

Minutes of the meeting of the **Shikshan Shulka Samiti (Higher and Technical Education)** held under the Chairmanship of **Justice P.S. Patankar (Retd.)** on **Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015** at 11.00 a.m. in the Conference Hall, Office of the Samiti, 3rd floor, Government Polytechnic Building, 49, Kherwadi, Bandra (E), Mumbai 400 051.

**Draft Minutes:-**

Following Members and Officers were present:

1. Dr. (Mrs.) Rupa Shah : Member
2. Shri S.B. Bhagwat : Member
3. Dr. O.G. Kakde : Member

Shri Sanjay Chahande, Member Secretary and Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Maharashtra could not attend the meeting. Hence, leave of absence granted.

Shri. N. K. Deshmukh, I.A.S. Office Secretary (holding Additional Charge) Shikshan Shulka Samiti, Mumbai having informed their inability to attend the meeting, therefore Mrs. K.V.Sane, Desk Officer, Shikshan Shulka Samiti was present for Meeting.

The copies of the agenda along with copies of the relevant documents were circulated to the Members.

**Item No.1:** **To discuss and decide the Review Applications received from following colleges for approval of fees for Academic Year 2014-15.**

**Item No. 1(A) :** **PL3449: Dr. Manoja Shete College of Engineering & Technology, Kasara**

Samiti heard Chairman and Bhare Mahesh, Vice Principal on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

The College/Institute has given notice dated 10/03/2015 to the students/parents as per our resolution, but none is present. Notice is produced.

The fee declared for the course started during Academic Year 2013-14 was Rs. 35,630/-. The fee declared for the course started during the Academic Year 2014-15 was Rs. 32,000/-. It is challenged. It is submitted that there were errors in mentioning usage charges and depreciation in the proposal. The errors are pointed out If considered the fee comes to about Rs. 36,000/-. The College has now given letter dated 24/03/2015 stating that fee of Rs. 35,630/- may be allowed. It is reasonable. We approve the same. Office to declare it.



**Item No. 1(B) :** **PL6767: Suman Ramesh Tulsiani Technical Campus – pune**

College/Institute vide its letter dated 23/03/2015 has prayed for withdrawal of this revision. Allowed to withdraw.

**Item No. 1(C) :** **EN4134: Guru Nanak Institute of Engineering & Technology, Kalmeshwar, Nagpur**

Samiti heard Sohrab Khan, Chartered Accountant and S.S.Dongre, Sr. Accountant on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

They pray for withdrawal of this revision. Allowed to withdraw.

**Item No. 1(D) :** **AR6536: VIT's Padmabhushan Dr. Vasantdada Patil College of Architecture, Mulshi, Pune**

Samiti heard Mr. Jitendra Pitaliya, Secretary and Santosh Patil, Admin Head on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

They pray for withdrawal of this revision. Allowed to withdraw.

**Item No. 1(E) :** **EN6758: Sahyadri Valley College of Engineering & Technology, Rajuri, Pune. (EN/ME/PL)**

Samiti heard Mr. Moin Khella, Chartered Accountant and Mr. Sandeep Wakode, Clerk on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

They pray for withdrawal of this revision. Allowed to withdraw.

**Item No. 1(F) :** **EN1130: Pankaj laddhad Institute of Management Studies, Yelgaon (EN/ME)**

Samiti heard Mr. Girish Chandak, Chartered Accountant and Pradip Jawandhiya, Principal on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

They pray for withdrawal of this revision. Allowed to withdraw.



**Item No. 1(G) : MB3102: Chetana's Ramprasad Khandelwal Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai**

Samiti heard Dr. Bhakey, Director and Mr. Karia, Registrar on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

The College/Institute has given notice dated 5/3/2015 to the students/parents as per our resolution, but none is present. Notice is produced.

The fee declared for the course started during the Academic Year 2014-15 is Rs. 1,35,000/-. It is challenged. It is challenged on the ground that there salary deduction has wrongly been made. There was four vacancies in teaching staff. Therefore it was necessary to have visiting faculty. The College has originally demanded fee of Rs. 1,43,000/-. Now letter dated 24/03/2015 is given stating that fee may be approved at Rs. 1,39,000/- for the Academic Year 2014-15. It is reasonable. We approve the same. Office to declare it.

**Item No. 1(H) : EN3184: FR. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, Bandra, Mumbai (EN/ME)**

Samiti heard Dr. Srima Unnikrishnan, Principal and Ketan Patel, Chartered Accountant on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

The College/Institute has given notice dated 5/3/2015 to the students/parents as per our resolution, but none is present. Notice is produced.

The fee declared for the course started during Academic Year 2013-14 was Rs. 99,000/-. The fee declared for the course started during the Academic Year 2014-15 is Rs. 1,05,000/-. It is challenged. It is submitted that salary deduction of 6% is very heavy. There is some substance in it. The College has now given a letter dated 24/03/2015 stating that the fee may be approve at Rs. 1,07,000/-. It is reasonable. We approve the same. Office to declare it.

**Item No. 1(I) : ME3182: Thadomal Shahani Engineering College, Bandra, Mumbai.**

Samiti heard Mr. G.T. Thampi, Principal on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

The College/Institute has given notice dated 5/3/2015 to the students/parents as per our resolution, but none is present. Notice is produced.

It is in respect of M. Engineering course. The fee declared for the course started during the Academic Year 2013-14 was Rs. 1,20,000/-. The fee declared for the course started during the Academic Year 2014-15 was Rs. 1,26,000/-. It is challenged. It is challenged on the ground that the salary deduction of 11% is very heavy. There is substance in it. The Institute has now given a letter dated 24/03/2015 stating that the fee may be approved at Rs. 1,32,000/-. It is reasonable. We approve the same. Office to declare it.



**Item No. 1(J) : EN3182: Thadomal Shahani Engineering College, Bandra, Mumbai.**

Samiti heard Mr. G.T. Thampi, Principal on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

The College/Institute has given notice dated 5/3/2015 to the students/parents as per our resolution, but none is present. Notice is produced.

It is in respect of B. Engineering course. The fee declared for the course started during the Academic Year 2013-14 was Rs. 1,15,000/-. The fee declared for the course started during the Academic Year 2014-15 was Rs. 1,20,750/-. It is challenged. It is challenged on the ground that the salary deduction of 11% is very heavy. There is substance in it. The Institute has now given a letter dated 24/03/2015 stating that the fee may be approved at Rs. 1,26,500/-. It is reasonable. We approve the same. Office to declare it.

**Item No. 1(K) : EN3460: Vidya Vikas Education Trust's Technical Campus, Vasai**

Samiti heard Ms. Suruchi Kothari, Chartered Accountant and Jesus Lall, Management on behalf of the aforesaid College/Institute.

They pray for withdrawal of this revision. Allowed to withdraw.

**Item No. 2: To discuss and decide the letter dated Nil February 2015 received from Under Secretary, Govt. Of Maharashtra - Higher & Technical Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai along with the letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 submitted by Citizen Forum for Sanctity in Education System regarding irregularities and Malpractices in Private Educational Trusts.**

Yesterday on this subject was adjourned for today. It is taken up. There is a letter received on ~~23~~02/2015 from the Under Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra enclosing the complaint dated 19/01/2015 from the Citizen Forum for Sanctity in Educational System, Mumbai. It has mentioned 29 Colleges which according to said Forum committed malpractices and by misleading the Samiti got the fees fixed during the Academic Year 2014-15. Therefore the prayer is the fee should be reduced by 50%.

We may point out that 23 Colleges/Institutes from Technical stream and 6 are from Health Sciences stream. Out of these 23 Technical Colleges mentioned 20 Colleges/Institutes come within the purview of the Samiti and 02 Colleges/Institutes do not come within the purview of the Samiti. They are 1) Usha Mittal Institute of Technology, Mumbai and 2) MGM College of Computer Sciences and I.T. There is one College viz. Saraswati Institute of Management and Research (SIMARC, New Mumbai (MB 3151) whose fee is not fixed by the Samiti for the Academic Year 2014-15.

The office to send the copy of this complaint to all those 20 Colleges/Institutes and call for their reply within a period of 15 days. The College be informed that the Samiti required to take decision for Academic Year 2014-15 course why fee should not be reduced by 50%. Office to communicate.

**Item No. 3 :            Any other matter with the permission of the chair.**

- 1) The "OPEN HEARING" for settlement of norms to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 1.00 pm to 2:30 p.m.. The venue thereof shall be Chetana's Institute of Management and Research, New Building, Auditorium Hall, Ground Floor, Government Colony, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051.

The office to issue a press note in this respect and to the Associations, Colleges/Institutes they are to be heard on that date for finalizing norms for the courses starting Academic Year 2015-16. The existing norms for the Academic Year 2014-15 to be put once again on the website, so that suggestions can be made for altering, improving and adding to those norms.

The next meeting of the Shikshan Shulka Samiti (Higher and Technical Education) would be held on **Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 11.00 a.m.** in the Conference Hall, Office of the Samiti at 305, Government Polytechnic Building, 49, Kherwadi, Ali Yawar Jung Marg, Bandra (E) Mumbai 400 051.

Date: 27-3-15

  
(P.S. PATANKAR)  
CHAIRMAN