



SMT. SUMITRABAI THAKARE AYURVEDIC COLLEGE & HOSPITAL YAVATMAL

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FRA -Fee Structure

Course: - BAMS Academic Year 2025-26

Sr. No.	Description	Fees	Total Fees
01	Tuition Fee	155909 /-	171500/-
02	Development Fees	15591 /-	
*03	Management Seat Fees	171500 X 3	514500 /-
*04	NRI Seat Fees	171500 X 5	857500 /-
*05	Against NRI Seat Fees	171500 X 3	514500 /-
06	Caution Money / Deposit	25000 /-	25000 /- (Refundable)

* याबाबत स्वतंत्र सूचना दिनांक:- 31/07/2025 रोजी प्रसिध्द केली असून प्राधिकरणाच्या संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध आहे.

(www.mahafra.org - Circular)

नोट – महाविद्यालयाद्वारा दिनांक: 14/08/25 रोजी शुल्कासंदर्भात पुर्नरावलोकन (Review) सादर केलेला आहे. शुल्क नियामक प्राधिकरण, मुंबई यांनी वेळोवेळी जारी केलेल्या अधिसूचनेनुसार शैक्षणिक वर्ष 2025-26 करिता शुल्कामध्ये बदल होण्याची शक्यता आहे.

Note- Regarding fees review has been submitted by Smt. Sumitrabai Thakare Ayurvedic College, Yavatmal on Dated: 14/08/25. As per the notifications issued by the Fee Regulatory Authority, Mumbai from time to time, there is a possibility of change in fees for the academic year 2025-26.

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Date: 25-08-25

शैक्षणिक वर्ष 2025-26 करीता बि. ए. एम. एस. या अभ्यासक्रमास प्रवेश
घेणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्याकरीता सुचना

शुल्क नियामक प्राधिकरण, मुंबई यांच्याकडून मान्यता मिळालेले शुल्क खालील प्रमाणे आहे.

**Notice to students taking admission for BAMS Course the
academic year 2025- 26.**

The admission fee as approved by the Fee Regulatory Authority Mumbai is as follows.

Fee Approved by Fees Regulating Authority, Maharashtra for Academic Year 2025-26									
Sr. No.	Inst ID	Inst Name	District	Stream	Status	Date of Meeting	Tuition Fee	Development Fee	Total Fee
1	BAMS 0810	Smt. Sumitrabai Thakare Ayurvedic College & Hospital, Yavatmal	Yavatmal	BAMS	Approved	07-08-2025	155909	15591	171500

प्रवेश कोटा / Admission Quota	शैक्षणिक शुल्क / Fee (Year 2025-26)
State Quota	1,71,500/-.
I.Q.	03Times Fees of the Regular Fees
N.R.I.	05 Times Fees of the Regular Fees

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Smt. Sumitrabai Thakare Ayurvedic
College, Yavatmal



FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY

Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions
(Regulation of Admissions and Fees)

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(Part-I)

Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt. 07/08/2025

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 **07th August, 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 through video conference.
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.

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11.	Dr. Raman Ghungralekar , The Director, Directorate of AYUSH, Maharashtra State, Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority & Dr. Prashant Dalvi, Associate Professor at R. A. Podar Medical College Ayu. Worli Mumbai. (Present – In Person).	:	Present through video conference.
12.	The Member Secretary of the Maharashtra Council of Agriculture Education and Research , Pune , Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority.	:	Absent.
13.	Dr. Rajendra Bangal, Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Science Nashik, Invitee Member of Fees Regulating Authority & Dr. Prakash Patil, Deputy Registrar, M.U.H.S. Nashik.	:	Present through video conference.
14.	Dr. Arjun Chikhale I.A.S, Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority.	:	Present.

Item No.1: To confirm the minutes of the meeting dated 06th August, 2025 of Fees Regulating Authority.

"Discussed.

The minutes of the meeting dated 06th August, 2025 are confirmed and approved".

Item No. 2: To consider the proposals for approval of fees for the academic year 2025-2026.

"Discussed.

After examining the proposals and the documents submitted in support of the proposals, the fees of the Institutes/Colleges mentioned below have been finalised as under:-

Sr. No.	Code	Name of the Institute	Course	Fee Approved for the A.Y 2025-2026 Per student
58	BAMS0823	Kai Digamber Bhanudasrao Lolge Ayurved Mahavidyalay, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,72,000/- Confirmed
			2025-26	1,72,000/-

Sr. No.	Code	Name of the Institute	Course	Fee Approved for the A.Y 2025-2026 Per student
59	BAMS03148	Anjaneya Ayurved College and Hospital, Nashik	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,65,000/- Confirmed
			2025-26	1,65,000/-
60	BAMS71250	Pradip Patil Ayurvedic Medical College, Khutalwadi , Kolhapur.	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,65,000/- Confirmed
			2025-26	1,65,000/-
61	BAMS03140	Sulochana Belhekar Samajik va Bahuuddeshiya Shikshan Sanstha, P. V. Belhekar Ayurved Medical College, Ahmednagar	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,75,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2025-26	1,76,000/-
62	BAMS3141	Matoshri Ayurved College, Dhanore	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,52,000/- Confirmed
			2024-25	1,52,000/- Confirmed
			2025-26	1,52,000/-
63	BAMS03396	Mahesh Ayurved College, Beed	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,68,000/- Confirmed
			2025-26	1,68,000/-
64	BAMS03142	Jaywant Institute Of Medical Sciences, Sangli	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,75,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2025-26	1,75,000/-


Sr. No.	Code	Name of the Institute	Course	Fee Approved for the A.Y 2025-2026 Per student
65	BAMS3399	Dr. K. D. Shendge Ayurvedic Medical College & Shendge Hospital and Research Center Omerga, Osmanabad	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,75,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2025-26	1,75,000/-
66	BAMS3135	Rukmini Ayurvedic Medical College, Ahmednagar	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,71,500/- Confirmed
			2025-26	1,71,500/-
67	BAMS0810	Smt. Sumitrabai Thakare Ayurvedic College, Yavatmal	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,71,500/- Confirmed
			2025-26	1,71,500/-
68	BAMS03137	Shri. Prakashchand Jain Ayurvedic Medical College, Hospital & Research, Jalgaon.	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,73,000/- Confirmed
			2025-26	1,73,000/-
69	BAMS03138	Indian Institute Of Medical Sciences Ayurved College, Nashik.	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,75,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2025-26	1,75,000/-

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Sr. No.	Code	Name of the Institute	Course	Fee Approved for the A.Y 2025-2026 Per student
70	BAMS03139	Vardhman Education & Welfare Society's Ahinsa Institute Of Ayurveda, Dhule	B.A.M.S	
			2023-24	1,65,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2024-25	1,75,000/- Adhoc Confirmed
			2025-26	1,78,000/-
71	BAMS0024	Dr. Vandanatai J. Dhone Gramin Ayurved Mahavidyalaya, Akola	B.A.M.S	1,66,000/-
			B.A.M.S. P.G	2,20,000/-
72	BAMS03199	Shivajirao Pawar Ayurvedic Medical College and Research Center, Ahmednagar	B.A.M.S	1,66,000/-

Note:

1. 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 'Profiteering' 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 to twice the amount taken in excess of the fees as determined by the Fees Regulating Authority.
3. 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 is liable to be returned to the concerned student/s.
 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.
 5. 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 is 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.
 6. **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 institutions. 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.**
 7. 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.
 8. 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.
 9. The students and/or their parents may lodge a complaint against the 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
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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".

Date: 07th August, 2025

Place: Mumbai


(Dr. Arjun Chikhale, I.A.S)
Member Secretary
Fees Regulating Authority
State of Maharashtra

FEES REGULATING AUTHORITY - 2025-26, Mumbai

305, Govt. Polytechnic Building, Ali Yawar Jung Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051 (M.S.), INDIA

Review Application for Academic Year 2025-26

Sr. No.	Inst Id	Institute Name	Stream	Proposed Fee	FRA Approved Fee	Review Status
1	BAMS0810	SMT.SUMITRABAI THAKARE AYURVEDIC COLLEGE,YAVATMAL	BAMS	185000	171500	Y

Applicant Details

Name of the Institute	SMT.SUMITRABAI THAKARE AYURVEDIC COLLEGE,YAVATMAL		
Address	PLOT NO.P-2,P-3,MIDC AREA,DARWHA ROAD,YAVATMAL,YAVATMAL, YAVATMAL		
Mobile	9765033585	Email Id	sstac.ytl@gmail.com
Contact Person Name	DrKiran Bhanudas Khandare	Designation	Principal
Brief Application on which review is brought	To. Competent Authority, Fee Regulating Authority, Mumbai. Subject: - Regarding review of sanction fees A.Y.2025-26 of Smt. Sumitrabai Thakare Ayurvedic College, Yavatmal (BAMS0810). Respected Sir /Mam, As per sanction letter of fees for the year 2025-26 wide meeting held on 07.08.2025. The following discrepancy needs to be review. 1. Fees collected from the students admitted under NRI/Management quota over and above re		

Review Application Payment Details 2025-26

Sr. No.	Inst Id	Institute Name	Course	Review Fee Paid	Bank	Date of Payment	Transaction Status
1	BAMS0810	SMT.SUMITRABAI THAKARE AYURVEDIC COLLEGE,YAVATMAL	BAMS	50000.0		2025-08-14 11:35:25	success



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No./Notice/1058 /2025

Date: 31/07/2025

NOTICE

Read :

1. Authority resolution dated 19/03/2018 about multiple structure fees.
2. Authority resolution dated 07/08/2018 (Clarification of decision dated 19/03/2018)
3. Authority Resolution dated 24/04/2024 on Multiple Fees for PG Medical Courses- (Ref. to Letter dated 24/04/2018 from Deputy Secretary, Medical Education and Drugs Department, Mumbai).
4. Authority resolution dated 24/04/2025.
5. Authority Resolution dated 16/07/2025 on PG Medical Courses (Modification of decision dated 24/04/2025).

The Authority is receiving complaints against the Institutes/ Colleges alleging demand of fees more than the fees prescribed for admission under Management/ Institutional Quota or N.R.I Quota.

In view of ref. no. 5, the course-wise maximum fees which can be charged from the students securing admission under Management/Institutional Quota or N.R.I Quota by the Institute/Colleges is notified as under:-

Health & Sciences (U.G Courses)

Sr. No.	Course	Fees to be charged by the Institutions/Colleges From the students admitted for		
		Institutional/ Management Seat	N.R.I Seat	For Against N.R.I. Seat
1.	Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S)	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees
2.	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (B.D.S.)	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees
3.	Bachelor of Ayurved Medicine and Surgery (B.A.M.S.)	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees



Sr. No.	Course	Institutional/ Management Seat	N.R.I Seat	Against N.R.I. Seat
4.	Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S.)	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees
5.	Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.PTH.)	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees
6.	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees
7.	Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery (B.U.M.S.)	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees

Health & Sciences (P.G Courses)

Sr. No.	Course	Fees to be charged by the Institutions/ Colleges from the students admitted for		
		Institutional/ Management Seat	N.R.I Seat	Against N.R.I. Seat
1.	Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Master of Surgery (M.S.)	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees
2.	Master of Dental Surgery (M.D.S.)	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees
3.	Master of Ayurved Medicine and Surgery (PG-Ayurved)	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees
4.	Master of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery (PG-Homoeopathy)	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees
5.	Master of Physiotherapy (M.PTH.)	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees
6.	Master of Occupational Therapy	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees
7.	Master of Unani Medicine and Surgery (PG-Unani)	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 04 times of the regular fees



Higher & Technical Courses

Sr. No.	Courses	Fees to be charged by the Institutions/Colleges From the students admitted for		
		Institutional/ Management Seat	N.R.I Seat	Against N.R.I. Seat
1	Under Graduate Courses	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees
2	Post Graduate Courses	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees

Agriculture Courses

Sr. No.	Courses	Fees to be charged by the Institutions/Colleges From the students admitted for		
		Institutional/ Management Seat	N.R.I Seat	Against N.R.I. Seat
1	Under Graduate Courses	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees
2	Post Graduate Courses	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 05 times of the regular fees	Upper limit of 03 times of the regular fees

All the Institutes/Colleges are directed to take note that demanding or charging fees more than the fees prescribed by the Authority amounts to violation of provision of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulations of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as 'said Act 2015') and liable for penal action as provided u/s. 20 of the said Act 2015. In order to avoid the penal consequences, the Institutes/Colleges are directed not to indulged into any act of demanding, charging or collecting fees more than the fees prescribed by the Authority from the regular students as well as students admitted under Institutional or N.R.I. Quota. The breach of provision would be dealt seriously and appropriate action shall be taken against the Institutions/Colleges violating the provision of the said Act of 2015.

If any demand of fees more than the fees prescribed, is made by the Institute or any Institute has charged the fees more than the fees prescribed by the Authority then such students or their parents are requested to lodge complaint in the office of Fees Regulating Authority in writing or may send complaint to Authority through Grievance Portal i.e. www.mahafra.org or by sending complaint through e-mail id i.e. fragrievance@gmail.com



The Institutes/colleges are further directed to take note that as provided u/s. 14 (4) of said Act of 2015 the course wise fees approved by the Fees Regulating Authority must be displayed on its notice board as well as website of the Institutes/colleges in Marathi and English and incase of Linguistic Minority Institution the fees shall also be displayed in the language of the Minority to which such Institutions belongs.

As provided u/s. 14(5) of the said Act of 2015 no Institution is entitled to collect the fees more than one year fee from the candidate in the academic year and collection of fees of more than one year in an academic year shall be construed as collection of capitation fee. The act of demanding fees or collecting the fees of more than one year from the candidate in an academic year liable for penal consequence.

All concerned to take note accordingly.



Arjun Chikhale
(Dr. Arjun Chikhale IAS)
Member Secretary
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STATE OF MAHARASHTRA



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(Part-II)

Minutes of Meeting of Authority

Dt.28/08/2024

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 **28th August, 2024** 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 representative Shri. Harivijay Shinde Jt. Director, Shikshan Shulka Samiti.	:	Present.
10.	Commissioner Medical Education (M.S), Ex-Officio Member of Fees Regulating Authority representative Dr. Sunil Lilani O.S.D, Directorate of Medical Education & Research.	:	Present.

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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 for a day.
13.	Shri.S.Ramamoorthy,I.A.S., Member Secretary of Fees Regulating Authority.	:	Present .

Item No.6:
(ii)

Any other subject with the permission of the Chair.

To consider and take measures to check the menace of exploitation of the students by making demands and forcing them to pay hefty sum in the name of various deposits, fees, caution money at the time of admissions of the students.

"Discussed.

The Authority has noticed that inspite of giving repeated directions to the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions running the Health Science Courses (i.e. M.B.B.S, M.D / M.S, D.M/M.CH., B.D.S/M.D.S, B.A.M.S, B.A.M.S.P.G, B.H.M.S, B.H.M.S.P.G, B.U.M.S, B.U.M.S.P.G, B.Pth, M.Pth, B.Sc. (Nursing), P.B.Sc. (Nursing) and M.Sc. (Nursing) the Management running such Colleges have not mend their conduct and continued to charge hefty sum in the name of Caution Money, Library Fees/Deposit, Gymkhana Fees/Deposit, Laboratory Fees/Deposit, Hostel Deposit, Mess Deposit, fees of students Association, etc. The students are compelled to pay such amount at the time of taking admissions. The Authority has come across some instances where the Students were denied admissions to meet the exorbitant demand of payment of such extra fees, charges and Caution Money.

The Authority is of the firm view that the demand of Caution Money and Other Deposits can be raised only after the admissions process is completed and the admissions are confirmed. No student can be denied for admission on the ground that he/she has not paid the caution money, deposits including mess and hostel charges. The Authority is also of the view that hostel facility to be provided by the Institute/College should be optional and no student is compelled to take admission in the hostel of the Institutes/colleges. Similar is the position about the mess charges.

On 27/08/2024 while considering the proposal of one of the Medical College running M.B.B.S course for approval of fees for the academic year 2024-2025, the Authority has noticed that the institute has exorbitantly charged and collected huge sum in the name of deposit and various fees. The Institute has collected Rs. 3,00,000/- per students as a caution money & other charges/fees. The Audited Financial Statements of the institute reflect that in the financial year 2022-2023 the institute has collected Rs. 4.5 crores from the students under the head of caution money. The sum of Rs. 15,12,60,633/- shown as deposits and the Institute was earning the interest

income from the deposit collected by way of caution money and other refundable deposits. In the books of account of the Institute the Institute has shown the profit of Rs. 11.32 crores from Hostel activities against the total Hostel income of Rs. 15.32 crores during the financial year 2022-2023 which is astronomically high.

While examining the websites of different institutes/colleges, the Authority has noticed that some of the institutes are collecting hefty sum in the name of various fees other than the fees approved by the Authority such as Association fees, Study material, Caution money deposit, etc. The Authority has directed the Institutes to provide the information of the fees, other deposits and charges they have collected from the students. The subject was earlier discussed in the meeting of the Authority held on 17/03/2021 and the then Authority had resolved as under;

1. *While examining websites of different colleges and institutes, many startling facts involving the collection of excess fees came to the notice of FRA. It has been observed that under the head "Caution Money Deposit", hefty amounts ranging from fifty thousand to two lakh are collected. Under the head "Library Deposit", sums in the range of forty thousand to one lakh are collected. Moreover, deposits are taken under heads such as "Students Association", "Student Welfare", "College Kit", "Security Deposit" and so on.*

2. *One college came up with the novel idea of forming a "Doctors' Club" and has proposed to collect a deposit of one lakh under the said head. Such deposits are retained till completion of the course. The deposits so collected from students pursuing MBBS course are retained by the college, without interest, over a period of 4 1/2 years. In some cases, the students, apart from being required to pay fees of 10 lakh or more, are also required to shell out 3 to 4 lakh more towards deposits. When room rent and mess charges for any year are already collected, deposits there against (hostel deposits, mess deposits) are additionally collected.*

Examples: (drawn from respective college website):

- A) *The approved fee structure more than 8 lakh. Additional collection: Library Deposit 10,000, Laboratory Deposit 40,000, Caution Money 2,00,000/- (all refundable). Hostel Fee 1,00,000/- Mess Fee 50,000/-, Hostel Deposit 50,000/-, Mess Deposit 25,000/-, Doctors' Club Lifetime Membership 1,00,000/-. Thus, in addition to the regular fee of a little over 8 lakh, students are required to cough up 5,75,000/-. The college retains 4,25,000 without interest from each student over a period of 4 1/2 years. This is not only a case of profiteering; it is fleecing.*
- B) *The second college has quoted an adhoc fee of 7,25,000 for UG course. There are other charges quoted, like Admission Processing Fee, Library Fee, Hostel Fee, Mess Charges, Laundry Charges, Gymkhana/Indoor Games, Study Material, Administrative Expenses etc. which total up to 6,58,500. They are collected through two separate demand drafts. One is for 7,25,000 and the other is for 3,77,000 (+either 85,000 or 1,25,000 or 2,00,000 depending upon room occupancy). Admission Processing Fees of 1500 is demanded in cash although it is a part of the regular fee and collection in cash is prohibited. That means the student choosing a college having a fee structure of 7, 25,000 is required to additionally pay 3, 77,000, which results in an aggregate fee of 11,02,000. In addition to this, a student has to pay 85,000 or 1,25,000 or 2,00,000 towards room rent. Thus the total amount required to be paid by a student ranges from 11,87,000 to 13,02,000.*
- C) *Yet another, the third, the college has an approved fee structure of 8,30,000. It proposes to collect additional fees like Admission Fee at 1500, Caution Money 1,00,000/- at Library Fee at 50,000, Gymkhana fee at 8,000, Student*

Association at 20,000, Hostel Caution Money at 60,000 and Hostel Fee at 60,000. The following heads namely Admission Fee, Library Fee, Gymkhana Fee are already included in the format of the fee proposal and cannot be charged separately. Further, there is no reason to claim the Student Association fee separately. It should be incorporated in the fees proposal itself. The college has declared that hostel is compulsory for all the admitted students, although MBBS is not a residential course.

- D) The college conducting BAMS course has proposed to collect large sums towards various deposits and also club membership fees of Rs.75,000/-.
- E) The college conducting BDS course proposed caution money of Rs. 1,50,000/- for UG and Rs. 1,55,000/- of the students in PG course.

3. Observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of P.A. Inamdar (2005) para 140 — which depicts the ground reality are reproduced below .

"Capitation fee cannot be permitted to be charged and no seat can be permitted to be appropriated by payment of capitation fee. "Profession" has to be distinguished from "business" or a mere "occupation". While in business, and to a certain extent in occupation, there is a profit motive, profession is primarily a service to society wherein earning is secondary or incidental. A student who gets a professional degree by payment of capitation fee, once qualified as a professional, is likely to aim more at earning rather than serving and that becomes a bane to society. The charging of capitation fee by unaided minority and nonminority institutions for professional courses is just not permissible. Similarly, profiteering is also not permissible. Despite the legal position, this court cannot shut its eyes to the hard realities of commercialisation of education and evil practices being adopted by many institutions to earn large amounts for their private or selfish ends If capitation fee and profiteering is to be checked the method of admission has to be regulated so that the admissions are based on merit and transparency and the students are not exploited. It is permissible to regulate admission and fee structure for achieving the purpose just stated(emphasis supplied.)

The colleges have been, individually as also generally, put to notice and asked to offer their remarks/justification relating to collecting hefty amounts under different heads, besides regular approved fees.

The gist of the replies is thus —

- a) The amount of caution money is decided by the management. It is towards the security of the college property.
- b) Library and laboratory deposits are collected as security amounts from which the cost of books lost or laboratory equipment damaged at the hands of a student can be recovered.
- c) Amount collected under head Student Association/Welfare Activity is utilized for that purpose.

The term caution money means security deposit. In case of any damage to college property caused by a student, the same can be recovered from the said fund. It seems that even schools/colleges/institutes run by the Government, Semi-Government or Local Authorities collect such deposits; however, they are token or nominal amounts. It is the view of the FRA that deposits under so-called heads are prima facie exorbitant and exploitative. Collecting amounts of 2 to 4 lakh from each student and retaining them till completion of the course without interest is another way of profiteering. While there are no specific rules on this subject, there are no rules either whereunder such acts can be justified. Omission or absence of rules cannot operate as a license to indulge in arbitrariness, placing a heavy financial burden on the students.

The Regulator cannot be a mute spectator to the above state of affairs. The purpose for which regulatory mechanism has been put in place has been explained by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Modern Dental College v/s State of Madhya Pradesh* (2016) quoted below .

Para 65: "Thus, in *T.M.A. Pai Foundation, P.A. Inamdar and Unni Krishnan*, profiteering and commercialisation of education has been abhorred. The basic thread of reasoning in the above judgments is that educational activity is essentially charitable in nature and that commercialisation or profiteering through it is impermissible. The said activity subserves the looming larger public interest of ensuring that the nation develops and progresses on the strength of its highly educated citizenry. As such, this Court has been of the view that while balancing the fundamental rights of both minority and non-minority Institutions, it is imperative that high standard of education is available to all meritorious candidates. It has also been felt that the only way to achieve this goal, recognising the private participation in this welfare goal, is to ensure that there is no commercialisation or profiteering by educational institutions

4. The fees is defined under section 2(g) of the Act. It reads as under :

"Fees" means the amount fixed as fee which includes 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 at such institution, but excludes any charges payable towards use of any optional hostel accommodation, mess charges and Students Insurance Fees"

The words "by whatsoever name called and accepted in whichever manner, that is made payable to a Private Professional Educational Institution, for whatever purpose" indicate that any amount collected by the college from the students for any purpose or under any head falls within the definition of fees. The purpose behind such a provision is to ensure transparency and accountability. While submitting the fees proposal, the college has full liberty to claim the entire student-related expenditure, towards which, 153 heads are provided in the online format. Apart from the 153 heads, there is a residuary head titled 'any other expenses'. Thus, any college has an unfettered choice to claim expenditure. That being so, there should not be any reason to artificially create different heads and thereby indulge in profiteering. The purpose of having one set of fees is to ensure that the entire expenditure incurred under whatever head undergoes scrutiny by the Regulator to preclude the possibility of unjust gain.

5. It has been noticed that the colleges have announced hostel fees. In some cases, they are exorbitant. It is not clarified whether the stay in the hostel is optional or compulsory. Medical Council asserts that they need to maintain a hostel that can accommodate 70% of the students' strength. This does not mean that they can make the stay in the hostel compulsory for the students who are prosecuting a nonresidential course. Collecting in advance, hostel charges and mess charges, for the whole year and asking the students, at the same time, to place substantial sums towards hostel and mess deposits is unfair and unjust.
6. As regards prescribed university fees, the college can collect the same for passing on to the university concerned. While submitting the fees proposal, the amount so collected shall be shown on the income side.

Simultaneously, the said amount can be shown on the expenditure side (having been paid to the university) and thus can be claimed.

7. What emerges from the above is :

The practice followed by Unaided Private Professional Colleges/institutes to collect hefty amounts of deposits under whatever name called and retain it without interest till the completion of the course by students is unfair/unjust and smacks of profiteering. Deposits under the heads like Caution Money, Laboratory, Library and Hostel shall be reasonable and shall in no case exceed double the deposits taken by a government college under the respective head. Taking deposits under any other artificially created head needs to be discouraged.

It is desired that the colleges/institutes engaged in the noble profession of imparting education should come clean and ensure transparency in the matter of collection of each penny. Let wisdom prevail so that necessary amends are made by them suo-motu obviating coercive steps by the Regulator".

The above quoted decision which was taken by the Authority after thorough analysis of data obtained from the institutes and information uploaded from the websites of such Institutes/Colleges clearly reflect that some of the Institutes are indulging into act of profiteering by coercive students to pay such hefty amount at the time of admissions. Before taking the decision in the meeting dated 17/03/2021 the Institutes/Colleges were offered opportunity to submit their response to justify the huge collection of amount in the name of various charges and deposits. The responses received from the institute were duly considered & discussed in the meeting of Authority held on 17/03/2021. After considering such responses/replies the above quoted decision was taken to offer suo moto opportunity to Institutes/Colleges to mend their conduct. However, it is unfortunate that inspite of giving clear cut indication that if such Institutes/Colleges not amend their conduct and continue to indulged in such act of charging heavy sum in the name of deposit and other charges then the Authority will be constrained to take strict regulatory measure still some of the institutes/colleges have continued to indulged into the act of profiteering by charging hefty sum in the name of other charges and deposits.

In view of above quoted decision of the then Authority and the direction given by the Authority to the institute/colleges it was expected on their part to act on their own and not to indulge into act of profiteering by charging hefty sum in the name by caution money and various deposits. However, such colleges/institutes have not mend their conduct and continued to charge students heavily under the pretext of various deposits.

The issue of charging hefty sum and the caution money to the tune of Rs.100 crore collected by the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institution not being refunded to students was also raised in the Assembly by one of the Hon'ble Member of the Legislative Assembly.



Vide Memorandum dated 03/02/2022 issued by National Medical Commission (NMC) the directions were issued to institute/colleges to refrain from charging 'exorbitant' deposit from the students. However, some of the Institutes/Colleges have continued to follow the practice to charge hefty sum in the name of Caution Money and other deposit which is evident from the fees structure and other deposit displayed on the website of such Institutes of the academic years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. The National Medical Commission (NMC) has given specific direction that interest amount earned by colleges on such deposits should be taken into account while calculation of institute expenses. It is further observed that Fees Regulatory Authority to fix a ceiling rates to collect such deposits.

In Para 18, 21 & 22 of the Memorandum the National Medical Commission (NMC) has observed as under:

*"18. Most of the private medical colleges take a security deposit/caution money deposit from the students for meeting any loss caused by them to the college property or equipment. Such deposits are normally refundable and are invested in fixed deposits on which interest is earned. The amount of deposits should not be taken into account for calculating the fee. The amount of such deposits should not be exorbitant. Also, the income earned from the deposits by way of interest may be deducted from the operating costs for arriving at the fee for medical courses. In order to prevent excessive charging, the Fee Regulatory Authority could, at its discretion, ask for information on this subject from a college at the time of determination of its fee structure. The **State Fee Regulatory Authority** could also fix ceiling rates for all such deposits by a college and require a college to post a detailed break-up of such deposits on its website.*

21. Hostel, mess, transport, library, and examination fees etc. could be arrived at broadly based on the actual expenses incurred for providing these services and the number of students availing these facilities. Expenses which are common and not directly identifiable should be apportioned on equitable basis to different activities for arriving at the cost of providing different facilities. Utilizing the hostel, mess and transport facilities by students is entirely optional and students who do not utilize these facilities are not to be charged for them.

22. In respect of hostel rent, it should be left to the State Fee Regulatory Authority to decide whether the hostel rent should not exceed the municipal rental value or fair rental value in that area. However, other facilities like 24 hours security, facilities for sport activities etc. in the hostel could also be considered before coming to a decision".



In view of the conduct and attitude of some of the Institutes it is high time to stop such activities to collect huge amount under the guise of caution money, other deposits and charges and thereby indulged into act of profiteering. It is therefore necessary to act as per earlier decision taken by the Authority to take coercive measures and act as per directions given by the National Medical Commission (NMC) vide office Memorandum dated 03/02/2022, as some of the Institutes continued to charge hefty sum under the name of caution money deposit etc.

In order to put a cap on collection of amount from the students in the name of caution money, library deposit, laboratory deposit etc., the Authority in its meeting held on 31/08/2023 discussed the subject and requested the Commissioner of Medical Education Government of Maharashtra State to suggest the amount to be considered as reasonable to be charged and collected from the students as a caution money, library deposit, laboratory deposit etc; from the students admitted in Unaided Private Professional Educational Institution running the Health and Sciences courses.

The Commissioner of Medical Education Government of Maharashtra State vide letter dated 12/09/2023 informed the Authority that in the Government Aided College the amount of Rs. 2,000/- is accepted as a one-time deposit at the time of admission and same is to be refunded at the completion of course and amount of Rs. 1,000/- per year charged as library fees. The said amount was decided as per Government resolution dated 01/03/2011. He has also stated that the process of reviewing the said amount is under consideration of the Government. The Commissioner of Medical Education Government of Maharashtra State has also expressed that in terms 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 Unaided Institutions are not entitled to charge any fees over and above the fees approved by the Authority and therefore such Institutes may not be allowed to collect any fees over and above the fees approved by the Authority.

In the facts and circumstances mentioned above the Authority is constrained to invoke its power conferred under the provisions of said Act of 2015 and implement the direction given by National Medical Commission (NMC) vide office Memorandum dated 03/02/2022 to put ceiling over the collection of amount from the students as caution money and other deposits/charges in order to stop the exploitation of the students and further prohibit such Institutes/colleges running Health Science courses from indulging into act of profiteering by charging and compelling the students to pay exorbitant amount under the nomenclature of caution money, other deposits/charges, etc; Hence, the following directions are issued to all Un-aided Private Professional Colleges running Health Science courses within the State of Maharashtra and falling under the regulatory jurisdiction of STATE FEES REGULATORY AUTHORITY constituted under the act of 2015.



1. All the Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions within the Regulatory jurisdiction of State Fees Regulatory Authority of Maharashtra are directed,

- a) not to charge and collect, from any student admitted to Health Science Courses, any amount over and above the fees approved by the Authority as fees defined u/s. 2(g) of the said Act of 2015,
- b) not to charge the Caution Money or deposit in whatsoever name from the students exceeding the upper limit prescribed below;

Sr. No	Name of the course	Upper limit prescribed (Rs.)
1	M.B.B.S	50,000/-
2	M.D/M.S	50,000/-
3	Super Speciality (D.M/M.Ch)	50,000/-
4	B.D.S	40,000/-
5	B.D.S.P.G	40,000/-
6	B.A.M.S	25,000/-
7	B.A.M.S.P.G	25,000/-
8	B.H.M.S	25,000/-
9	B.H.M.S.P.G	25,000/-
10	B.U.M.S	10,000/-
11	B.U.M.S.P.G	10,000/-
12	B.PTH	20,000/-
13	M.PTH	20,000/-
14	B.Sc.(Nursing)	10,000/-
15	M.Sc.(Nursing)	10,000/-
16	P.B.Sc. (Nursing)	10,000/-

- c) the amount collected from the students as refundable caution money shall be kept in separate bank account and be periodically invested with Nationalised Bank. The interest accrued on such deposits to be shown in the accounts of the Institute offered for fee fixation as a separate head of income,
- d) all the amounts collected from the students towards fees, deposit, etc, except development fees, shall be credited in the bank accounts of the Institute and same should be reflected in the books of accounts of the Institutes/Colleges at all times,
- e) no amount collected as caution money or other refundable deposit be transferred to account of the Trust and should be reflected in the balance sheet of the Institute/College,
- f) the refundable amount of deposit collected as caution money or any other refundable amount with whatsoever name should be regularly refunded to individual student after adjusting any amount legally recoverable from such amount within ninety (90) days of completion of the course to such students without insisting to make application for refund of amount,
- g) no student shall be insisted or compelled to pay the amount other than the fees approved by the Authority, such as the Caution Money or

any other fees, charges /deposit etc. in whatsoever name at the time of taking admission,


- h) the Institute may collect the amount of Caution Money not exceeding the upper limit prescribed by the Authority only after the admission of the student is finalised by providing the reasonable time to deposit such amount,
- i) the facilities like hostel, mess being optional facilities, no student shall be compelled to pay the fees and deposit relating to hostel, mess and services related to hostel at the time of taking admission,
- j) the students shall be provided reasonable time after the admission to pay the fees of hostel, mess & services related to hostel if he/she opt to avail such services,
- k) the amount of hostel rent and mess charges and deposit shall be reasonable and no exorbitant demand to be made from the student,
- l) the guidelines prescribed by the National Medical Commission vide Memorandum dated 03/02/2022 shall be followed in letter and spirit while fixing the hostel rent and mess charges,

- 2. The directions given above shall come into force with immediate effect.
- 3. The directions given above are mandatory and shall be strictly followed by all the institutes/colleges running Health Sciences Courses. The breach and violation of any such direction would be viewed seriously and the Management running such institution will be liable for action u/s 20 of said Act of 2015.
- 4. The copy of the minutes be sent to all the Institutes/colleges for information and implementation.
- 5. The copy of the minutes also be forwarded to Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), Nashik, Commissioner Medical Education, Government of Maharashtra, Commissioner State Common Entrance Test Cell, Mumbai, Secretary Admissions Regulating Authority, Mumbai, to oversee the direction issued by the Authority.
- 6. The direction given above shall come into force with immediate effect.

Let the follow up action be taken accordingly".

Date: 28th August, 2024

Place: Mumbai



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State of Maharashtra**