

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. 29/09/2022

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 29th September 2022 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	:	Present.	
3.	Shri. Manoj Damodar Chandak, Chartered Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present through video conferencing.	
4.	Shri. Ratnakar (Shirish) Phadtare, Cost Accountant, Member of Fees Regulating Authority		Present through video conferencing.	
5.	Shri. Dharmendra Dilip Mishra, Professional Educationist, Member of Fees Regulating Authority		Present through video conferencing.	
6.	Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Science, Nashik, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent.	
7.	Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Mumbai, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent.	
8	Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Pune, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent.	
9.	Member Secretary of Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education of Research, Pune, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Absent.	
10.	Shri. L. S. Mali, I.A.S., Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority	:	Present.	

Item No.1: To consider the proposals for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

"Discussed.

The Authority has examined the proposals received from the Institutes/Colleges mentioned below seeking approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023. After due consideration of the proposals, it was decided to approve the fee structure of the respective Institutes/Colleges as under:

PART – I
LAW (L.L.B. 3 & L.L.B. 5 years) Courses

Sr. No.	Code No.	Institute Name		Total Fee Approved For A.Y. 2022-2023
		Bhagubai Changu Thakur College	L.L.B. 3	12,000/-
1	1 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 1	of Law, New Panvel-Raigad	L.L.B. 5	6,000/-
2	LLB3072	M.S. College of Law, Village	L.L.B. 3	16,000/-
2	LLB3U/2	Deoghar, Post Khaniwali via Kudus Taluka Wada, Palghar-	L.L.B. 5	10,500/-
3	LLB3069	Victor Dantas Law College, Kudal- Sindhudurg	L.L.B. 3	18,500/-
	Au.	Dr. D.V. Pobil Laur College Dimpri	L.L.B. 3	29,000/-
4	LLB3018 Dr. D.Y Patil Law Collage Pimpri 18-Pune	L.L.B. 5	21,000/-	
5	LLB3051	Rani Putalabai Women's Law College-Pune	L.L.B 3	13,500/-
	LLB3070	Vidya Pratishthan's Vasantrao Pawar Law College-Pune	L.L.B. 3	13,500/-
6			L.L.B. 5	13,000/-
	LLB3024	Kha. Shri Govindrao Adik Law College Shrirampur-Ahmadnagar	L.L.B. 3	16,250/-
7			L.L.B. 5	10,500/-
8	LLB3039	MGV'S K.B.H.Law College, Malegaon Dist- Nashik	L.L.B. 3	9,000/- (As Demanded



Sr.	Code No.	Institute Name	Total Fee Approved For A.Y. 2022-2023	
9	LLB3027	Late M.L.C. Vasantroji Kale Law	L.L.B. 3	12,800/-
			L.L.B. 5	9,300/-
10	LLB 312821001	M. L. & G. E. Society's Manikchand Pahade Law College, Aurangabad- Aurangabad	L.L.B. 3	6,825/- (As Demanded)
			L.L.B. 5	6,750/- (As Demanded)
11	LLB3014	Dayanand College of Law,Latur- Latur	L.L.B. 3	9,500/-
			L.L.B. 5	5,500/-
12	LLB3004	Agnihotri College Of Law, Wardha	L.L.B. 3	18,500/-
13	LLB3011	Central India College of Law, Godhani Nagpur-Nagpur	L.L.B. 3	13,000/-
			L.L.B. 5	7,500/-
14	LLB3017	Dr. Ulhas Patil Law College, Jalgaon-Jalgaon	L.L.B. 3	13,500/-
			L.L.B. 5	5,600/-
15	LLB 316721002		L.L.B. 3	
			2020-21	16,500/- (Confirmed)
			2021-22	16,500/- (Confirmed)
			2022-23	16,500/-
16	LLB3026	Lala Lajpatrai College Of Law- Mumbai-City	L.L.B. 3	30,000/-
17	LLB3006	LLB3006 Asmita College of Law-Mumbai- Suburban	L.L.B. 3	19,500/-
			L.L.B. 5	11,500/-
18	LLB3012	Children Welfare Centre College of	L.L.B 3	17,000/-
		Law-Mumbai-Suburban	L.L.B. 5	10,000/-



Sr. No.	Code No. Institute Name			Total Fee Approved For A.Y. 2022-2023
19	LLB3053	Sandesh College Of Law-Mumbai- Suburban	L.L.B. 3	11,250/-

NOTE:

- The fees as approved is the maximum fees that can be charged and recovered from the students by the Institutes/Colleges mentioned above. The term 'Fees' has been defined u/s 2(g) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred as 'Act of 2015'). The fees as approved include tuition fee, library fee, gymkhana fee, examination fee, development fee or amount payable for any curricular or co-curricular activities, laboratory fee, information brochure fee, and any other amount collected from the students, by whatsoever name called, and accepted in whichever manner, that is made payable to a Private Professional Educational Institution, for whatever purpose, by any candidate admitted to a professional course in any such Institution, but excludes any charges payable towards the use of any optional hostel accommodation, mess charges, and Students Insurance Fees.
 - 2) Any amount accepted, recovered or charged by Unaided Institutions in cash or kind, directly or indirectly in excess or over and above the fees approved by the Fees Regulating Authority amounts to an Act of "Profeetering" as defined u/s 2(s) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 and the Management running such Institutions shall be liable for penalty as provided u/s 20(1) of the said Act of 2015. The amount of penalty to be payable may extend twice the amount taken in excess of the fees as determined by the Fees Regulating Authority.
 - 3) If during the course of enquiry if it is found that Unaided Institution has charged the fees in excess of the fees approved by the Authority then such fees liable to be returned to the concerned student/students.
 - 4) On repetition of contravention and irregularity, the name of the Institution shall be recommended for the withdrawal of affiliation or approval from the concerned Authority by the Fees Regulating Authority in the exercise of powers conferred u/s 20(5) of the said Act of 2015.



- As provided u/s 20(6) of the said Act of 2015 if the offence or irregularity under the provisions of said Act of 2015 or rules made under found to be committed by the Management, for the purpose, who, at the time when the offence or irregularity was committed, was in charge of, and responsible to, the management for the conduct of the business of the management, as well as the management, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- As provided u/s 14(4) of the said Act of 2015, every Unaided Institution shall display on its notice board, the course-wise fees as approved by the Fees Regulating Authority and on its website in Marathi and English, provided that, in case of linguistic minority institutions, the display shall also be in the language of the minority to which such, institution belongs and shall be binding on the students and the institution. Non-compliance of section 14(4) of said Act of 2015, the Institution shall liable for penal action u/s 20 of the said Act of 2015.
- As provided u/s 14(5) of the said Act of 2015, no Institution shall collect fee amounting to more than one-year fee from a candidate in an academic year and collection of fees for more than one year in an academic year shall be construed as collection of capitation fee and such institution shall be liable to be proceeded against.
- As provided u/s 14(6) of the said Act of 2015, the fees approved and communicated by the Fees Regulating Authority shall be applicable in respect of the candidate who is admitted to the unaided institution in that academic year and shall not be revised till the completion of the course of such student in the concerned institution. Non-compliance of section 14(6) of said Act of 2015, the Institution shall liable for penal action u/s 20 of the said Act of 2015.
- Institution to the Fees Regulating Authority if any Institution charge, collect or demand fees over and above the fees approved by the Fees Regulating Authority. Such complaints can be filed online through the Grievance portal of the Fees Regulating Authority. So also the complaint can be made in writing with supporting documents to the Fees Regulating Authority.
- 10) If the fees approved by the Fees Regulating Authority is not acceptable to the Unaided Institutions whose fees has been determined by the Authority then such Institutions may file the Review Application with detail reasoning



- thereof in detail within 15 days from the date of communication of the fees approved by the Authority.
- 11) The Review Application filed beyond the statutory period of 15 days to be treated as barred by limitation as provided u/s 14(1)(e) of the said Act of 2015 and same shall not be entertained.
- 12) The Review Application filed without pre-payment of processing of Rs. 50,000/- per course liable to be rejected.

Let the follow-up action be taken".

PART-II

A) To consider the Proposal of VIVA College of Law, Virar (LLB314135588) for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

"Discussed.

On scrutiny of the proposal, it is transpired that the Institute has not properly submitted the proposal. Most of the expenditure though shown in the proposal but same has not been claimed and therefore software has not taken such expenditure into consideration, the mistake apparent in the face of record on the part of the institution in submitting proposal. The Principal of the college be pointed out the glaring mistake committed by their Institute and further directed to submit the proper information with supporting documents".

B) To consider the Proposal of Abhinav Education Society's Law College-Pune (LLB3002) for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

"Discussed.

On scrutiny of the proposal, it is transpired that Institution has not paid single pie towards the salary in the financial year 2020-2021. The entire payment of salary shown to be payable by the end of March 2021. However, in order to finalise the fees, it is necessary to verify the factual position regarding payment of salary to the staff. Hence, the Institution be directed to explain the reason for not paying the salary during the financial year 2020-2021. So also make the statement whether such salary has been paid or not during the next academic year. The salary has been paid then produce the documentary evidence. The Principal of the Institute be directed to clarify the position by filling affidavit".



C) To consider the Proposal of Vasantdada Patil Pratishthan's Law College-Mumbai-City (LLB324821001) for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

"Discussed.

On scrutiny of the proposal, it is noticed that the Institute has shown that no payment of salary was made during the financial year 2020-2021 on account of the admission process of the Institute /College started in the month of April 2021. In order to assist the expenditure on account of salary as well as non-salary expenditure, it is necessary to ascertain the expenditure made on salary in the financial year 2021-2022. Hence call the necessary information with supporting documents from the Institute to process the proposal."

D) To consider the Proposal of M.K.E.S College Of Law-Mumbai-Suburban (LLB3032) for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

"Discussed.

It was decided to call the additional information from the Institute".

E) To consider the Proposal of Rizvi Law College-Mumbai-Suburban (LLB3052) for approval of fees for the academic year 2022-2023.

"Discussed.

It was decided to call the additional information from the Institute".

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

To consider the intimations received from Unaided Institutions i.e.

Private Professional Educational Institutions mentioned in the list

Annexure –"A" (running Higher and Technical Courses), Annexure
–"B" (running Health & Science Courses) & Annexure –"C" running

(Agriculture Courses) informing the Fees Regulating Authority that
they are opting for no upward revision of fees for the academic
year 2022-2023 and continue to apply the fees approved for
academic year 2021-2022 for academic year 2022-2023.

"Discussed

The Management of the Unaided Institutions i.e. Private Professional Institutions mentioned in list Annexure "A", "B" & "C" (to be treated as a part and parcel of the minutes of the meeting) have exercised the option to opt for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 and decided to continue the fee structure approved by the Authority for the previous academic year i.e. 2021-2022 to apply in respect of respective Institutions.

Section 14 of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 provides the procedure to be adopted by the Fees Regulating Authority in determining the reasonableness of the fee structure of Private Professional Institutions. Section 14(1)(a) of the said Act of 2015 casts an obligation to submit the proposal for determination of fees to the Fees Regulating Authority by the Management of the Unaided Institution. Such proposal to be submitted to the Fees Regulating Authority in a manner provided under Section 14(1)(a) of the said Act of 2015 with the requisite documents and evidence so as to reach the Fees Regulating Authority on or before 31st October of the previous academic year. Section 14(1)(b) of the said Act of 2015 provides the effect of non-submission of the proposal for upward revision of fees to the Fees Regulating Authority.

In the event of non-submission of the proposal seeking upward revision of fees to the Fees Regulating Authority within the time limit specified by the Authority, the fees structure approved by the Authority for the previous academic year shall continue to apply for the immediate next academic year. Section 14(1)(a) and (b) of the said Act of 2015 read as under:

- "14(1) In determining the reasonableness of fee structure, the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) the Management of the Unaided Institution shall submit the details of the proposed fee along with the audited accounts of the preceding financial year, the proposed budget in respect of the current financial year and the relevant record and evidence to the Fees Regulating Authority for its approval not later than 31st October of previous academic year;
- (b) in the event of non-submission of the proposal for upward revision of fees to the Fees Regulating Authority within the time-limit specified by the Authority, the fee structure as approved by the Authority and applicable during the academic year shall continue to apply."

The Management of Unaided Private Professional Institutions mentioned in the list Annexure-"A", "B" & "C", whose fees was determined and approved by the Fees Regulating Authority for the academic year 2021-2022 have decided to go for no upward revision of fees for the academic year 2022-2023 and continue to apply the fees structure



approved by the Fees Regulating Authority for the academic year 2021-2022 to the next academic year i.e. 2022-2023. The option as exercised by the Management running the Institutes mentioned in the list Annexure "A", "B" & "C" is within the scope of exercise of the discretion available to them under Section 14(1)(b) of the said Act of 2015.

In view of the above, the fees structure approved by the Fees Regulating Authority for the academic year 2021-2022 i.e. previous year shall continue to apply to such courses run by the Institutes mentioned in the list Annexure "A", "B" & "C" for the immediate next academic year i.e. 2022-2023.

The list Annexure "A", "B" & "C" shall form the part and parcel of this minutes of the meeting.

Let the follow-up action be taken accordingly."

Date: 29th September 2022

Place: Mumbai

Justice Vijay L. Achliya (Retd.)

Chairperson

Fees Regulating Authority State of Maharashtra