



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt.31/05/2024

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 **31st May, 2024** 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 through video conferencing.
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 conferencing.
7.	Shri. Adv. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present through video conferencing.
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 .	:	Presence dispensed for a day.
11.	The Director, Directorate of AYUSH, Maharashtra State, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent

12.	Shri. Raosaheb Bagade, I.A.S The Member Secretary of the Maharashtra Council of Agriculture Education and Research , Pune , Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority.	:	Present through video conferencing.
13.	Shri. S.Ramamoorthy, I.A.S., Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent . On Election Duty.

Item No.2: Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

(a) To consider the complaints received from the students against Ratnadeep College, Jamkhed running B.A.M.S, B.H.M.S, B.Pharm. & B.Sc.(Nursing) courses.

"Discussed.

The complaints received from the students against the Institution mentioned above were placed before the Authority in its meeting dated 28/03/2024.

On due consideration of the allegations made in the complaints received from the students studying in the college/institute it was noticed that prima facie case has been made out to take cognizance of the complainants and initiate proceedings u/s. 20 of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015. It was therefore decided to forward the copies of the complaints to the Principal & Management running the Institute to offer their explanation by issuing show cause notice. The Institute was directed to submit explanation within seven days.

On receipt of copies of complaints, the Secretary of the Institute sent letter requesting three month's time to submit explanation.

On 30/05/2024, 34 students/Complainants approached the Authority and made representation to direct the Institute/College to refund the fees collected from them in view of orders likely to be passed to transfer to other Institutions/Colleges.

In order to ascertain the factual position, the Registrar of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (M.U.H.S), Nashik was contacted and requested to appraise the Authority the action taken by the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (M.U.H.S), Nashik against the Institution and transfer of students to other Institutions. The Registrar of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (M.U.H.S), Nashik has informed that University has taken decision to deaffiliate the B.A.M.S, B.H.M.S, & B.Sc.(Nursing), courses run by the Ratnadeep College, Jamkhed and further decided to transfer the students studying in the college to other Institutions/Colleges within the State. It has been agreed that the Institute/college in which such students are going to be transferred shall charge the regular fees approved by the Fees Regulating Authority to the students transferred from the second year and onwards. The Institution where such students are going to be transferred and particularly students undergoing B.A.M.S course

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admitted in the academic year 2023-2024, where such students are going to be transferred have agreed to complete 1st year course and they will not charge any fees for the same. The orders of transfer of students in respect of B.Sc.(Nursing) course already issued. The process of transfer of students undergoing B.H.M.S course to other Institution is in forces. The orders in respect of transfer of students undergoing B.A.M.S course is to be issued very soon.

As per the information received from the Registrar Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (M.U.H.S), Nashik it appears that the proper care has been taken by Health University to address the issue of payment of fees to the Institutions where such students are going to be transferred. The clear understanding has been given to the Institution as well as students about charging and payment of fees by Institution to Institutes on transfer to new colleges. The students are required to pay the normal and regular fees as approved by Fees Regulating Authority and applicable to batch of students admitted in the academic year 2023-2024. No additional fees to be payable to complete the 1st year course.

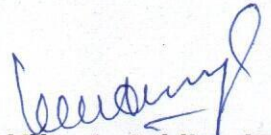
The complaints of the students against the Institution of charging and collecting the fees over and above the fees approved by the Authority, are under process. The appropriate orders will be passed after providing opportunity of hearing to all concern.

The request made by the Secretary of the Trust to grant three months time to file reply to the individual complainant is totally unwarranted. The complaint made by the student needs to be disposed of expeditiously. It was therefore decided to reject the request for grant of three months time to reply. The Management running the Institute be directed to file the reply on and before 15/06/2024. Failure to file reply the Authority will proceed and decide the complaints on their own merit. In that eventuality it will be presumed that the Institute has no explanation to be offered. In mean while the complainants, be directed to file individual affidavit mentioning exact grievance against the Institution, the amount of fees collected the excess amount to be refunded and submit the supporting evidence in the nature of receipts and other documents. The exercise in this behalf shall be completed on and before 15/06/2024.

List the complaints for hearing on 21/06/2024".

Date: 31st May, 2024

Place: Mumbai


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