



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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(Part-II)

Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt.14/06/2024

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 14th June, 2024 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:

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.
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.	Commissioner Medical Education (M.S) , Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority .	:	Presence dispensed for a day.
11.	The Director, Directorate of AYUSH, Maharashtra State, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent

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.
13.	Shri. S.Ramamoorthy,I.A.S., Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.

Item No.1(b):**The proposal of R.V. Parankar College of Engineering and Technology, Wardha seeking approval of fees in respect of B.Engg. courses for the academic year 2024-2025.**

"Discussed.

While considering the proposals submitted by the Institute for approving the fees for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Engineering course, the Authority has noticed from the Fees Reconciliation Statement & Audited Financial Statement of the Financial Year 2022-2023 that the Institute has charged and collected excess fees of Rs. 1,70,12,975/- (One Crore Seventy Lakhs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Five Only) from the batch of students admitted during the academic year 2022-2023. For the academic year 2022-2023 the Fees Regulating Authority has approved the fees of Rs. 62,000/- per student. In that view prima facie the Institute has charged the fees @ Rs. 1,12,000/- per student as against the approved fees of Rs. 62,000/- per student & thereby, the Institute has charged and collected excess fee of Rs. 50,000/- per student from the batch of students admitted in the academic year 2022-2023.

It is also noticed that on the website of the Institute, the Institute has displayed the fees of Rs. 1,22,437/- per student for the academic year 2024-2025, though the fees approved for the previous academic year was Rs. 80,000/- per student. No such fees has been approved by the Authority. The fees displayed on the website of the Institute for the academic year 2024-2025 spell out that the Management running the Institute is acting in complete breach of Statutory Provisions.

The Act of charging the fees in excess of fees approved by the Authority invite penal u/s. 20 of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and fees) Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the said 'Act of 2015'). The act of charging the fees over and above the fees approved by the Authority, the Fees Regulating Authority can impose the penalty twice the amount collected as an excess fees and direct such Institute/college to refund the excess fees recovered to individual student. The repeated violation of the statutory provisions by the Management running the Institute, the Authority is empowered to recommend the withdrawal of affiliation or approval of such Institute.

The fee reconciliation statement and the Audited Financial Statement of the financial year 2022-2023 submitted by the Institute and duly signed by the Chartered Accountant as well as Director of the Institute,

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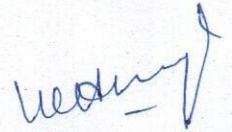
prima facie make out a strong case against the Institute for initiating action u/s. 20 of the said Act of 2015. The Authority is of the view that strict action deserves to be taken against the Management running the Institute for indulging into act of charging the fees in excess of the fees approved by the Authority to prevent the exploitation of the students . It was therefore decided to issue show cause notice to the Principal of the Institute and the Management running the Institute to call upon them to submit the explanation of charging the fees to the tune of Rs. 1,70,12,975/- in excess of the fees approved for the batch of students admitted in the academic year 2022-2023 and to display fees of Rs. 1,22,437/- for the academic year 2024-2025. They be directed to explain why the penalty and other penal actions as contemplated u/s. 20 of the said Act of 2015 shall not be taken against the Institute and Management running the Institute. The Principal of the College/Institute, the Chairman, the Secretary and Members of the Managing Committee be directed to submit their explanation within seven days from the date of receipt of the show cause notice failure to which it will be presumed that the Institute has no explanation to be offered.

List after compliance.

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly".

Date: 14th June, 2024

Place: Mumbai



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