

FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) "शिक्षण-नव्हेव्यवसाय -ज्ञान यज्ञ"

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Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 11/02/2025

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 11th 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 through video conference.
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



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	:	Posted as Deputy Secretary to Governor, State of Maharashtra.

<u>Item No.1:</u> To confirm the minutes of the meeting dated 06th February, 2025 of Fees Regulating Authority.

"Discussed.

The minutes of the meeting dated 06th 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. 71/2024 filed by Y.M.T. Dental College, Navi Mumbai (Code No. BDS0003) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.D.S course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mr. Bhatia, the Chartered Accountant of the Institute.
- 2. Mrs. Pratiksha Loke, the Accountant of the Institute. Heard.

After hearing to Chartered Accountant & 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
71/2024	Y.M.T. Dental College, Navi Mumbai Code No. BDS0003	B.D.S	3,85,000/- Per student

(B) Review Application No.73/2024 filed by Dr. Hedgewar Smruti Rugna Seva Mandal College, Hingoli (Code No. BDS0021) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.D.S course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mr. Vivek Choukse, the Dean of the Institute.
- 2. Mr. Vinit Bafna, the Chartered Accountant of the Institute.

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Heard.

After hearing to Dean & 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
73/2024	Dr. Hedgewar Smruti Rugna Seva Mandal College, Hingoli Code No. BDS0021	B.D.S	2,60,000/- Per Student

Review Application No.74/2024 filed by Ranjeet Deshmukh Dental College And (C) Research Centre, Nagpur (Formerly Known As Vspm Dental College & Research Centre, Nagpur) (Code No. BDS0010) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.D.S.P.G course run by the Institute. "Discussed.

None Present.

The Chartered Accountant of the Institute has sent letter of request seeking Adjournment.

Considering the cause, the hearing is adjourned .

List after one week".

Review Application No. 75/2024 filed by Smbt Institute Of Dental Sciences & (D) Research, Igatpuri (Code No. BDS0027) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.D.S/B.D.S.P.G courses run by the Institute.

"Discussed.

None Present.

The Official of the Institute has sent letter of request seeking Adjournment. Considering the cause, the hearing is adjourned .

List after one week".

Review Application No. 77/2024 filed by M.A. Rangoonwala Dental College, (E) Pune (Code No. BDS0005) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of B.D.S. course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- Dr. Ramadeep Duggal, the Principal of the Institute.
- Mr. Hari Sarda, the Chartered Accountant of the Institute.
- 3. Ms. Almas Patel , Director of Administration 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 Institu	ıte	Course	The Revised fees approved for the A.Y. 2024-2025
77/2024	M.A. Rangoonwala College, Pune Code No. BDS0005	Dental	B.D.S	2,89,000/- Per student

(F) Review Application No. 10/2024 filed by Rani Putalabai Women'S Law College, Bhosari, Pune (Code No. LLB3051) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of L.L.B.III years course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mr. Sidhram J., the Secretary of the Trust.
- 2. Mrs. Vaishali Chavan , the Assistant Professor of the Institute.
- 3. Mr. Haider Gulab M., the Admin. Officer of the Institute.

Heard.

After considering the proposal, the evidence produced in support of the proposal by the Institute seeking approval of fees, the Authority in its meeting dated 18/04/2024 approved the fees of Rs. 12,500/- per student for the academic year 2024-2025. Being aggrieved the Institute has preferred the Review Application.

In the Review Application filed the Institute has not spell out any ground to review the decision dated 18/04/2024 to revise the fees.

In brief it is contended that the fees of Rs. 12,500/- approved by the Authority is not sufficient to run the course. The Officials of the Institute failed to point out any discrepancy, mistake in assessment of fees by the Authority. In absence of any case being made out to entertain the Review Application, the Review Application deserves to be rejected.

Accordingly the Review Application is rejected".

(G) Review Application No. 13/2024 filed by Dr Ambedkar College, Department Of Law, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur (Code No. LLB5019) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College as Rs. 8,000/- per student for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of L.L.B 5 years course.

"Mr. Arun Joseph the State Officer , Ambedkar Samrat Samiti was present. The Principal of the College/Institute absent. Heard.

The Official representing the Institute submitted that the fees of the Institute during the academic years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 was in the range of Rs. 13,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- per student. For the academic year 2024-2025 the fees has been drastically reduced to Rs. 8,000/- per student as against the claim of Rs. 25,000/- per student made by the Institute.



The Official representing the Institute could not point out any discrepancy or mistake on the part of the Authority in assessing the fees of the Institute. However when the Authority has examined the proposal to ascertain the reason/s for reduction of fees during the academic year 2024-2025, it was noticed that the Institute has made a serious mistake in submitting the proposal. The Officials of the Institute have acted in careless manner in preparing and submitting the proposal for approval of fees. The Institute though shown the salary expenditure of Rs. 5,76,000/- as salary paid to teaching staff and Rs. 5,16,000/- salary paid to non-teaching staff. But in the proposal submitted the Institute has claimed the salary expenditure as '00 (zero)". Since the Institute has claimed the salary expenditure as 'zero' in the proposal the amount of Rs. 10,92,000/- was not taken into account by the software, while computing the fees. This mistake committed by the Officials of the Institute was pointed out to the State Officer, who appeared on behalf of the Institute to argue the Review Application . He has admitted the mistake and submitted that the mistake being inadvertent same be allowed to be rectified. He requested the Authority to consider the said salary expenditure as admissible expenditure for the purpose of assessment of fees for the academic year 2024-2025.

The Authority is of the view the mistake committed on the part of Institute is inadvertent mistake committed by the concerned staff, while submitting the proposal. The official who has signed and verified the proposal has not taken any pains to verify the proposal before uploading the same on the website of the Authority. The mistake being inadvertent and the fees of the Institute during the preceding 5 years was in the range of Rs. 13,000/- to Rs. 15,000/- the Authority is of the view that the Institute be allowed to rectify the mistake. Accordingly, the salary expenditure of Rs.10,92,000/- is allowed as an admissible expenditure for the purpose of assessment of fees. After allowing said expenditure the revised fees is worked out as Rs. 12,518/- which is rounded as Rs. 12,500/-.

In view of above, the Reivew Application is allowed and the fees of the Institute for the academic year 2024-2025 is revised as under;

Review Application No.	Name of the Institute	Course	The Revised fees approved for the A.Y. 2024-2025
13/2024	Dr Ambedkar College, Department Of Law, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur Code No. LLB5019	L.L.B.5	12,500/- Per student

Review Application No. 65/2024 filed by Marathwada Mitra Mandals Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune (Code No. LLB5046) against the decision of the Authority finalizing the fees of the Institute/College for the academic year 2024-2025 in respect of L.L.B. 5 years course run by the Institute.

"The following were present:-

- 1. Mrs. Kranti Deshmukh, the Principal of the Institute.
- 2. Mrs. Priti Marathe, the Finance & Accounts Officer of the Institute.



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Heard.

The Officials of the Institute has submitted that the Authority after considering the proposal the income and expenditure of the Institute has worked out the fees of Rs. 51,808/- per student to be charged by the Institute for the academic year 2024-2025. However, the Authority has restricted & approved the fees of Rs. 41,500/- per student by giving reasonable rise over the previous years fees. It is submitted that the number of disallowances made by the Authority are legitimate and admissible expenditure and supported with documentary evidence. No disallowances ought to have been made on any count. The Institute is providing class education to their students. The Institute has been rated as NAAC grade 'A'. The fees approved & restricted as Rs. 41,500/- is much less than the operational cost to be incurred by the Institute. They have urged the Authority to approve the fees of Rs. 51,808/- per student as worked out by the Authority. It is submitted that salary and non salary expenditure of the Institute has been increased in comparison to expenditure made in the earlier years.

On due consideration of the submission in advanced the Authority is of the view that the Institute has made out the case to entertain the Review Application. The Authority has assessed the fees of Rs. 51,808/- per student based upon income and expenditure. The fee was restricted as Rs.41,500/- per student by giving reasonable rise over the fees of the previous year as per general norms. The Authority has noticed that the operational cost of the Institute itself computed as Rs. 45,246/- per student. The Institute has been rated as NAAC grade 'A'. Therefore considering the overall facts of the matter, the gradation of the Institute, & the operational cost the Authority is of the view that the reasonable fees should not be less than the operational cost of the Institute. The operational cost of the Institute has been worked out as Rs. 45,246/- per student. Hence, it was decided to revised & approve the fees of the Institute as Rs. 45,000/- per student for the academic year 2024-2025 as reasonable fees.

In view of above the Review Application is 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
65/2024	Marathwada Mitra Mandal Shankarrao Chavan Law College Pune. Code No. LLB5046	2 ()	45,000/- Per student

Date: 11th February, 2025

Place: Mumbai

Justice Vijay L. Achliya (Retd.)

Chairperson

Fees Regulating Authority State of Maharashtra