



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 16/01/2025

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 **16th 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.
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

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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.
13.	Dr. Rajendra S. Bangal, Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Science Nashik, Invitee Member of Fees Regulating Authority.		Present through video conferencing.
14.	Shri. S. Ramamoorthy, I.A.S., Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the meeting dated 15th January, 2025 of Fees Regulating Authority.

“Discussed.

The minutes of the meeting dated 15th January, 2025 of the Fees Regulating Authority are confirmed and approved”.

Item No.2: To consider the complaints received from the students against Ratnadeep College, Jamkhed running B.A.M.S. course.

“The following were present;

1. Dr. Bhaskar R. More, the President (Ex- Founder) of the Institute.
2. Dr. Mrs. Varsha B. More, the Secretary of the Trust.
3. Mr. Shahaji Gandhya Gire, the Parent of the Complainant/Student.
4. Mr. Dattatray Gangaram Malshikare, the Parent of the Complainant/Student.
5. Mr. Anil H. Khomane, the Parent of the Complainant/Student.
6. Mr. Ramjan Ashgaralli Mulla, the Parent of the Complainant/Student.
7. Mr. Shantaram Pandrinat Gangurde, the Parent of the Complainant/Student.
8. Mr. Atul Ekanath Ghumatkar, the Parent of the Complainant/Student.

Heard.

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.

Let the follow up action be taken as directed".

Item No.3: To consider the letter dated 11/12/2024 received from Economic Offences Wing (EOW) regarding Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technical Versova, Andheri.

"Discussed.

It was brought to the notice of the Authority that the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has requested the fee proposal along with the authentication submitted by Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technical, Versova, Andheri, from the academic years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 & 2021-2022. The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has also requested the copy of Fees Regulating Authority Resolutions that reflects the approval of the above said Institute's fees.

After a thorough discussion, it was decided that the requested information be provided to the Economic Offences Wing (EOW).

Hence, the Officials are directed to compile the necessary data and ensure its prompt submission to the Economic Offences Wing(EOW).

Let the follow up action be taken as directed".

Item No.4: To consider the information called by Shahpur Police Station Against Alamuri Ratnamala Institute of Engineering and Technology, Thane.

"Discussed.

It was brought to the notice of the Authority that according to the complaint registered against the Alamuri Ratnamala Institute of Engineering and Technology, Thane College regarding the misappropriation of government money by the Director and other Officials of the college by charging exorbitant fees from the schedule tribe students and embezzling the government money the Shahpur Police Station has requested this office to submit the following details for their investigation;

1. All proposal documents submitted by the college from its inception to date concerning expenses related to fees. Copies of all salary slips issued to faculty and non-teaching staff from the beginning of the college's operations, along with the corresponding proposal documents.
2. All audit reports that this office has on file since the commencement of the college's operations, covering all financial activities.
3. A complete set of affidavits submitted by the college concerning the fee structure, including any declarations, certifications, or legal documents provided in relation to fee assessments.
4. The copies of the Authority Resolution resolved in respect of the said college.
5. A list of all teachers and non-teaching staff members employed by the college since its inception, along with their corresponding bank account details.
6. A complete list of full names, addresses, and mobile numbers of all concerned officers and employees posted in the college/institute.
7. The college's report on actions taken in response to complaints related to corruption or other unethical practices.
8. A list of all Committee Officials, including their names, addresses, and roles in any inquiry committees that have visited the college since its inception, detailing the nature and scope of the inquiries.
9. The college's report on actions taken in response to complaints received from students and/or working staff, outlining the resolution process and outcomes.

10. Documentation regarding any action taken by the Fee Regulatory Authority (F.R.A) concerning instances where the college charged fees above the approved fees.

On due consideration of the representation received it is decided to submit the information in the form of a pen drive containing the relevant data in PDF format, organized by year wise.

Hence, the Officials are directed to compile the necessary data and ensure its prompt submission to the Shahpur Police Station.

Let the follow up action be taken as directed".

Item No.5: To consider the matter of Nalanda Law College, Mumbai regarding the excess fees collected from the students. (Ref: Item No. 3 minutes of meeting dt. 11/05/2022 (Part-III)).

"Discussed.

By letter dated 10/02/2024 the In-charge Principal of Institute requested to refund the excess amount deposited by the Institute with the Authority. The matter was previously discussed in the meeting of the Authority held on 11/05/2022 and the Authority has resolved as under;

"The Institute shall cooperate with Authority in a refund of the amount to the concerned students. The list of students with their names, addresses, email-id, and phone numbers with the amount to be paid to individual students be furnished within two weeks. On furnishing the list with requisite particulars, the amount be paid to the individual students on proof of their identity by transferring the amount in their respective savings bank account as per particulars be furnished by them. In case of any difficulty in the disbursement of the amount to the students, the matter be placed before the Authority for appropriate guidance, order or direction."

It is brought to notice that the Institute has complied with the earlier direction given by the Authority regarding the refund of the excess amount to concerned student.

In view of the above, the Authority decided to approve the refund of the excess amount collected. However, it was resolved that the Institute/College must provide an undertaking stating that, in the future, if any concerned student, from whom an amount was collected in excess of the fees approved by the Authority, claims a refund, the Institute/College will ensure the refund of the same.

Inform to concern Official of the Institute/College.

Let the follow up action be taken as directed".



Item No.6: To consider the letter dated 10/08/2024 received from D.Y. Patil College of Architecture, Pune AR6245 requesting for fixation of fees for A.Y. 2024-2025, since from A.Y. 2019-2020 to 2023-2024 it was Autonomous University.

"Discussed.

It was decided to direct the Institute to provide the existing account details and submit the proposal for fee fixation for the academic year 2024-2025.

Inform to concern Official of the Institute/College.

Let the follow up action be taken as directed".

Item No.7:To consider the matter of Sairam School of Nursing Ramtek Nagpur (RGNM0045) for approval of fees for A.Y 2019-2020, desire to opt No Upward Revision of fees for A.Y. 2020-2021 & requesting for fixation of fees for A.Y 2021-2022 onwards as students are facing problem as scholarship not disbursed by Govt. through MAHADBT.

And

Item No.8: To consider the matter of Renukamata Krushi Vikas Pratishthan, Beed (RGNM0064) requesting for No Upward Revision of fees for the academic year 2021-2022.

"Discussed.

It was decided to inform the Institute to approach the Maharashtra State Board of Nursing And Paramedical Education , State of Maharashtra in relation to Nursing courses as State Government by its Medical Education and Drugs Department resolution no. संकीर्ण-२०२०/प्र.क्र.८९/२०/शिक्षण-१, dated 13/12/2022 has constituted 'Shikshan Shulka Samiti' for approval of fees for R.A.N.M and R.G.N.M courses.


In view of the above, the Authority is of the considered opinion that the 'Shikshan Shulka Samiti' has been specifically established for approving fees for R.A.N.M. and R.G.N.M. courses.

Inform to concern Official of the Institute/College.

Let the follow up action be taken as directed".

Date: 16th January, 2025

Place: Mumbai


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