

FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 30/01/2025

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 30th January, 2025 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.	
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.	
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 through video conferencing.	
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.	:	Absent.	
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.
13.	Shri. S. Ramamoorthy, I.A.S., Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the meeting dated 29th January, 2025 of Fees Regulating Authority.

"Discussed.

The minutes of the meeting dated 29th January, 2025 are confirmed and approved".

Item No.2: To consider the pending proposals for approval of fees for the academic years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025.

"Discussed.

After considering the proposals submitted, the documents produced in support of the fees claimed by the Institutes/Colleges mentioned below the fees of the respective Institute for the academic years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 are finalised as under:-

Part-I

Sr. No.	Code	Name of the Institute	Course	for the A.Y. 2022-2023 Per student
1.	BHMS0044	H. E. S. Homoeopathic Medical College, Akot Road, Akola	B.H.M.S	30,000/-
2.	LLB5049	Mukul Wasnik College of Law, Buldana	L.L.B.5	15,000/-

Part-II

Sr. No.	Code	Name of the Institute Course		Fee Approved for the A.Y. 2023-2024 Per student	
1.	MB3117	Gurunanak Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai	M.B.A	No Upward Revision	
2.	Sundarbai Maganlal L.L. LLB3066 Biyani Law College, Dhule		L.L.B.3	15,000/-	
			L.L.B.5	6,500/-	
3.	PH4659	Shrisai College of Pharmacy	B.Pharm	78,000/-	

Sr. No.	Code	Name of the Institute	Course	Fee Approved for the A.Y. 2023-2024 Per student	
			B.Pharm		
4.	PH2615	Kohinoor Institute of Pharmacy, Aurangabad	2021-22	70,000/- Adhoc Confirmed	
			2022-23	70,000/- Confirmed	
			2023-24	80,000/-	
			M.S	c.(Nursing)	
5.	PBSCN0019	Sushrusha Institute of Nursing Scineces, Pune	2021-22	85,000/- Adhoc Confirmed	
			2022-23	86,000/- Confirmed	
			2023-24	86,000/-	
6.	LLB5091	Yeshwant Mahavidyalaya, Wardha	L.L.B.5	10,660/- (As Demanded)	

Part-III

Sr. No.	Code	Code Name of the Institute	Course	Fee Approved for the A.Y. 2024-2025 Per student
1.	PBSCN0019	Sushrusha Institute of Nursing Scineces, Pune	M.Sc. (Nursing)	96,000/-
2.	AR6895	Walwa Taluka Education Society's Shri. S. D. Patil College of Architecture, Islampur	B.Arch	70,000/-
3.	PH2615	Kohinoor Institute Of Pharmacy, Aurangabad	B.Pharm	80,000/-
4.	MB3117	Gurunanak Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai	M.B.A	2,76,000/-
	Sundarbai Maganlal LLB3066 Biyani Law College, Dhule	Sundarbai Maganlal	L.L.B.3	17,000/-
5.		Biyani Law College, Dhule	L.L.B.5	6,000/-



b) The Institute/s has submitted two separate proposals for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025. The G S Moze College Of Engineering, Pune (EN6144) has submitted the proposal for approval of fees in respect of M.B.A & M.C.A courses for the academic year 2024-2025. The Genba Sopanrao Moze Trust's Parvatibai Genba Moze College of Engineering, Wagholi, Pune (EN6138) has submitted proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of M.C.A course.

While scrutinizing the proposal it was noticed that both the Institutes are running B.E, M.B.A & M.C.A courses for the academic year 2024-2025. The G S Moze College Of Engineering, Pune (EN6144) has claimed 'No Upward Revision of fees in respect of B.E course for the academic year 2024-2025. Similarly, Genba Sopanrao Moze Trust's Parvatibai Genba Moze College of Engineering, Wagholi, Pune (EN6138) has claimed 'No Upward Revision of fees in respect of B.E. & M.B.A courses for the academic year 2024-2025.

It was noticed that while providing the faculty details in respect of proposals submitted for approval of fees of Institute bearing code no. EN6138 seeking approval of fees in respect of M.B.A & M.C.A course, the Institute has mentioned against each faculty members as person employed for Engineering course. The Institute has not furnished the names and other details as required in respect of faculty and other staff employed for M.B.A & M.C.A courses. Similarly, in respect of other college bearing code no EN6144 the Institute has not furnished particulars of the staff employed for B.E, M.B.A & M.C.A courses. In order to determine the reasonable fees of the Institute based upon actual income and expenditure it is necessary to seek the details of teaching and nonteaching faculty employed in both the colleges in respect of three courses. It was therefore decided to direct the Institute to furnish the details in the prescribed format with particulars such as name of the person employed, the course for which person is employed and the salary paid to each of the faculty member from the academic years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 with supporting documents and payment of salary made to individual staff course wise, the information be furnished within two weeks.

List after compliance".



Item No.4: To consider the complaints received from the students against Ratnadeep College, Jamkhed running B.A.M.S courses.

"Discussed.

The following parents of some of the students who have lodged the complaints are present.

- 1. Mr. Shahaji Gandhya Gire.
- 2. Mr. Dattatray Gangaram Malshikare.
- 3. Mr. Anil H. Khomane.
- 4. Mr. Ramjan Ashgaralli Mulla.
- 5. Mr. Shantaram Pandrinat Gangurde.
- 6. Mr. Atul Ekanath Ghumatkar

The Member & then President, the Secretary of the Management running the Institute are absent. Dr. Mrs. Varsha B. More, the Secretary of the Trust has sent letter of request through email seeking adjournment.

The Complainant and the Officials representing the Institute were present before the Authority on 16/01/2025. Both the side were heard at length. After hearing them the Authority has recorded the minutes of meeting as under;

"Dr. Bhaskar R. More, President (Ex- Founder) of the Institute, submitted indepth details to the Authority, he further submitted that it had filed a Writ Petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay, Aurangabad Bench challenging the decisions of the State Government and the University regarding the determination of fees and expressed its willingness to refund any excess amount subject to the courts final order.

Shri Shahi Gire, on behalf of the parents/complainants/students requested the Authority to direct the Secretary of the college to deposit the excess amount of fees collected from the complainants/students studying in B.A.M.S course to the Fees Regulating Authority and thereafter, the Fees Regulating Authority to refund the excess/remaining amount to the students /complainants.

After hearing both parties, the Authority clarified Dr. Bhaskar R. More, President (Ex- Founder) of the Institute the following:

- 1. The issue under adjudication in the Writ Petition is distinct from the complaint raised by the students regarding excess fee collection, which is currently under review by the F.R.A. The Writ Petition does not address the specific complaint related to excess fees collected from students.
- 2. The Authority explained that eligibility fees and examination fees are considered extra fees. Since the college has collected fees that exceed the amount approved by the F.R.A, this action contravenes Section 2(g) & 2(s) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015, and the college is liable for action under Section 20 of the said Act 2015.



After thoroughly reviewing the report/minutes of the Grievance Redressal Committee & the detailed information provided by the Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik (M.U.H.S.), the Authority directed Mr. Bhaskar R. More to prepare a detailed chart indicating the fees that will be refunded and the fees that will not be refunded. This chart should be submitted to the Authority by Monday ie. 20th January 2025.

The refund process must be initiated by the college from Tuesday i.e. 21st January 2025".

On the previous date of hearing Dr. Bhaskar R. More, who was earlier acting as a Chairman of the Trust running the Ayurvedic College and Dr. Mrs. Varsha B. More, the Secretary of the Trust appeared and submitted that they submit to the orders of the Authority in respect of refund of fees to students. They have requested to defer the issue the refund of Tuition and Development fees till pronouncement of judgement and order by Hon'ble High Court of Judicature of Bombay, Bench at Aurangabad challenging the action of deaffiliation of course run by Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik (M.U.H.S). They have submitted that so far as fees other than the tuition and development fees they are ready to refund the said amount to respective students by verifying their records and documents.

During the course of hearing, it was suggested to both the side that two Officials of the Institute and two representatives of the students to appear before the officials of the Fees Regulating Authority and verify the documents and reach to consensus as to exact amount to be refunded to individual students towards fees other than tuition and development fees collected from individual student. Inspite of clear understanding that the Officials of the Institute/College shall appear before the Officials of the Authority and verify the receipts/documents tendered by the Complainants, the Secretary of the Institute has sent communication offering refund of Rs. 35,000/- per student as against more than Rs. 1,23,000/- collected from students over and above the tuition and development fees.

It appears from the record that before the transfer of students to other Institute consequent to deaffiliation course by Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik (M.U.H.S). The Secretary of the Trust had agreed before the Officials of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik (M.U.H.S) that the entire amount collected from the individual students transfer to other college/institute shall be refunded. So also, while appearing before the Authority, the Officials offered to refund the amount collected from students. However, the communication dated 20/01/2025 raises serious doubt about the intention and bonafides of the official of the Institute to voluntarily refund the amount to individual student.

In the letter dated 20/01/2025 the Secretary of the Institute has made two contradictory statement which reads as under;



"संस्थेने मा. मुंबई उच्च न्यायालय औरंगाबाद खंडपीठ औरंगाबाद येथे WP.NO. 3286/2024,4626/2024,4642/2024,4664/2024,4764/2024, दाखल केलेल्या असून संस्थेच्या नर्सिंग होमिओपॅथी व आयुर्वेद कॉलेज बाबत महाराष्ट्र आरोग्य विज्ञान विद्यापीठ नाशिक यांनी त्यांचे पत्र क्रमांक दिनांक 26 एप्रिल 2024 रोजी घेतलेला निर्णय मा. न्यायालयाने त्यांचे 14 जानेवारी दिनांक 2025 च्या आदेशन्वाने रद्द केले असून विद्यापीठाने आमच्या संस्थेच्या कॉलेज मधून स्थलांतिरत केलेले सर्व विद्यार्थी पुनर्स्थापित केलेले आहेत".

The above quoted statement spells out that the Writ Petition filed by the Institute and Trust challenging the action of the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik (M.U.H.S) to deaffiliate the Institute/College has been set aside by order dated 14/01/2025 and students who were transferred from the college were directed to be restored back to the Institute deaffiliated by Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik (M.U.H.S). Whereas in same communication the Institute mentioned that the decision is awaited.

In view of the contradictory statement made the Official of the Authority was directed to check from the website of the Bombay High Court about the status of the Petition referred in the communication. From the copy of judgement and order uploaded from the website of the Bombay High Court, Bench at Aurangabad it is transpired that Writ Petition Nos. 4642/2024, 4626/2024 & 4764/2024 filed by the Institute against the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik (M.U.H.S) the judgement & order has been pronounced on 30/01/2025. All the three Writ Petitions filed by the Institute challenging the action of deaffiliation were dismissed on merit by recording that there was no flaw in decision making process to withdraw the affiliation's of the Institute by Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik (M.U.H.S).The Petitions were dismissed .

Although the Authority is of the view that the reason assigned for adjournment is not sufficient to adjourn the hearing still it was decided to adjourn the hearing to provide one more opportunity to the officials representing the Institute to appear and advance further submission. The Officials of the Institute be put to notice that no further request for grant on adjournment shall be entertained. In the event the officials failed to appear on the next date the Authority will proceed and decide the Complaints filed by the stakeholders on their own merit and supporting documents filed by Complainants.

List on 04/02/2025".

Date: 30th January, 2025

Place: Mumbai

S. Ramamoorthy, I.A.S Member Secretary Fees Regulating Authority State of Maharashtra