



GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

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Meeting Date : 12nd April 2016

Minutes of the first Meeting of the Fees Regulating Authority (constituted under section 11 (2)(3)(4) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation Admission and Fees) Act, 2015) held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) M.N. Gilani, on Tuesday, the 12th April 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Hall, Room No. 105, Government Polytechnic Building, 49 Kherwadi, Ali Yawar Jung Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051.

Following were resent :

1. Dr. R.S. Mali : Member
2. Shri Sanjay Panse : Member
3. Shri Ravindra Dahad : Member
4. Shri Sudhir Mutalik : Member
5. Dr. K.D. Garkal,
Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik : Member
6. Dr. S.K. Mahajan,
Director, Technical Education, Mumbai : Member
7. Dr. Sushil Kumar Chaudhary, Jt. Director, Higher Education, Pune : On behalf of Member, F.R.A. and Director, Higher Education , Pune
8. Shri Daulat Desai : Member Secretary

Dr. J. V. Patil, The Member Secretary of the Maharashtra Council of Agriculture Education and Research being unable to attend the meeting was granted leave of absence.

Item No. 1 : **To confirm the following minutes of the Meeting of the Fees Regulating Authority,**

Higher & Technical Education.

- a) Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd March 2016 H&T Education at 11.00 a.m.
- b) Special Joint Meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2016 (Medical Education and H & T Education) at 11.30 a.m.
- c) Meeting held on Thursday, 10th March 2016 H&T Education at 1.30 p.m.
- d) Meeting held on Saturday, 2nd April 2016 at 11.30 a.m.

The Minutes of the Meeting of Fee Regulating Authority (Higher & Technical Education) held on Wednesday, 2nd March 2016, Thursday 10th March 2016, Saturday, 2nd April 2016 at Conference Hall, Office of the Authority, 3rd Floor, Government Polytechnic Building, 49, Kherwadi, Bandra (E), Mumbai 400-051 are confirmed.

Item No. 2 : **Higher & Technical Education :**

To review actions taken by the office on decisions arrived at in the previous meetings held on 2nd March 2016, 10th March 2016 and 2nd April 2016.

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Item No. 6: **Medical Education :**

To review actions taken by the office on decisions arrived at in the previous meetings held on 1st March 2016, 10th March 2016.

The action taken report on the various decisions taken by the Authority during its meeting held on 2nd March 2016, 10th March 2016 and 2nd April 2016, was placed for perusal and suggestions of the members. The action taken report was reviewed and discussed in the meeting.

Members expressed concern over the actionable points on which the office is yet to take action. Specifically members pointed towards item no. 4 of the meeting held on 2nd March 2016. This item pertains to the inspection of the Authority's office by the office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit) I, Mumbai for the period 2003-2004 to 2015-16 (December 2016). The inspection officer has raised five audit points, which are yet to be complied by the office. After detail deliberations, the Authority directs the office to comply the audit points and submit a report for Authority's perusal within four weeks. In addition to this the Authority directed to ensure following actions by the office without further delay.

- (a) Reconcile and undertake audit of all income and expenditure of the Authority with the assistance of suitable agency for the period 2003-2004 to 2015-16,
- (b) Undertake bifurcation of the surplus funds between Fees Regulating Authority (Shikshan Shulka Samiti) and Admission Regulating Authority (Pravesh Niyantaran Samiti).
- (c) Invest surplus funds lying in the Joint Savings Bank Account of the Fees Regulating Authority and Admission Regulating Authority in the suitable fixed deposit scheme of the nationalized bank.

Item No. 3: **To discuss and decide the formation of sub-committees to scrutinize the proposals received for approval of fees from the respective Higher and Technical Educational Institutes / Colleges, for the Academic Year 2015-16.**

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Item No. 7: **To discuss and decide the formation of sub-committees to scrutinize the proposals received for approval of fees from the respective Medical Educational Institutes / Colleges, for the Academic Year 2015-16**

After detail deliberations and discussion, the Authority decides to form following three Sub – Committees / scrutiny cells to scrutinize the proposals received for approval of fees .

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| 1. Technical Education | : | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Shri Ravindra Dahad, Member, F.R.A. 2) Shri Sudhir Mutalik, Member, F.R.A. 3) Shri. V.D. Daware, Lecturer in Mechanical Engg. (OSD), Directorate, Technical Education, Mumbai |
| 2. Medical Education | : | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Shri Sanjay Panse, Member, F.R.A. 2) Dr. K.D. Garkal, Member, F.R.A. and Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik 3) Dr. R.S. Barpande, Jt. Director, Dental, Directorate, Medical Education and Research, Mumbai |
| 3. Higher Education | : | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr. R.S. Mali, Member, F.R.A 2) Dr. Dhanraj Mane, Member, F.R.A. and Director, Higher Education, Pune 3) Dr. Sushil Kumar Chaudhary, Jt. Director, Higher Education, Pune |

It has been unanimously decided that the respective Subcommittees shall scrutinise the pending proposals for the Academic Year 2015-16 and submit its report with observations to the Authority.

Item No. 4: **(a) To discuss and decide on the letter dated 2/2/2016 received from Under Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Dept., Mantralaya regarding the complaints of Shri Sanjay Kelkar, Hon'ble M.L.A. regarding Malpractices in Pad. Vasantdada Patil Engineering College, Sion, Mumbai (Ref: Minutes dt. 2/3/2016 Item No. 6)**

(b) To discuss and decide on the letter dated 30/3/2016 received from Under Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Dept., Mantralaya regarding to inquiry of alleged Malpractices in Pad. Vasantdada Patil Engineering College, Sion, Mumbai

The Authority considered both the letters at (a) and (b) above and unanimously decided to appoint a following enquiry committee to enquire into the complaints and verify the infrastructure facilities and amenities provided by the Pad. Vasantdada Patil Engineering college as against fee approved by the Authority / Shikshan Shulka Samiti and recovered from the students.

- 1) Dr. R.S. Mali, Member, F.R.A.
- 2) Shir. J.R. Nikhade, I/c Assistant Director (Technical), Regional Office, Technical Education, Mumbai
- 3) Principal, S.P. College of Engineering, Andheri.

(Sr. No. 2 and 3 names are suggested by Dr. S.K. Mahajan, Member of F.R.A. and Director, Technical Education, M.S.)

It has been decided that the committee shall submit its report within four weeks. Director, Technical Education shall provide necessary briefing, make available earlier enquiry reports of the various agencies in this regard and other assistance to the committee to discharge its duty.

The Authority directs the office to inform the decision taken in this regards to the Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, in response to the letters at (a) and (b) above.



Item No.5: To confirm the following minutes of the Meeting of Fees Regulating Authority

Medical Education

- (a) **Meeting held on Tuesday, 1st March 2016 Medical Education at 11.30 a.m.**
- (b) **Special Joint Meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2016 (Medical Education and H & T Education) at 11.30 a.m.**

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Item No.8: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

a) Power Point presentation by Shri. Ravindra Dahad :

Shri Ravindra Dahad, Member, F.R.A., with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman, presented his analysis on fees fixation procedure, with specific reference to time limit to submit proposal for fees approval, expenditure and its scrutiny, various cost centers, appointment of professional experts to scrutinize the proposals and other related issues. The members discussed the various issues raised with reference to relevant provisions in the Act. Further it has been unanimously decided to refer the issue of time limit prescribed under section 14 (1) (a) of the Act, with regards to the last date of submission of fees proposal for approval for Academic Year 2016-17, to government and seek further direction.

Hon'ble Chairman directed to circulate the Power Point presentation to all the members, for their individual analysis and suggestions.

b) Filling in vacancies of the sanctioned post and appointment of retired government officers on contract basis.

Hon'ble Chairman expressed his concerns about the voluminous work to be done by the Authority and proportionate availability of trained personnel. It has been briefed to all the members that against 23 sanctioned post, one Desk Officer and two Assistants and one Peon post have been filled up. Considering this situation, it has been unanimously decided to request Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical Education to fill up all the sanctioned posts on urgent basis.

With regards to appointments of retired government officers, the Authority decides to appoint required staff on contract basis through the willing and trained retired government officers. Further, Authority approved the appointment of Shri. S. R. Shinde retired Joint Secretary (Law Department) Government of Maharashtra, as Officer on Special Duty, subject to his acceptance of the prescribed terms and conditions of the appointment.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

The next meeting of the Authority would be held on **Saturday 30th April 2016 at 11.30 a.m.** in the Meeting Hall, Office of the Authority at 305, Government Polytechnic Building, 49, Kherwadi, Ali Yawar Jung Marg, Bandra (E) Mumbai 400 051.

Date :12th April 2016

Place : Mumbai



(M.N. GILANI)
CHAIRMAN

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