



### FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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(Part-I)

#### **Minutes of Meeting of Authority**

Dt. 09/07/2025

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 **09**<sup>th</sup> **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.),<br>Chairperson of Fees Regulating Authority                          |   | Present.                          |  |
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| 2.  | Dr. Vijay Vasant Khole,<br>Ex-Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University,<br>Member of Fees Regulating Authority    |   | Not Present.                      |  |
| 3.  | Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak,<br>Chartered Accountant, Member of Fees<br>Regulating Authority                | : | Present.                          |  |
| 4.  | Shri. Nitin Bapurao Chavan,<br>Chartered Accountant, Member of Fees<br>Regulating Authority                 | : | Present.                          |  |
| 5.  | Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish) Phadtare,<br>Cost Accountant, Member of Fees<br>Regulating Authority               |   | Present.                          |  |
| 6.  | Shri. Atul Damodar Dharap,<br>Cost Accountant, Member of Fees<br>Regulating Authority                       | : | Present through video conference. |  |
| 7.  | Shri. Adv. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra,<br>Professional Educationist, Member of Fees<br>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) ,<br>Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating<br>Authority                 | : | Absent.                           |  |
| 11. | The Director, Directorate of AYUSH,<br>Maharashtra State, Ex-Officio Member of<br>Fees Regulating Authority | : | Present through video conference. |  |



| 12 | 2. | The Member Secretary of the Maharashtra<br>Council of Agriculture Education and<br>Research , Pune , Ex-Officio Member of Fees<br>Regulating Authority. | : | Absent.  |
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| 13 | 3. | Dr. Arjun Chikhale I.A.S,<br>Member Secretary of Fees Regulating<br>Authority.                                                                          | · | Present. |

### Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the meeting dated 04<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 of Fees Regulating Authority.

"Discussed.

The minutes of the meeting dated 04th July, 2025 are confirmed and approved".

## Item No.3(i): To consider the proposal submitted by Siddharth College of Law, Fort, Mumbai(LLB334204) running L.L.B 3 years course for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026 and confirmation & finalisation of adhoc fees of previous two academic years.

"Discussed.

On scrutiny of the proposal, it was noticed that the Institute is running the L.L.B 3 years course from the academic year 2022-2023. In terms of sec. 14(1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred as the 'Act of 2015') and the procedure prescribed for submission of proposal for approval of fees, the Institute was entitled to charge the adhoc fees as notified by the Fees Regulating Authority for the academic years 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 and submit the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025 and confirmation and finalisation of adhoc fees of previous two academic years. However, the Institute has not submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025 as required under the Law and directly submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026. In absence of the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025 the Authority is unable to entertain and decide the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026.

In view of default in submitting the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025 and finalisation of adhoc fees charged for the previous two academic years, the Institute has breached the mandate of sec 14(1)(a) of the Act of 2015 and liable for penal action u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015. The Institute has also not submitted the hard copy of the proposal submitted for the academic year 2025-2026.

In view of above the show cause notice be issued to the Principal and Management running the Institute to show cause as to why an action as contemplated u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015 may not be taken against the Principal and Management running the Institute. The Institute be directed to furnish the explanation within seven days & failure to offer



the explanation the Authority will be constrained to presume that the Institute has no explanation to be offered and may proceed to take action u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015.

The copy of the minutes be sent to Director of Higher Education, Pune for taking note of the default made by the Institute in submitting the proper proposal for approval of fees.

Inform to all concerned.

List after compliance".

(ii) To consider the proposal submitted by Jog Educational Trust's P.Jog Law College, Kothrud, Pune (LLB526029) running L.L.B 5 years course for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026 and confirmation & finalisation of adhoc fees of previous two academic years.

"Discussed."

While scrutinising the proposal it is noticed that the Institute was granted permission to run the L.L.B 5 years course on non-aided basis from the academic year 2021-2022. The Institute has submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026. In terms of sec. 14(1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred as the 'Act of 2015') the Institute ought to have charged the adhoc fees for the academic year 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 and submitted proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2023-2024 and confirmation & finalisation of adhoc fees of previous two academic years. However, the Institute has not submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2023-2024 & 2024-2025. In absence of the fees of the earlier period finalised and approved by the Authority, the Authority cannot decide the proposal directly submitted for academic year 2025-2026. The Institute has charged the adhoc fees for the academic year 2023-2024 without any Authority.

In view of the above the Institute is liable for penal action u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015 for committing the breach of sec. 14(1)(a) of the Act of 2015 and liable for action u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015. Hence the show cause notice be issued to Principal & Management running the Institute directing them to offer the explanation as to why an action as contemplated u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015 may not be taken against them for committing the breach of mandate of sec 14(1)(a) of Act of 2015. They be informed that explanation be submitted within seven days from the receipt of the notice & if failure to offer explanation, then it will be presumed that Institute has no explanation to be offered and hence the Authority will be constrained to proceed to take appropriate action as contemplated u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015.



The copy of minute of meeting be sent to Director of Higher Education, Pune for taking note of the breach of mandatory provisions of law by the Institute and running the college without due approval of fees by the Authority.

Inform to all concerned.

List after compliance".

To consider the proposal submitted by ILS Law College, Pune, Pune City (iii) (LLB526009) running L.L.B 5 years course for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026 and confirmation & finalisation of adhoc fees of previous two academic years i.e 2023-24 & 2024-25.

"Discussed.

The following were present;

- 1. Prof . Dr. Deepa Paturkar, the Add.I/C Principal of the Institute,
- 2. Dr. Varsha Khandagale, the Assistant Professor of the Institute,
- 3. Ms. Priyanka Shinde, the Accountant of the Institute.

After providing the opportunity of hearing and perusing the documents of the proposal and the evidence relied in support of the proposal submitted by the Institute for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026 and confirming and finalizing of adhoc fees for the academic years 2023-2024 & 2024-2025, it was decided to approve the fees of L.L.B 5 years course run by the Institute as under:

| Sr.<br>No. | Code      | Name of the Institute       | Course  | Fee Approved<br>for the A.Y<br>2025-2026<br>Per student |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|            | LLB526009 | ILS Law College, Pune, Pune | L.L.B.5 |                                                         |
| 87         |           |                             | 2023-24 | 25,000/-<br>Adhoc<br>Confirmed                          |
|            |           | City                        | 2024-25 | 25,000/-<br>Confirmed                                   |
|            |           |                             | 2025-26 | 35,000/-                                                |

To consider the proposal submitted by Balasaheb Thackeray Law College (iv) Panvel (LLB3008) running L.L.B 3 years course for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026.

"Discussed.

It is brought to notice that the Institute has not submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025. The Institute has directly submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year



2025-2026 . The Institute has charged the fees from the students without due approval of fees from the Fees Regulating Authority. In absence of the proposal being submitted and fees is finalized the Authority is unable to decide the proposal submitted for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026 in respect of L.L.B 3 years course run by the Institute.

In view of above the Institute has committed the breach of sec 14(1)(a) of the Act of 2015 and liable for penal action as contemplated u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015. Hence the show cause notice be issued to the Principal & Management running the Institute to offer explanation within seven days as to why the penal action as contemplated u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015 may not be taken against them. Failure to submit the explanation it will be presumed that the Institute has no explanation to be offered in the matter and Authority will be constrained to proceed further in the matter.

The copy of minutes of the meeting be sent to the Director of Higher Education Pune for taking note of the default on the part of the Institute in submitting the proposal and charging the fees for the academic years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 with due approval of fees from the Fees Regulating Authority.

Inform to all concern.

List after compliance".

# (v) <u>To consider the proposal submitted by Shri Daulat Bahuuddyeshiya Sevabhavi Sanstha Namdev Surve Law College, Mangaon, Raigad (LLB324821025) for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026 in respect of L.L.B 3 years course.</u>

"Discussed.

While scrutinizing the proposal it was noticed that the Institute has started functioning from the academic year 2021-2022. The Institute has submitted online proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023. However, the hard copy of the proposal not submitted till this date. It is further noticed that the Institute has not submitted the proposal for approval of fees from the academic year 2023-2024 & 2024-2025. The Institute has charged the fees of Rs. 27,500/- per student from the academic year 2021-2022 (as per the information described in the proposal) without such fees being approved by the Fees Regulating Authority. The Adhoc fees for the academic year 2021-2022 was Rs. 22,000/- per year. However, the Institute has shown the fees charged as Rs. 27,500/- per student from the academic year 2019-2020 though the letter of approval reflects that the approval to said Institute to run the course was granted from the academic year 2021-2022. The Institute has charged the fees from the students without the Authority of law. The Institute has not submitted the hard copy of the



proposal submitted for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 as well as academic year 2025-2026 though submitted online proposal for said two years.

In view of above the Management running the Institute has committed breach of sec 14(1) (a) of the Act of 2015 and liable for action u/s. 20 of the Act of 2015. Hence the show cause notice be issued to the Principal of the College and the Management running the Institute to offer explanation within seven days as to why as action as contemplated u/s. 20 may not be taken against them for committing the breach on statutory provisions of Act of 2015 and further charging the fees from the students from the academic years 2022-2023 without due approval from the Fees Regulating Authority. Failure to submit the explanation it will be presumed that the Institute has no explanation to be offered in the matter and Authority will be constrained to proceed further in the matter.

The copy of the minutes of meeting be sent to Director of Higher Education, Pune for taking note and appropriate action against the Institute to run the college and charge the fees without due approval of fees from the Fees Regulating Authority.

Inform to all concern.

List after compliance".

# (vi) To consider the letter dated 30/06/2025 submitted by Ibsar School Of Law, Karjat, Dist. Raigad (LLB5031) running L.L.B 5 years course for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026. "Discussed.

It is brought to noticed that the Institute has submitted the online proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 and further requested to open the link for submitting the proposal for the academic year 2024-2025. The Institute has submitted the proposal for academic year 2025-2026. In absence of fees of the earlier period is finalised and approved by the Authority and proposal submitted in the academic year 2025-2026 cannot be entertained and decided.

Hence list the proposal with the proposal submitted for approval of fees for earlier period.

Let the follow-up action be taken".

Date: 09th July, 2025

Place: Mumbai

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