

### FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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### Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 06/02/2025

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 **06**<sup>th</sup> **February, 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 through video conference.	
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.	
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	



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	:	Absent.

## <u>Item No.1:</u> To confirm the minutes of the meeting dated 05<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 of Fees Regulating Authority.

"Discussed.

The minutes of the meeting dated 05<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 are confirmed and approved".

# Item No.2: To consider the Review Applications received from the Colleges/ Institutes running the courses mentioned below as against the approval of fees approved by the Authority for the academic year 2024-2025.

(A) Review Application No. 48/2024 filed by P.R. Pote Patil College of Agriculture, Amravati (Code No. BSCA11302) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Sc.(Agri) course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mr. Shreyash Pote, the Vice President of the Institute.
- 2. Mr. Mohammed Zahir, the Vice Principal of the Institute.
- 3. Mr. Niraj Bherde, the Accountant of the Institute.

#### Heard.

After providing hearing the Official representing the Institute and perused the records and proceedings, the Review Application is partly allowed. The fees of the Institute is revised as under:-

Review Application No.	Name of the Institute	Course	The Revised fees approved for the A.Y. 2024-2025
48/2024	P. R. Pote Patil College Of Agriculture, Amravati Code No. BSCA11302	B.Sc.(Agri)	90,000/- Per student

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(B) Review Application No. 49/2024 filed by Dr. Ulhas Patil College of Agriculture, Jaglaon( Code No. BSCA11137) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Sc.(Agri) course run by the Institute.

"Dr. Shailesh Tayade, the Principal of the Institute was present.

Heard.

The Principal of the Institute requested to adjourn the hearing to enable him to seek information. Considering the cause, the hearing is adjourned.

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(C) Review Application No. 55/2024 filed by Sadguru College of Agriculture, Mirajgaon, Karjat, Ahmednagar, (Code No. BSCA11208) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Sc.(Agri) course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mr. Ramdas Bite, the Principal of the Institute.
- 2. Mr. Rahul, the Assistant Professor of the Institute.

Heard.

After considering the proposal and documents relied in support of the proposals seeking approval of fees the Authority in its meeting held on 12/06/2024 approved the fees of Rs. 71,500/-. Being aggrieved the Institute has preferred Review Application.

In the Review Application filed the Institute has not mentioned the grounds on which the Institute seeks Review of the decision taken by the Authority. So also during the course of oral submission the Officials of the Institute could not make out any case to entertain the Review Application. The Review Application filed is devoid of merit and liable to be rejected. Accordingly the Review Application is rejected".

(D) Review Application No. 56/2024 filed by College of Agriculture, Sangulwadi (Code No. BSCA11167) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Sc.(Agri) course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mr. Mahesh Patil, the Representative of the Trust.
- 2. Mr. Shubhankar Yeole, the Director of the Campus of the Institute.
- 3. Mr. Jay Roman, the Office Superintendent of the Institute.

Heard.

After hearing the Official representing the Institute and perused the records and proceedings, the Review Application is partly allowed. The fees of the Institute is revised as under:-



Review Application No.	Name of the Institute	Course fee fo 2	The Revised fees approved for the A.Y. 2024-2025
56/2024	College Of Agriculture, Sangulwadi. Code No.BSCA11167		70,000/- Per student

**Review Application No. 57/2024 filed** by Gramonnati Mandal'S, College Of Agriculture Business Management, Narayangaon, Pune (Code No. BABM18198) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.A.B.M course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mr. Milind Bhujbal, the Principal of the Institute.
- 2. Mr. Sameer Bhide, the Chartered Accountant of the Institute.
- 3. Mr. Sharad Kharnale, the Accountant of the Institute.

Heard.

In the meeting of the Authority held on 12/06/2024 the proposal of the Institute seeking approval of fees was considered and the fees of Rs. 49,500/- per student was approved for the academic year 2024-2025. Being aggrieved the Institute has preferred Review Application.

In brief it is contended that the Authority has erred in considering certain income as additional income. It is submitted that the B.A.B.M course was declared as professional course from the academic year 2021-2022. Prior to academic year 2021-2022 the Institute was charging the fees as prescribed by Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education and Research, Pune (M.C.A.E.R) . The Institute was entitle to separately charge the fees towards liabrary, gymkhana etc., beside the tuition fees prescribed by the Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education and Research, Pune (M.C.A.E.R). The collection of fees towards gymkhana, liabrary , etc., reflected in the proposal as other income infact the fees separately charged & collected from students of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the said course.It is submitted that the said fees shown in proposal cannot be treated as additional income to be reduced from the expenditure.

The Principal of the Institute is directed to file an affidavit in support of the oral submission made and explanation offered and further submit the statement of the fees charged from each of the batch of students including the batch of the students prior to 2021-2022. The affidavit, the reconciliation statement, break-up of fees charged from each of the students be furnished within three days.

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(F) Review Application No. 119/2024 filed by Br. Nath Pai College Of Nursing, Kudal (Code No. BSCN0042) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Sc.(Nursing) course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mr. Pramod , the C.E.O of the Institute.
- 2. Ms. Kalpana Bhandari, the Vice Principal of the Institute.
- 3. Mr. Bhandari, the Accountant of the Institute. Heard.

The Officials of the Institute submitted that the Authority has erred in disallowing the amount of Rs. 13,06,978/- as difference of salary noticed as salary expenditure mentioned in the proposal and salary paid to the staff reflected in the bank statement. It is submitted that the institute has separately paid the provident fund & challans are submitted with the Review Application.

It is further submitted that the discrepancy was occurred as the Institute is maintaining the accounts on cash basis. It is contended that the amount as shown in the proposal has been duly paid to teaching and non teaching staff.

The Principal of the Institute is directed to file an Affidavit offering the explanation and submit the document supporting the submissions advanced.

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(G) Review Application No. 122/2024 filed by Shri. Dhaneshwari Nuring College, Aurangabad (Code No. BSCN1052) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Sc.(Nursing) course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Ms. Saphabi Devi, the Principal of the Institute
- 2. Mr. Santosh Pawar, Administrative Officer of the Institute.
- 3. Mr. S.M. Kazi the Administrative Officer of the Institute.

Heard.

After hearing the Officials representing the Institute and perused the records and proceedings, the Review Application is partly allowed. The fees of the Institute is revised as under:-

Review Application No.	Name of the Institute		Course	The Revised fees approved for the A.Y. 2024-2025
122/2024	Shri Dhaneshwari College, Aurangabad Code No. BSCN1052	Nursing	B.Sc. (Nursing)	70,000/- Per student



(H) Review Application No. 124/2024 filed by Dr. Prafulla Patil Bsc Nursing College, Parbhani (Code No. BSCN9371) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Sc.(Nursing) course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Ms. Vidya Patil, the Secretary of the Institute
- 2. Mr. Sham Dhoot, the Chartered Accountant of the Institute.
- 3. Ms. Pallavi Sadhavi, the Accountant of the Institute.

Heard.

In the meeting of the Authority held on 04/10/2024 the proposal of the Institute for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025 and confirmation and finalization of adhoc fees charged for the academic year 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 was considered.

On due consideration of the proposal submitted by the Institute for approval of fees the Audited Financial Statement and other evidence produced in support of fees claimed by the Institute, the Authority has approved the fees of Rs. 83,000/- per student for the academic year 2024-2025 and confirmed the adhoc fees Rs. 70,000/- charged for the academic year 2022-2023 and Rs. 80,000/- charged for the academic year 2023-2024. Being aggrieved the Institute has preferred the Review Application. The Review Application is preferred with contention that the Institute has submitted the proposal based upon sanctioned intake capacity of 60 students for the academic year 2022-2023. However the Authority has applied the denominator of 240 students while computing the fees for the academic year 2024-2025 and confirmation and finalization of adhoc fees of the academic year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

Mr. Sham Dhoot, the Chartered Accountant representing the Institute reiterated the grounds raised in Review Application & more particularly the denominator of 240 student applied by the Authority in determining and approving the fees of the Institute.

During the course of hearing the attention of the Officials representing the Institute was invited to sec 14 of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act of 2015'), which provide for procedure to be adopted in determining the reasonable fees by the Review Application. It was pointed out that as provided u/s. 14(6) of said Act of 2015 the fees approved by the Authority for any academic year same fees to be charged till completion of the course by student in such Institute. Therefore as provided u/s. 14 (6) of said Act of 2015, the course duration of B.Sc.(Nursing) course being of 4 years the Authority has applied the denominator of 240 students (60 X 4 = 240). While applying the denominator of 240 students of course duration the expenditure to be incurred by the Institute towards



salary and non salary of entire course duration of 4 years was considered on projected basis. The Officials of the Institute were pointed out the computation made of estimated expenditure to be made by Institute during the entire coure duration of 4 years. The Officials were explained the details of estimated expenditure of 4 years determined by Authority and reasons for applying denominator of 240 students. The Officials were satisfied with the assessment of fees made on the projected basis by applying denominator of 240 students.

In view of above the Review Application filed by the Institute being based upon misunderstanding and misconception of law. The Review Application is found to be devoid of merit. No case is made out to entertain the Review Application.

Accordingly, the Review application is rejected.

(I) Review Application No. 125/2024 filed by Dr. G.D. Pol Foundation's Institute of Nursing Education (Code No. BSCN09197) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Sc.(Nursing) course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Ms. Shailaja Date, the Principal of the Institute.
- 2. Mr. Bhatia the Chartered Accountant of the Institute.
- 3. Ms. Pratisksha Loke, the Accountant of the Institute.

Heard.

After hearing to the Principal of the Institute and the Chartered Accountant representing the Institute and perused the records and proceedings, the Review Application is partly allowed. The fees of the Institute is revised as under:-

Review Application No.	Name of the Institute	Course	The Revised fees approved for the A.Y. 2024-2025	
	Dr.G.D.Pol Foundation'S Institute Of Nursing Education Code No. BSCN09197	B.Sc.(Nursing)		
		2022-23	70,000/- Confirmed Per student	
125/2024		2023-24	70,000/- Confirmed Per student	
		2024-25	75,000/- Per student	



(J) Review Application No. 128/2024 filed by Shri Sai Institute Of Nursing And Medical Science Wakdi Dist: Gadchiroli (Code No. BSCN9372) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.Sc.(Nursing) course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mr. Uttamkumar Khanse, the Principal of the Institute.
- 2. Mr. Kailash Kunde, the Auditor of the Institute.
- 3. Mr. Bhushan Thakur, the Accountnat of the Institute Heard.

The Institute had submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025 and confirmation and finalization of adhoc fees charged for the academic year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. The proposal was considered in the meeting of Authority held on 04/10/2024. The Institute has submitted the proposal and demanded the fees of Rs. 38,414/- for the academic year 2024-2025. The proposal was considered by the Authority in its meeting held on 04/10/2024 and approved the fees as demanded i.e. Rs. 38,414/- for the academic year 2024-2025 and same fees has been confirmed and approved for the academic year 2022-2023 & 2023-2024.

The Officials representing the Institute submitted that for the academic year 2022-2023 the Expenditure of the Institute was only for two months. The Institute was granted permission on 04/01/2023. The Maharashtra University of Health Sciences Nashik (M.U.H.S), accorded it affiliation vide letter dated 25/01/2023. In terms of sec 14 (1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 the Institute was entitled to collect adhoc fees for the academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 and submit proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025 with confirmation and finalization of adhoc fees charged for the previous two years. The said proposal to be submitted based upon Audited Financial Statement of the financial year 2022-2023. Since the permission was granted in the month of January 2023 very meager expenditure was incurred during the academic year 2022-2023. Due to this reason the fees has been worked out as Rs. 38,414/-.

It is pointed out to the Official representing the Institute that the Institute has submitted the proposal and sought the approval of fees of Rs. 38,414/- per student. The Authority has not disallowed any expenditure and approved the fees as demanded. In that view there no case to entertain the Review Application.

The Officials representing Institute submitted that there was a mistake on the part of Institute to claim the fees as worked by the software. The mistake was inadvertent. The Authority has calculated the fees Rs. 59,419/-. for the academic year on projected basis. However, as the demand of the Institute was Rs. 38,414/-,

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the Authority has approved the fees of Rs. 38,414/- as demanded by the Institute. The Officials submitted that atleast the fees as computed by the Authority be approved.

The Officials were directed to file the Affidavit explaining the circumstances under which the Institute has claimed the fees of Rs. 38,414/-. The Affidavit be filed within three days.

List on 12/02/2025 for further hearing".

Date: 06th February, 2025

Place: Mumbai

Justice Vijay L. Achliya (Retd.) Chairperson

Fees Regulating Authority State of Maharashtra