



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. 11/03/2025

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 **11th March, 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 through video conference.
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	:	Transferred & Posted as Deputy Secretary to Governor, State of Maharashtra.

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 2023-2024 & 2024-2025.

- (J) **Review Application No. 80/2024 filed** by Atharva Educational Trust, Atharva Institute Of Management Studies, Mumbai (Code No. MB3120) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of M.B.A course run by the Institute.

The Institute is running M.B.A course . It has submitted the proposal for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025. The proposal of the Institute was considered in the meeting of the Authority held on 02/08/2024. The Authority has approved the fees of Rs. 1,66,000/- per student for the academic year 2024-2025. Being aggrieved the Institute has preferred the Review Application.

The following were present;

1. Dr. D. Henry Babu, the Director of the Institute.
2. Mrs. Deepali Shinde, the Senior Account Officer of the Institute.

Heard.

In the application filed online the Institute has sought the Review on the ground mentioned below;

“We would like to bring to your kind notice that last year 2022-2023 during the hearing process dated 04/08/2023 were informed by your good self that the arrears of old salaries were cleared and the same appeared in the debit side of Profit and Loss A/c, the same shall be disallowed till it appears in the Form 16 issued by the college . Now during the current year, we have included in ours Form 16 & to avoid clearing the same, it has not debited to Profit & Loss A/c. You are kindly requested to consider”

The Official of the Institute submitted that while considering the earlier proposal of the Institute for the academic year 2022-2023 the salary due and payable of the earlier period which was paid in the month of January 2023 was not considered as it was not reflected in the form no. 16. It is submitted that said amount be considered for the purpose of determination of fees.

At the out set there is no basis to make submission of disallowance of salary by the Authority. While deciding the proposal by the Authority has allowed the entire claim of salary expenditure. In the proposal submitted for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 the Institute has claimed the total salary expenditure of teaching and non teaching staff as Rs. 2,11,95,773/- and further claimed the expenditure of Rs. 19,31,252/- as salary /honorarium paid to visiting faculties. While deciding the proposal the Authority has allowed the entire expenditure of salary and honorarium as claimed in the proposal by the Institute. As such there was no disallowance of salary made on the part of the Authority in deciding the proposal submitted by the Institute for the academic year 2024-2025. In absence of any disallowance of salary expenditure by the Authority the submission advanced are totally incorrect and deserves no consideration.

It is pertinent to note that while submitting the proposal for the earlier year i.e. academic year 2023-2024 the Institute has made number of mistakes in submitting the proposal. The said proposal was considered by the Authority in its meeting held on 04/08/2023. The Officials of the Institute appeared and submitted that the Accounts Officer of the Institute was on maternity leave and the Chief Finance Officer had left the job therefore number of mistakes were committed on the part of the Institute in preparing the Audited Financial Statement and claiming the expenditure. The categorical statement was made that the amount shown in form number 16 as against the individual staff was only paid to them during the financial year. The amount shown and claimed in proposal was wrongly claimed by the Institute.

On due consideration of the submission made the Authority allowed the Institute to overcome the difficulties & directed to file an affidavit mentioning therein the mistakes occurred in the proposal and submit the true and correct income and expenditure account based on actual payment on salary and non salary expenditure. The specific direction was given to the director of the Institute to file an affidavit supporting actual salary paid to the staff during the academic year 2022-2023 as well as non salary expenditure made during said period. The direction was also given to file the list of staff to whom the arrears to be payable during the financial year 2021-2022 and same were paid after 2021-2022 with supporting evidence.

Pursuant to the Affidavit filed and details furnished the fees of the Institute was finalized in the meeting of the Authority held on dated 09/08/2023. The Authority has resolved as under;



In compliance of the direction given in the previous meeting held on 04/08/2023, the Officials have filed the Affidavit and further submitted the statement based upon their actual expenditure of salary and non salary, modified chart of depreciation, item-wise list of non salary expenditures etc.

After considering the Affidavit, the submissions and the documents and the clarification given by the Officials the Authority has examined the proposals and finalized the reasonable fees of above mentioned Institutes/Colleges as under;


Sr. No.	Code	Name of the Institute	Course	Total Fee Approved for the A. Y. 2023-2024
222	EN3203	Atharva College of Engineering, Mumbai	B.Engg.	81,500/-
223	MB3120	Atharva Educational Trust, Atharva Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai	M.B.A	1,48,000/-
			M. B.A P.T	36,500/-

Thus, there is absolutely no case made out by the Institute to entertain the Review Application. In the proposal submitted for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025 the Institute has neither shown nor claimed any arrears of salary. As stated above the Authority has allowed the entire claim of salary expenditure including honorarium paid to the visiting faculties. In absence of disallowances of any salary expenditure the Review Application deserves to be rejected.

Accordingly, the Review Application is rejected".

Date: 11th March, 2025

Place: Mumbai


Justice Vijay L. Achliya (Retd.)
Chairperson
Fees Regulating Authority
State of Maharashtra