

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. 16/07/2025

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 **16**th **July, 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 through video conference.
6.	Shri. Atul Damodar Dharap, Cost Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present through video conference.
7.	Shri. Adv. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.
8.	Dr. Vinod Mohitkar ,Director, Technical Education, Mumbai, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority.	:	Present through video conference.
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 representative Dr. Sunil Lilani O.S.D,Directorate of Medical Education & Research.	:	Present through video conference.
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.	:	Absent
13	Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Science Nashik, Invitee Member of Fees Regulating Authority representative Prof. Dr. Milind Nikumbh Pro-Vice Chancellor M.U.H.S. & Mr. Prakash Patil, Deputy Registrar, M.U.H.S.		Present through video conference.
14	Dr. Arjun Chikhale I.A.S, Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority.	:	Present.

Item No.2: To consider the representation/letter dated 07/07/2025 received from the Association of the Managements of Unaided Private Medical and Dental Colleges (AMUPMDC) of Maharashtra State, Mumbai.

"Discussed.

The Association of Management of Unaided Private Medical and Dental Colleges of Maharashtra State vide representation dated 07/07/2025 agitated grievance in respect of decision taken by the Authority in its meeting held on 24/04/2025. In brief the said Association has raised grievance about modifying the earlier decision of the Authority to allow the Institutes running Health Science Courses to charge fees upto four times the regular fees from the students admitted to Post Graduate courses under Management Quota. By virtue of decision taken in meeting dated 24/04/2025 the Unaided Institutions admitting students under Management/Institutional Quota to Post Graduate courses in Health Sciences were permitted to charge fees upto three times the regular fees from the students. Prior to said decision the Members of their Association were allowed to charge upto 4 times the regular fees from such students as per decision of the Authority taken in its meeting dated 24/04/2018.

The Association has brought to notice that the Institutes were allowed to charge fees upto four times from students admitted under the Management Quota taking admission to P.G courses like M.D, M.S, M.D.S etc. The decision was in force from 2018 & onwards till 24/04/2025. It is contended that the unilateral decision taken by the Authority has seriously affected the right of Members of their Association and that too when the process of admission for the academic year 2025-2026 is in progress.

The Officials of Association pointed out that the meeting dated 24/04/2025 was convened to discuss and decide the fees to be charged from the students admitted under Management or N.R.I Quota falling under the purview of A.I.C.T.E and Directorate of



Higher & Technical Education and not in respect of courses affiliated to N.M.C or Directorate of Medical Education. The Officials of the Association requested to restore the position as existing prior to 24/04/2025 and in force from 24/04/2018 in respect of Post Graduate Health Science courses run by the Members of their Association.

The subject was discussed at length. There is no dispute as to fact that as per decision taken by the then Authority in its meeting held on 24/04/2018 the Unaided Private / Professional Colleges running Post Graduate courses in Health Science like M.D., M.S, M.D.S etc. were allowed to charge fees upto four times of regular fees from the students admitted under Management Quota and upto 5 times regular fees from the students admitted under N.R.I Quota. The said decision was in force on & before 24/04/2025 . The meeting dated 24/04/2025 was convened pursuant to direction given by the Department of Higher & Technical Education Government of Maharashtra & pursuant to decision dated 25/02/2025, which was chaired by Hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education State of Maharashtra . In said meeting the subject regarding charging of fees from the students admitted under Management & N.R.I quota by Unaided Private Professional Colleges running courses affiliated to A.I.C.T.E/Directorate of Technical Education was discussed. It was decided that the decision in respect of said subject pertaining to courses falling under Department of Higher & Technical Education be taken by the Fees Regulating Authority. Accordingly, the meeting was convened. In said meeting it was decided that fees structure of students Management/N.R.I Quota be same for all the professional courses . The earlier decision of Authority applicable in respect of Health Science courses be made applicable to all the 'Professional Courses'. Accordingly, the decision dated 24/04/2025 was taken.

Except the Association of Management of Unaided Private Medical and Dental Colleges no other Institutes or Association has raised grievance about the decision taken in meeting dated 24/04/2025. So also, the Association of Management of Unaided Private Medical and Dental Colleges have no grievance in respect of fees structure provided for undergraduate courses and N.RI Quota for Post Graduate courses prescribed by the Fees Regulating Authority vide its decision dated 24/04/2025. The grievance confines to the decision of the Authority to reduce their entitlement to charge fees from the students admitted to Post Graduate Health Science courses such as M.D, M.S, M.D.S etc from maximum four times of regular fees to 3 times the regular fees from the students admitted under Management Quota.



After discussing the subject at length the Members of the Authority are of the view that the decision taken in the meeting dated 24/04/2025 requires no reconsideration except to limited extent to address the grievances of the Institutes/colleges running Post Graduate courses in Health Science like M.D, M.S, M.D.S etc . Considering the fact that by virtue of decision taken in meeting of Authority held on 24/04/2018 pursuant to direction from Medical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra the Institution/Medical Colleges running the Post Graduate courses were allowed to charge fees upto four times the regular fees from the students admitted P.G. courses under Management /Institution quota.

The Authority in its meeting held on 19/03/2018 resolved as under;

"There is a practice of Private Professional Medical Colleges and other institutions charging fees in multiples of the regular fees approved by the Fees Regulating Authority from the students admitted against NRI / Institutional quotas. Issue has been discussed in depth and from all possible angles. Keeping in view the interests of managements and students community as a whole following decisions have been arrived at unanimously

1. We do not see any legal hurdle in approving on going practice of institutions / colleges imparting health science courses, applying different fee structures for the students admitted against NRI and Institutional quotas.

2. As regards quantum of fee structures, we consider that maximum limit shall be 5 times and 3 times for the students admitted against NRI and Institutional quotas respectively. Provided that the institutions before start of admission process shall be required to declare its fee structures for respective quotas, discipline wise / course wise on its website as well as on the website of Director, Medical Education and Research, Mumbai and Fees Regulating Authority.

3. Fees collected from the institutions from the students of above categories shall be reflected in the statement of Income and Expenditure of the institution. The Fees Regulating Authority shall consider it appropriately while approving the fee structure of the next academic year relating to that institution and for the particular course".

In subsequent meeting of the Authority held on 24/04/2024 the Authority considered the letter dated 24/04/2018 received from the Deputy Secretary, Medical Education and Drugs Department, Mumbai and resolved as under;

[&]quot;Item No. 4: Any other matter with the permission of chair.
i) To consider letter dated 24/4/2018 received from Deputy Secretary, Medical Education and Drugs Department, Mumbai regarding multiple fees structure for PG course in Medical Colleges.

Ref: Decision dated 19/3/2018 about multiple structure fees.

The Government considers it appropriate for the Institutions/Medical Colleges to collect fees with upper limit of four times the regular fees from the students admitted against Institutional/Management quota in Medical PG courses. It is believed that the Government has legitimate reason and necessary data to suggest increase in the fee structure for Institutional/Management quota students. This Authority does not see any reason not to accede to the suggestion made by the Government. Accordingly, Office to communicate above decision to the concerned and also place it on the website of this Authority".

The Authority in its meeting dated 07/08/2018 further clarified the decision dated 19/03/2018, which reads as under;

"Decision:

Issue raised is, whether the decision dated 19/3/2018 on the subject of Multiple fee structures for the students seeking admission against seats available for NRI and Institutional quotas in Unaided Private Professional College imparting health science courses and also applies to the fees structure of physiotherapy courses for the academic year 2018-2019.

It is resolved to issue following clarification:

Decision dated 19/3/2018 on the subject referred above shall be applicable to all health science courses conducted by unaided private professional colleges/institutes. Fee collected by such institute in multiple of the regular fees from the students admitted against NRI/Institutional quota should be reflected in the statement of income and expenditure for the particular financial year. In turn Fees Regulating Authority shall consider it as an income of the institute while approving fee structure of the given academic year".

Thus, the earlier decision of the Authority quoted above spell out that the Unaided Private Professional Colleges running Post Graduate courses in Health Science courses permitted to charge fees upto 4 times the regular fees from the students admitted under Management Quota from the academic year 2018-2019 and same was continued upto 24/04/2025. The meeting dated 24/04/2025 was convened to provide multiple fees structure for courses run by Unaided Private Professional Institutions undertaking Higher & Technical courses. The Institutes which were permitted to collect fees upto 4 times from the students admitted under Management Quota were not heard before taking the decision dated 24/04/2025. The admission process to admit the students for the academic year 2025-2026 is in progress. It was therefore decided to consider the grievance agitated by the Association and modify the decision dated 24/04/2025 to the limited extent to be made applicable for charging of fees from the students admitted under Management Quota to Post Graduate courses in Health Sciences.



Shri. Adv. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra the Hon'ble Member of the Authority expressed the view that I have no objection to restore the decision as existing prior to 24/04/2025 in respect of charging of fees from the students admitted to Management courses by the Institute running Post Graduate courses in Health Science but expressed the view that some Institutes are not showing true and correct disclosure of Management / N.R.I. fees charged and collected from such students in their books of account and the statement to be furnished to the Authority. Hence suggested Authority to be vigil on such activities for keeping accountability/transparency towards government and review fees, if so found to be true in future.

The Members of the Authority are also of the view that the Institutes/Colleges entitled to charge and collect fees from the students admitted under Management and N.R.I Quota must account such fees in their books of account as well as statement of fees collected under such Quota furnished to Authority.

The Hon'ble Chairperson has pointed out that already there is decision of Authority taken in meeting dated 19/03/2018 making it obligatory to all such Institute/s collecting the fees more than the regular fees from the students admitted under Institutional/N.R.I Quota to publish their fees structure on their website and further to reflect the same in income and expenditure of their Institutions. It is also provided that the Fees Regulating Authority shall consider the same appropriately while approving the fees structure of the next academic year relating to that Institute and for that particular course.

In view of above the Authority has decided as under;

- It was decided to confirm and reaffirm the decision dated 24/04/2025 in respect of U.G & P.G courses run by all the Unaided Private Professional Institutions except the decision providing charging of fees upto 3 times the regular fees from students admitted to Management Quota by Unaided Private Professional Institutes/Colleges running Health Science courses such as M.D, M.S, M.D.S etc.
- 2. The Unaided Private Professional Institutes/Colleges running Health Sciences courses who were allowed to charge/collect the fees upto 4 times of regular fees from the students admitted under Management Quota by virtue of decision dated 24/04/2018 of the Fees Regulating Authority shall continue to charge/collect the fees upto maximum limit of 4 times the regular fees from the students admitted to Post Graduate courses in Health Sciences.

- The Institutes/Colleges entitled to Institutional/Management & N.R.I Quota must declare and display the fees structure of respective Quota's, on their website as well as notice board.
- 4. The Fees collected by the Institutes/Colleges from the students admitted under Institutional/Management or N.R.I quota must be reflected in the statement of income and expenditure of the Institution. All such payment of fees received from the students should be by way of cheque/Bank transfer/N.E.F.T or draft payable in the name of Institute and must be accounted in its books of account. No payment of fees to be received and accepted in the account of Trust or otherwise from such students admitted under Management/N.R.I. Quota.

Let the follow up action be taken as directed".

Item No.3: To consider representation/letter dated 08/07/2025 received from the Association of the Managements of Unaided Private Medical and Dental Colleges (AMUPMDC) of Maharashtra State, Mumbai.

"Discussed.

It was decided to place the representation for consideration of Authority while finalising the norms for the academic year 2026-2027".

Item No.4: To fix adhoc fee for the various courses run by Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions in the academic year 2025-2026.

"Discussed."

Deferred for further discussion to 18/07/2025".

<u>To consider the proposal of Tatyasaheb Kore Institute of Engineering & Technology, Kolhapur (EN6268) for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025.</u>

"Discussed.

Deferred".

Date: 16th July, 2025

Place: Mumbai

(Dr. Arjun Chikhale , I.A.S)
Member Secretary
Fees Regulating Authority
State of Maharashtra