application received from the College/Institute running the R.A.N.M. course against the fees approved by the Authority for the academic year 2021-22.

In Review Application No. 1 of 22 filed by the Acharya Vinoba Bhave Nursing School, Katol, Nagpur (RANM0433) Mr Chandrakant Kumbhare, the Clerk cum Secretary of the Trust who appeared for a hearing in Review Application No. 23 of 21, after the conclusion of the hearing in the said case requested to allow him to withdraw Review

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Application No. 1 of 22 filed against the approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. He submitted that the Management running the Institute is satisfied with the fees of Rs. 58,000/- approved by the Authority for the academic year 2021-2022. He made the endorsement to that effect in the Review Application.

In view of the above, Review Application No. 1 of 22 is disposed of as withdrawn.

ii) To consider the review application received without payment of review processing fees.

"Discussed.

The following Review Applications are received without payment of processing fees:

- **1. Review Application No. 5 of 22** filed by Shri. Navalmal Firodia Law College, Pune (LLB5017) run by Deccan Education Society seeking review of fees finalized by the Authority for the academic year 2021-2022.
- 2. Review Application No. 6 of 22 filed by Dr B.R.A. Law College, Nagpur (LLB3016/LLB5021) run by the Young Revolution Panther, Tumsar has submitted an online application seeking revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022 taken by the Authority in its meeting held on 12/3/2021 to approve the fees of the Institution for LL.B 3 year and LL.B 5 years course run by the said institute.
- **3. Review Application No. 28 of 21** filed by Renuka Nursing RANM School, Kallamb, Osmanabad (RANM0237) run by Pragati Bhauuddeshiya Samajik Sevabhavi Sanstha Sanchalit against the decision of the Authority to approve the fees of RANM course run by the Institute for the academic year 2020-2021.
- 4. Review Application No. 33 of 21 filed by the Chetna Nursing Institute Wardha Code No. RANM0512 run by Pawan Bhauuddeshiya Shikshan Samajik Vikas Sanstha, Sanchalit against the decision of the Authority to approve the fees of the RANM course run by the Institute for the academic year 2020-2021.

The above-mentioned Review Applications were filed by the Institutions without paying the process fees. In absence of payment of process fees, the Review Applications are not maintainable. Accordingly, the



Review Applications filed by the Institutions mentioned above are rejected for want of payment of process fees.

iii) <u>To consider the request letters received from the Institutes/Colleges mentioned seeking No Upward Revision for the academic year 2020-21.</u>

"Discussed.

The Institutions mentioned below have sent letters to the Authority informing that their Institutes/Colleges are not willing to go for upward revision of fees for the academic year 2020-2021 and continue to apply the fees approved for the previous academic year i.e. 2019-2020 for the next academic year i.e. 2020-2021.

The option for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2020-2021 exercised by the said Institutions is well within the scope of discretion provided to them u/s 14(1)(b) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions & Fees) Act, 2015. The Institutes seeking no upward revision of fees for the next academic year and continue to charge the fees approved for the previous year by the Authority require no specific orders or permissions from the Authority.

In view of the option to go for no upward revision of fees intimated by the Institutions, the fees of the Institutions for the courses mentioned below for the academic year 2020-2021 be notified as under:

Sr. No.	Inst ID	Inst Name	Course	Course approved the prev Academ Year (2019-2		Date & fees approved for the previous Academic Year (2019-20)		Fees to continue to apply for A.Y. 2020-21 (No Upward
				Date	Fees	Revision)		
1	RANM0303	Narmada Nursing Institute, Zari, Loha, Nanded	R.A.N.M.	10-04- 2019	46500	46500		
2	RANM0639	IBSS Buldhana's A.N.M. Nursing School Malkapur, Buldhana	R.A.N.M.	10-04- 2019	52000	52000		



iv) <u>To consider the request letters received from the Institutes/Colleges mentioned in the list Annexure-A seeking No Upward Revision for the academic year 2021-22 (list annexed as Annexure-A)</u>

"Discussed.

The Management of the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions mentioned in the list **Annexure 'A'** have intimated that for the academic year 2021-2022 they are not seeking upward revision of fees and would like to continue the fee approved by the Authority for the previous academic year i.e. 2020-2021 for the next academic year i.e. 2021-2022.

As per section 14(1)(b) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions & Fees) Act, 2015 in the event of non-submission of the proposal for upward revision of fee by the Management within the period prescribed u/s. 14(1)(a) of the said Act, the fee structure approved by the Authority & applicable during the previous academic year shall continue to apply to such institution for the immediate next academic year. Section 14(1) (a) & (b) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 read as under;

"14. (1) In determining the reasonableness of fee

structure, the following provisions shall apply:-

- "(a) the Management of the Unaided Institution shall submit the details of the proposed fee alongwith the audited accounts of the preceding financial year, the proposed budget in respect of the current financial year and the relevant record and evidence to the Fees Regulating Authority for its approval not later than 31st October of previous academic year;
- (b) in the event of non-submission of the proposal for upward revision of fees to the Fees Regulating Authority within the time-limit specified by the Authority, the fees structure as approved by the Authority and applicable during the previous academic year shall continue to apply".

In view of the above, no specific order or permission of the Authority is required to apply the fee structure approved for the previous



academic year to the immediate next academic year. Since the option for no upward revision exercised by the Institute being within the ambit of section 14(1)(b) of the Act, 2015, no specific order needs to be passed by the Authority. The Institute can continue to charge the fees approved for the previous academic year i.e. 2020-2021 for the immediate next academic year i.e. 2021-22.

The list **Annexure 'A'** shall form the part & parcel of the minutes of the meeting.

Let the follow-up action be taken".

v) <u>To consider the request letters received from the Loknete Dr J. D. Pawar College of Pharmacy, Kalwan, Nashik.</u>

"Discussed.

By letter dated 22/10/2020 bearing outward no. LNJDP/36/2020-21, the Principal of the Institute informed the Authority decision of the Management not to go for upward revision of fees for the B. Pharm and M. Pharm courses run by the Institute for the academic year 2021-2022 on account of the impact of covid-19. It was informed that the Institute would continue to charge the fees for the academic year 2021-2022 as per the fees approved by the Authority for the academic year i.e. 2019-2020.

The letter dated 22/10/2020 received from the Institute opting for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022 was considered by the Authority in its meeting held on 5/1/2021, along with letters making similar requests received from the other Institutes. The Authority has resolved as under:

"Read the office note dated 19/10/2020.

The colleges in the list marked 'A' had submitted fees proposals for the A.Y. 2019-20. Accordingly, the FRA approved reasonable fee structures. These colleges opted for no upward revision for the A.Y. 2020-21. Therefore, the fees structure approved for the AY 2019-20 were allowed to be retained for the next academic year i.e. 2020-21.

On behalf of the colleges, it is pointed out that the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has wrought havoc on all the strata of society. The physical immobilisation and disability caused by pandemics, followed by lockdowns imposed by the government



have their own adverse impact. All the normal activities came to a standstill. In this peculiar situation, they are not ready with the balance sheet, audit report. Further, they do not seek upward revision on humanitarian grounds. They do not want to put an additional burden on parents whose wards are desirous of seeking admission in their colleges in the AY 2021-22.

We have pursued the list of the colleges and had a glance at the fee structure approved for AY 2019-20. The approved fee structure appear reasonable. In this peculiar situation, the colleges in the list 'X' are allowed to retain, for the A.Y. 2021-22, the fee structure which was approved for the A.Y. 2019-20."

Although the request of the Institute for a second no upward revision was not maintainable still considering the unprecedented situation due to the pandemic of covid-19 the then Authority decided to entertain and allow the Institutes to go for a second no upward revision of fees. The Authority has recorded the special reasons for taking said decision. The said decision was taken in view of the unprecedented situation that the Institutes were not in a position to get their accounts audited and submit the proposal for approval of fees as provided u/s 14(1)(a) of the Act, 2015.

After exercising the option to go for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022, the Institute, later on, submitted the proposal for upward revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022.

After the decision dated 5/1/2021 notified, the Institute sent a letter requesting the Authority to reconsider the decision dated 5/1/2021 and consider their proposal for the upward revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. The said request was considered along with similar requests received from other three Institutions, in the meeting of the Authority held on 1/2/2021. It was resolved as under:

"Item No. 4: Acceptance of fees proposal for A.Y. 2021-22.

- 1. MB6216: Jayawant Institute of Management, Wathar- Karad, Satara
- 2. MB6745: Shrimant Jayshrimaladevi Naik-Nimbalakar Institute of Management Studies, Phaltan, Satara
- 3. PH5212: Loknete Dr. J. D. Pawar College of Pharmacy, Nashik
- 4. PH6377: Shivnagar Vidya Prasark Mandal's College of Pharmacy, Pune



The college representatives were apprised of the decision dated 5/1/2021. Based on the college's submission that they want to retain the fee structure of 2019-20 for the A.Y. 2021-22, the said decision was taken. They believed that their request might not be allowed and therefore, they submitted fees proposal before 5/1/2021. Hence, their fees proposal may be considered.

Will be considered in the next meeting."

Before completion of the tenure of the Authority i.e. 18/3/2021 the request of the Institute for reconsideration of the earlier decision dated 5/1/2021 and to consider the proposal for upward revision of fees was not taken up for consideration.

The State Government reconstituted the Fees Regulating Authority vide notification dated 18/6/2021. The reconstituted Authority considered the request received from other Institutes making a similar request in its meeting held on 17/11/2021. It was resolved as under:

"It was brought to notice that the Colleges mentioned below initially opted for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. They submitted letters to effect that they be allowed to apply the fee structure approved for the previous academic year for the academic year 2021-2022. The request of said colleges was duly considered by the Authority in its meeting held on 5/1/2021 and allowed the said colleges to continue to apply fees as approved for the previous academic year for the academic year 2021-2022.

After submitting letter seeking no upward revision said colleges submitted online proposals for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-22

"It was decided to reject the proposals of colleges mentioned below for the upward revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022 in view decision dated 5/1/2021 taken by the Authority to entertain their request for no upward revision of fees and allowed them to continue to charge the fees for academic year 2021-2022 as per the fees approved for the previous academic year. So also, there is no reason to recall the decision dated 5/1/2021 taken by the Authority."



Sr. No.	Code	Institute Name	Course	Letter date	Online Fees Proposal Submission Date
1.	MB6745	Krishna Foundation Malkapur-Karad's S J N N Institute of Management Pharltan, Satara	МВА	21/10/2020	30/12/2020
2.	MB6216	Krishna Foundation Malkapur-Karad's Jaywant Institute of Management, Wathar, Satara	МВА	21/10/2020	30/12/2020
3.	MB6164	Asma Institute of Management, Shivane, Pune	МВА	16/12/2020	31/12/2020
4.	MB6140	Dnyan Kala Krida & Krishi Prathishtan's Maharashtra Institute of Management, Kalamb, Pune	МВА	23/10/2020	30/12/2020

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly."

The case of the Institute stands on the same footing as that of the other colleges mentioned above. It was therefore decided to reject the request of the Institution to reconsider the decision dated 5/1/2021 and consider the proposal of the Institution for upward revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. Inform the concern accordingly."

vi) To consider the request letters received from various Institutes/Colleges running RANM/RGNM courses allow them to charge the fee approved as per the academic year, i.e. 2019-20 for the academic year 2021-22 (list annexed as Annexure 'B').

"Discussed.

The colleges/institutes mentioned in the list annexure 'B' running RANM and/or RGNM courses have requested to allow them to charge the fees for the academic year 2021-2022 on the basis of fees approved for the academic year 2019-2020. In brief, the Institutions have requested to allow them to go for a second no upward revision of fees.

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The Institutions mentioned in the list annexure 'B' had earlier made similar requests which was considered by the Authority in its meeting held on 23/7/2021. The Authority has rejected the requests to opt for a second no upward revision of fees by holding that such request is not maintainable in law. After rejecting the requests they were provided an opportunity to submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022 on or before 15/8/2021. The time limit provided was extended time to time. Lastly, it was extended till 15th January 2022. However, the Institutions mentioned in the list Annexure 'B' failed to submit the proposal. Instead of submitting the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022, they have repeated the request to allow them to go for no upward revision of fees.

The Authority had considered the issue of entitlement of the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions to opt for a second no upward revision of fees under the provisions of The Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, in its meeting held on 23/7/2021, while considering the request from the Institutions mentioning in the annexure B and other Institutions. The Authority has resolved as under:

"Item No. 4: To consider the request in the form of letters received from various Schools/Institutes / Colleges running RANM/RGNM courses to allow them to charge the fee approved as per academic year i.e. 2019-20 for the academic year 2021-22 (List annexed as Annexure 'B').

Discussed.

The colleges/institutions referred in list annexure 'B' have requested to allow them to charge the fees for the academic year 2021-22 on the basis of fees approved by the Authority for the academic year 2019-20.

The factual position is that for the academic year 2019-20, the fees proposals of the said colleges were approved and finalized by the Authority. For the academic year 2020-21, the said colleges have opted for no upward revision of fees. There was no proposal seeking fixation of fees submitted by those colleges for the academic year 2020-21.



On due consideration of the request made by the management of the colleges mentioned in 'list annexure B' the Authority is of the view that in absence of application seeking fixation of fees submitted by those colleges and approved by the Authority for the academic year 2020-21, the said colleges are not entitled to continue to charge the fees for the academic year 2020-21 on the basis of the fees approved for the academic year 2019-20. It is, therefore, decided the reject their request.

It is further decided to provide an opportunity to said colleges (mentioned in list annexure B) to submit online fee proposal for the academic year 2021-22 in the prescribed proforma with requisite documents, to reach the Authority on or before 15/8/2021, so as to avoid any hardship being caused to them. Inform accordingly. In case any such proposals are received then the same be processed.

Annexure List 'B' shall form part and parcel of the minutes of the meeting".

As quoted above though the Authority has decided and held in clear and unambiguous words that the option for no upward revision of fees can not be exercised successively and the option for no upward revision of fee is available to those Institutions whose fees was approved by the Authority in the previous academic year and would like to continue to apply the same fees structure for the immediate next academic year.

In the meeting of the Authority held on 17/12/2021, while extending the period as a last chance explicitly made clear that no proposal seeking approval of fees shall be entertained beyond 15th January 2022 and any such request received from any Institutions be filled without processing before the Authority. Still, the said Institutions have once again made a similar request.

In view of the request made by the Institutions mentioned in Annexure B for a second no upward revision of fees was duly considered and rejected by the Authority in its meeting held on 23/7/2021, the request seeking the same relief not maintainable in law. Accordingly, the request made for no upward revision of fees of the Institutions mentioned in Annexure 'B' rejected.



It was further decided that if any request seeking second no upward revision of fees received from any other Institutes then same shall be filed without processing the same before the Authority."

To consider the request letters received from various Institutes/Colleges and Associations of the Management of Unaided Engineering Colleges (Mah.) to extend the date for submission of online fees proposals for the academic year 2022-2023.

"Discussed.

By notification dated 1/4/2022, the link for submission of online fees proposals for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 in respect of courses affiliated to the University run by the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions was opened. The Institutions were directed to submit the online proposal on and before 30th April 2022.

Now, the request letters are received from a number of Institutions to extend the period prescribed for submission of fee proposals. A similar request also received from the Association of the Management of Unaided Engineering Colleges(Mah.).

On due consideration of the difficulties expressed by the Institutions as well as the Association of the Institutes, it was decided to extend the period for submission of online fees proposals till midnight of 15th May 2022.

All concerns be informed accordingly.

Date: 2nd May 2022

Place: Mumbai

Justice Vijay L. Achilya (Retd.) Chairperson

Fees Regulating Authority State of Maharashtra