

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. 23/01/2025 & 24/01/2025

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 23rd & 24th January, 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.		
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.		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		

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	:	Present.

Item No.10(a):

To consider the letter of request received from the Unaided Private Professional Institutions/Colleges to open the link to submit the online proposal for approval of fees (Upward Revision of fees) as well as to record intimation to opt for No Upward Revision of fees for the academic year 2024-2025.

"Discussed.

The following Institutes/Colleges have sent letter of request to open the link to enable them to submit the proposal for the academic year 2024-2025.

Sr. No.	Course	Name of the Institutes/Colleges		
1	B.Pharm	Y.N.P. College of Pharmacy		
2 B.A.M.S		Shantabai Shivshankar Aarli Ayurved Hospital And College , Sangli		
3	M.B.A	Shantabai Shivshankar Aarli Ayurved Hospital And College , Sangli		

The Authority is of the view that the reasons assigned are not sufficient to entertain the request. In terms of the provisions of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 the Institutes are under statutory obligations to submit the proposal for approval of fees on & before the 31/10/2023. The link was made open w.e.f 02/10/2023. The period for submission of proposal was then extended lastly upto 15/12/2023 . After 15/12/2023 large number of Institutes/Colleges approached the Authority with request to open the link to enable them to submit proposal. In a larger interest of the institutes and the students the request was allowed and the Institute seeking upward revision of fees were permitted to submit proposal subject to penalty of Rs. 1 lac per course. The Institutes were directed to submit proposal on and before 22/04/2024 which was extended upto 15/05/2024.

The Institutions mentioned above who have failed to submit proposal within the period prescribed now now approached the Authority with request to allow them to submit proposal & for said purpose open the link to apply for 'Upward Revision' of fees or to opt for 'No Upward Revision' of fees for the academic year 2024-2025.



On due consideration of the request received and consequences to follow on account of non submission of proposal/intimation by the Institute as well as the difficulties to be faced by the students to apply for scholarship/reimbursement of fees, it was decided to provide opportunity to Institutions mentioned above to allow to submit proposal for upward revision of fees subject to penalty of Rs. 2,00,000/- per course and Rs. 5,000/- per course to record intimation to opt for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2024-2025. The payment of penalty/process fees shall be condition precedent to entertain the proposal.

It was further decided to provide one time opportunity to all such Institutes/Colleges who have failed to submit proposal seeking upward revision of fees for the academic years 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 to submit the online proposal for approval of fees seeking upward revision of fees subject to penalty of Rs. 2 lacs per course at par with the permission granted to above mentioned Institutes. So also allow all such Institutes who have failed to record online intimation to opt for 'No upward revision' of fees for the academic years 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 to record the intimation to opt for no upward revision of fees on payment of process fees of Rs. 5,000/- per course. The payment of penalty and process fee shall be condition precedent to entertain the proposal.

The link be made open w.e.f 29/01/2025 and same shall be kept open till 28/02/2025 for submission of online proposal for upward revision of fees for the academic years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 & 2024-2025 as well as to record intimation to opt for no upward revision of fees subject to penalty & process fees as mentioned above. The hard copy of the proposal be submitted within fifteen days from the date of submission of the online proposal.

Let the follow up action be taken as directed".

<u>Item No.10(b)</u>:

To consider the letter of request received from the Unaided Private Professional Institutions/Colleges to open the link to submit the online proposal for approval of fees (Upward Revision of fees) as well as to record intimation to opt for No Upward Revision of fees for the academic year 2025-2026.

"Discussed.

The Fees Regulating Authority had decided to open the link for submission of online fees proposals for the academic year 2025-2026 w.e.f - 11/10/2024 & the Institutions were given time till 31/10/2024, which was lastly extended upto 15/12/2024.

Inspite of granting sufficient time the large number of Institutes/Colleges have not complied the mandate of sec 14 (1)(a) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act of 2015') & the action u/s. 20 of the said Act of 2015 are contemplated against them.

The Authority has received letters of request from 74 Institutions/Colleges annexed as Annexure 'A', requesting the Authority to allow them to submit the online proposal for the upward revision of fees or to record the intimation to opt for upward revision of fees for the academic year 2025-2026. By defaulting to submit the proposal within the period prescribed the institutions/colleges have committed breach of sec 14(1) (a) of the said Act of 2015 and liable to pay penalty as provided u/s. 20 of the said Act of 2015.

On due consideration of the request received and consequences to follow on account of non submission of proposal/intimation and more particularly the difficulties to be faced by the students to apply for reimbursement of fees, it was decided to provide opportunity to Institutions mentioned above subject to penalty of Rs. 1,00,000/- per course for submitting proposal for upward revision of fees and Rs. 5,000/- per course to record intimation to opt for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2025-2026. The payment of penalty & process fee shall be condition precedent to entertain the proposal.

The link be made open w.e.f 29/01/2025 and same shall be kept open till 28/02/2025 for submission of online proposal for upward revision of fees for the academic year 2025-2026 as well as to record intimation to opt for no upward revision of fees subject to payment of penalty /process fees as mentioned above. The hard copy of the proposal be submitted within fifteen days from the date of submission of online proposal.

Let the follow up action be taken as directed".

Date: 23rd & 24th January, 2025

Place: Mumbai

S. Ramamoorthy, I.A.S Member Secretary Fees Regulating Authority State of Maharashtra