

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. 26/07/2023

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 **26**th **July, 2023** 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	:	Not 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.
5.	Shri. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.
6.	Shri. L. S. Mali, I.A.S., Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.

Part-II

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

(a) <u>To consider the request letter dated 21/06/2023 received from Kausalya Shrungare Education Foundation running Viyaniketan College of Pharmacy at Anjangaon Surji, District Amravati.</u>

"Discussed.

By a letter dated 21/06/2023 the Trustee of the Trust referred above has stated that their Trust is running Viyaniketan College of Diploma in Pharmacy at Anjangaon Surji, District Amravati from the academic year 2019-2020. Since the academic years 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 the Institute has charged the Adhoc fees and same was also claimed for the purposes of scholarship and approved by MAHA DBT. The Institute was expected to submit the proposal for approval of fees



for the academic year 2021-2022. However, due to some technical difficulties, the Institute failed to submit the proposal. The fees of the Institute was not approved from the academic year 2021-2022. The Officials of the Institute visited the Fees Regulating Authority to ascertain the procedure for submission of online proposal for the approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022. At that time the Officials were informed that the Nursing colleges does not falls within the purview of the Fees Regulating Authority and the notice to that effect was published on 01/04/2022 on the portal of the Fees Regulating Authority. However, the Institute has come to know that the Fees Regulating Authority is having Authority to approve the fees for the academic year 2021-2022 . The Institute has requested to open the link and allow the Institute to submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2021-2022.

The Fees Regulating Authority has been created under the provisions of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 to regulate the fees to be charged by Unaided Private Professional Institutions within the State of Maharashtra affiliated to the University. The Diploma Courses in Engineering and Technology (Polytechnic), Diploma in Pharmacy (D.Pharm) and Diploma in Hotel Management & Catering Technology (D.H.M.C.T.)) are not affiliated to the University but same are regulated by the Maharashtra Technical Education Board. By Government notification dated 05/07/2018 issued by the Department of Higher Technical Education, the Diploma in Engineering and Technology (Polytechnic), Diploma in Pharmacy (D.Pharm) and Diploma in Hotel Management & Catering Technology (D.H.M.C.T.)) courses were deleted from the list of professional courses and powers to regulate the Admissions and the matter incidental thereto vested with Directorate of Technical Education, Mumbai. Since the year 2018 i.e. the issuance of Government notification dated 05/07/2018 the Fees Regulating Authority ceased to have jurisdiction to determine the reasonableness of fees of said Diploma courses. From the academic year 2019-2020 and onwards the fees of said Diploma courses was decided by the Fees Regulating Authority at the request of the Department of Higher Technical Education, Maharashtra State as the alternate arrangement and machinery to determine the fees of Diploma courses was not put in place by the Directorate of Technical Education, Mumbai.

Now the Government of Maharashtra has amended the Maharashtra State Board of Education Act 1997 and introduced sec. 24 (A) which reads as under:

"24A.(1) The State Government shall by an order constitute a Fees Fixation Committee, to work out the real cost of delivery of each and every Diploma Level Technical Education run by the unaided private polytechnic or institution affiliated to the Board. The



Government shall specify the emoluments and other allowances payable, term of office and conditions of services of the Chairperson and members of the Fees Fixation Committee in such order.

(2) The functions, powers and procedure of the Fees Regulating Authority, the procedure to be adopted by the Fees Regulating Authority and factors for determination of fees structure provided in sections 13, 14 and 15 of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 shall mutatis mutandis be followed by the Fee Fixation Committee constituted under sub-section (1) while working out the real cost of delivery of each and every such education."

Thus, by virtue of sec 24 (A), the State Government has provided for the constitution of Fees Fixation Committee for Diploma level Technical Education courses run by the Unaided Private Polytechnic Institution affiliated to the Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education. The Hon'ble Governor has given assent to amendment of said Act and said Gazette notification was published on 26/04/2023. Subsequent to the said amendment, the Department of Higher & Technical Education vide Government Resolution No. संकिण-२०२३/(प्र.क.६४/२३)/तांशि-५ dt. 08/06/2023 constituted the Fees Fixation Committee for fixation of fees of Diploma Level Courses run by Unaided Private Professional Institutions.

In view of the above the Fees Regulating Authority cannot entertain any proposal for fixation of fees in respect of Diploma Level Courses affiliated to Technical Education Department. The Institute has to approach the Fees Fixation Committee constituted by the State Government vide Government Resolution dated 08/06/2023 for fixation of fees of their Institute.

Inform to concern Institution".

Date: 26th July, 2023

Place : Mumbai

JUSTICE VIJAY L. ACHLIYA (RETD.)
CHAIRPERSON

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