



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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Meeting Date: 21/10/2021

Minutes of Meeting

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 **21st October, 2021** in the Conference Hall, Room No. 305, Government Polytechnic Building, 49 Kherwadi, Ali Yawar Jung Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051.

Following were present:

1.	Hon'ble Justice V.L. Achliya (Retd.)	:	Chairperson
2.	Dr. Vijay Vasant Khole, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University	:	Member
3.	Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak, Chartered Accountant	:	Member
4.	Shri. Ratanakar (Shirish) Phadtare, Cost Accountant	:	Member
5.	Shri. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist	:	Member
6.	Dr. H.K. Kausadikar Director representative of Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education of Research, Pune (MCAER) through video conferencing	:	Member

Dr. K.D. Chavan, Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Science, Nashik, & Dr. Abhay E. Wagh, The Director, Technical Education, Mumbai their presence is dispensed for a day.

Dr. Dhanraj Mane, The Director, Higher Education, Pune absent without intimation.

Item No.1 : **To consider the proposals for fixation of fees proposal for the academic year 2020-21 & 2021-22.**

"Discussed.

The Authority has examined the individual proposals received from the institutes/colleges mentioned below seeking approval of fees for the academic year 2021-22. After considering the scrutiny reports, the grade allotted by the respective University, the grade allotted by Shri. Puri

Committee constituted by Hon'ble Governor & the Chancellor of the Agricultural Universities in the State & all other relevant factors, the Authority has decided to approve the fee structure of the respective colleges/institutes as under;

B.Sc Agriculture/Food/ B.Tech Agri./BIOT/B.Sc. Horticulture courses

Sr. No.	Code No.	Institute Name		Final Fee For AY 2021-22
62	BSCA 11281	College Of Agriculture, B. Sc. (Honours) (Agriculture), Loni	BSCA	No Upward Revision
			BIOT	1,04,000/-
			BABM	60,000/-
63	BSCA 11135	K.K. Wagh College of Agriculture, Nashik	BSCA	1,04,000/-
			FOODT	1,05,000/- 1,05,000/-
			BIOT	1,07,000/-
			BSCH	90,000/-
			BTECHA	88,000/-
			BABM	65,000/-
64	BSCA 11130	College of Agriculture, Baramati	BSCA	No Upward Revision
			BABM	65,000/-
65	BSCA 11140	Lokmangal College of Agriculture, At. Post. Wadala, Solapur	BSCA	67,000/-
			BIOT	1,00,000/-
			BABM	60,000/-
66	BSCA 11284	College of Agriculture, At. Post. Paniv	BSCA	81,000/-
			BTECHA	76,000/-
			BSCH	83,000/-
			BABM	57,000/-
67	BSCA 11144	Vivekanand Agriculture College, Buldhana	BSCA	No Upward Revision
			BABM	65,000/-

Sr. No.	Code No.	Institute Name		Final Fee For AY 2021-22
68	BABM 18264	College Of Agriculture Business Management, Gunjalwadipathar	BABM	73,000/-
69	BABM 18200	College Of Agricultural Business Management, Latur	BABM	50,000/-
70	BABM 18197	Dr. D. Y. Patil College of Agriculture Business Management, Akurdi, Pune	BABM	65,000/-
71	BABM 18198	Gramonnati Mandal's, College Of Agriculture Business Management, Narayangaon	BABM	50,000/-
72	BABM 18209	Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj College of Agri Business Management	BABM	65,000/-

The Authority has examined the proposals received from the institute/college mentioned below seeking approval of fees for the academic year 2021-22. After considering the proposal in the light of scrutiny report and considered all the relevant factors, applicable for determinations of fee structure, it was decided to approve the fee structure of the college/institute mentioned below as under;

Architecture Courses

Sr. No.	Code No.	Institute Name		Final Fee For AY 2021-22
46	AR6538	Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil College of Architecture, Pune	ARCH	98,000/-
			MARC	1,06,000/-

The fees as approved be communicated to the individual institutes/colleges. The Institutes/colleges be informed that if the fee approved by the Authority is not acceptable to them then individual institutes/colleges may file the Review Application with detailed reasons to review the fees approved. The Review Application be filed as per the procedure prescribed, within fifteen days from the date of communication of the decision/fees approved.

The fees as approved is the maximum fees that can be charged and recovered from the students by the respective colleges/institutes. The term fees has been define under section 2(g) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, the fees approved and includes tuition fee, gymkhana fee, examination fee, library fee, development fee, laboratory fee, information brochure fee, the amount collected for any curricular or co-curricular activities and any other amount collected from the students, by whatsoever name and accepted in whichever manner, from the students / candidate admitted to professional

courses by the Private Professional Educational Institution excluding any charges payable towards use of optional facilities such as hostel accommodation, mess charges and students insurance fees. Thus any amount accepted by the institutions in cash or kind, directly or indirectly in excess of fee approved by the Authority amounts to an Act of "profiteering" as defined under section 2(s) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 and liable for penal action as provided u/s 20 of the said Act of 2015.

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly "

Item No. 2:

To consider the request seeking No Upward Revision for the academic year 2021-22 (list annexed as annexure 'A').

"Discussed.

The Management of the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions/colleges mentioned in the list **Annexure 'A'** have submitted online proposals seeking no upward revision for the academic year 2021-2022 & exercise of the option to apply the fee structure approved by the Authority for the previous academic year 2020-2021 for the academic year 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 of the Authority is required to apply the fee structure approved by the Authority for the previous academic year for the immediate next academic year. Therefore the Management has to act in accordance with Law.

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

Let the follow-up action be taken".

Item No.3 To consider the matter of Nalanda Law College, Mumbai regarding the excess fees collected from the students.

"Discussed.

The following were present;

1. Mr. Laxaman Dhobale, the Founder Trustee,
2. Shri. Javir, Secretary, of the Trust,
3. Shri. Shivsharan S.S., Director of College/Institute,
4. Dr. J.B. Patil, Principal of Nalanda Law College,
5. Mr. Paresh Dixit, Account Officer of College/Institute.
6. Shri. Milind Gajdhane, Admin. Officer,

The office bearer of the Trust and the Officials of the college submitted the letter dated 21/10/2021 along with the list showing the names of the students admitted for LLB 3 years during the academic year 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 and particulars of excess fees received from each of the students. They have also submitted separate list showing the names of the students studying in LLB 5 years course during the academic year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21, with particulars of excess fees recovered from each of the student.

In respect of direction given in the meeting dated 8/10/2021 to deposit the amount of Rs. 66 lakhs, collected over and above the fees approved by the Fees Regulating Authority, the Officials submitted that they are unable to deposit the entire amount due to poor financial condition of the College. It is submitted that due to situation developed on account of Pandemic of Covid 19,

the Institute run by the Trust are not getting fees from the students and requested to reduce the amount to be deposited.

The Founder Trustee of the Trust submitted that with great difficulty they could arrange Rs. 20 lakhs and they have brought the cheque of said amount for depositing the said amount with Authority. He requested to reduce the amount to be deposited. He further requested to allow the Institution to adjust the fees due and payable from the students to be adjusted against the fees to be refunded. It is submitted that after making the adjustment the amount of Rs. 57,59,750/- work out excess fees to be refunded to students. He requested to grant installments in deposit of said amount. He has also requested not to impose penalty and urged to finalize the fees proposal of their College for the academic year 2021-2022.

Considering the difficulties expressed by the Management running the Institute to deposit the entire amount, it was decided to direct the Institute to initially deposit the amount to the extent of 50% of excess fees recovered from the students. On deposit of amount to the extent of 50% , the Authority will examine the request of the Management for grant of installments to pay the balance amount of 50% of excess fees recovered from the students. The Management running the Institute are directed to deposit the further sum of Rs. 8 lakhs before the next date.

The proposal of the Institute seeking approval of fees for the academic year 2021-22 be kept for the consideration of Authority in the meeting scheduled on 30/10/2021.

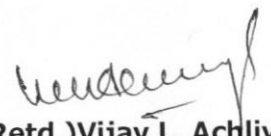
The Cheque of Rs. 20 lakhs brought by the Officials of the Management be return & they be requested to deposit the amount mentioned in cheques by way of NEFT in the account of Fees Regulating Authority.

List the subject on 30/10/2021.

Let the follow-up action be taken".

Date : 21st October, 2021

Place : Mumbai


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