



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 25/10/2023

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 **25th October, 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/absent:

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| 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. Nitin Bapurao Chavan, Chartered Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority | : | Present. |
| 5. | Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish) Phadtare, Cost Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority | : | Present through video conferencing. |
| 6. | Shri. Atul Damodar Dharap, Cost Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority | : | Present through video conferencing. |
| 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. | The Commissioner of Medical Education (M.S) , Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority. | : | Presence dispensed for a day at his request. |
| 11. | The Director, Directorate of AYUSH, Maharashtra State, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority | : | Absent |

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| 12. | The Member Secretary of the Maharashtra Council of Agriculture Education and Research Pune , Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority. | : | Presence dispensed for a day at his request |
| 13. | Shri. Mahendra B. Warbhuwan, I.A.S., I/C Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority | : | Absent. Presence is dispensed for a day as per request received |

Part-II

Item No.1(ii): To consider the proposal for approval of fees of the B.Arch course for the academic year 2023- 2024 submitted by the Indala School of Architecture, Thane (AR3507).

"Discussed.

On scrutinizing of the proposal by the Authority it is noticed that though the expenses of the Institute in the financial year 2021-2022 was Rs.10,76,825/-, the Institute has claimed the expenses of Rs. 70,29,619/- Similarly the non salary expenses excluding depreciation as per Audited Income and Expenditure Account of the Financial Year 2021-2022 was Rs. 3,56,068/-. Whereas the Institute has claimed the non salary expenses as Rs. 8,48,358/- in the proposal. It is further noticed that Institute has collected excess fee of Rs. 2,69,100/- from the students. It was therefore decided to call the clarification/explanation from the Institute before deciding the proposal. The letter seeking explanation be sent as directed. The Institute be directed to furnish the information within three days. The Institute be put to notice that if the Institute failed to submit the explanation as directed the Authority will proceed with the proposal by treating that no explanation to be offered by the Institute.

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly".

Item No.1(iii): To consider the letter dated 23/05/2023 received from St.Andrews College of Nursing , Pune (BSCN0009) for withdrawal of fees proposal for the academic year 2023-2024.

"Discussed.

The Principal of the college vide letter dated 23/05/2023 has sent letter seeking withdrawal of proposal for the reasons mentioned therein and more particularly the difficulties the Institute is facing due to the resignation of Accountant.

The fees of the Institute for the academic year 2022-2023 in respect of B.Sc Nursing and P.B.Sc Nursing course was approved as Rs. 45,000/- & Rs. 35,000/- respectively in the meeting of the Authority held on

09/08/2023. In terms of sec. 14 (1)(b) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, the Institute is entitled to continue to apply the fees approved for the previous academic year 2022-2023 for the next academic year 2023-2024. Considering the cause assigned and request made which is well within the four corners of law the Institute is allowed to withdraw the proposal for the approval of fees for the academic year 2023-2024 & continue to apply the fees approved for previous academic years. The fees approved for the previous academic year i.e. Rs. 45,000/- for B.Sc Nursing and Rs. 35,000/- for Post Graduate B.Sc Nursing course per student shall continue to apply for the next academic year i.e. 2023-2024.

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly”.

Item No.1(iv):

To consider the letter dated 12/10/2023 received from Mahatma Phule Institute of Nursing, Akola (BSCN09238) seeking withdrawal of fees proposal for the academic year 2023-2024 in respect of B.Sc Nursing course run by the Institute.

“Discussed.

By the letter dated 12/10/2023 the Institute has requested to allow the Institute to withdraw the proposal for the academic year 2023-2024 and continue to apply the fees approved for the previous academic year i.e. 2022-2023 for the next academic year 2023-2024.

The fees of the Institute running B.Sc. Nursing course for the academic year 2022-2023 was finalised as Rs. 75,000/- per student in the meeting of the Authority held on 13/04/2023. In view of finalisation of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 on 13/04/2023 the Institute has requested to allow the Institute to withdraw the proposal for the academic year 2023-2024 and allow the Institute to apply the fees structure approved for the academic year 2022-2023 for the next academic year i.e. 2023-2024.

Considering the request made by the Institute falls within the purview of sec. 14(1)(b) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, it was decided to allow the Institute to withdraw the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2023-2024 and continue to apply the fee structure approved for the previous academic year 2022-2023 for the next academic year 2023-2024. The fees of the Institute be notified as Rs. 75,000/- per student as no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2023-2024.

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly”.

Item No.1(v): To consider the proposal for approval of fees of the B.Sc.Nursing course for the academic year 2023- 2024 submitted by the Siddhagiri Nursing Institute , Kolhapur (BSCN09180).

"Discussed.

While scrutinizing the proposal submitted for the approval of fees for the academic year 2023-2024 , it is noticed that the Institute has started the B.Sc. Nursing course from the academic year 2020-2021. The Institute has charged the adhoc fees for the academic year 2020-2021 & 2021-2022. In terms of sec 14 (1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 the Institute was under obligation to submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 and also apply for confirmation and finalization of fees of the academic year 2020-2021 & 2021-2022. Without complying the said provision the Institute has directly submitted the proposal for approval of fees for academic year 2023-2024.

In view of above the Institute is liable for penal action as contemplated u/s. 20 of the said Act 2015. Hence the notice be issued to the Principal of the College and Management running the Institute to show cause as to why the penalty as contemplated u/s. 20 of the said Act 2015 may not be imposed & other action as contemplated u/s. 20 of the said Act 2015 which includes to recommend the name of the Institute for withdrawal of recognition be recommended to the Competent Authority. The explanation be furnished within seven days.

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly".

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

(a) To extend the date for online submission of the proposal for the academic year 2024-2025.

"Discussed.

By the notification issued the link for submission of online proposal was opened w.e.f 02/10/2023. The Institutes were directed to submit the proposal on and before 31/10/2023 and hard copy of the proposal within fifteen days of submission of proposal.

The Authority has received request from large number of Institutions seeking extention of time to submit the online proposal on account of difficulties the Institutes are facing to upload the documents with the proposal and other technical difficulties. It is also brought to notice that the Government of India and the Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra State has

extended the date for submitting the Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2022-2023.

Considering the difficulties faced by the Institutions and the period extended by the Government of India and the Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra State to submit the Audited Financial Statement it was decided to extend the period of submission of online proposals including intimation opting for 'No Upward Revision' of fees till the midnight of 30/11/2023. It was further decided that no further request for extension to be entertained in submitting online proposal.

Let the follow up action be taken and notice be published to this effect on the website of the Fees Regulating Authority".

Date: 25th October, 2023

Place: Mumbai


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