

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T**

Higher Education – Fixation of fee structure for Engineering Programmes (B.Tech., Engineering programmes) offered by the Private Un-Aided Professional Higher Education Institutions (Engineering Colleges) in the State of Andhra Pradesh for Academic Year (AY) 2024-25 – Enhancement of minimum fee from Rs.40,000/- to Rs.43,000/- - Notification – Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (R.M) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.23

Dated:18.07.2024.
Read the following:-

1. G.O. Ms.No.17, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated: 07.07.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.18, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated: 10.07.2024.
3. G.O.Ms.No.21, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated: 16.07.2024.
4. Hon'ble High Court orders dt:12.07.2024 in W.P.No.14755 of 2024.
5. Representation dt:12.07.2024 received from Chairman, KKR & KSR Institute of Technology & Sciences, Vinjanampadu(v), Vatticherukur(M), Guntur
6. Representation dt:15.07.2024 received from Chairman, KITS AKSHAR Institute of Technology, Guntur District.
7. Representation dt:15.07.2024 received from President, Andhra Pradesh Private Engineering Colleges Managements' Association, Vijayawada.

ORDER:-

In the G.Os. 1st, 2nd& 3rd read above, orders were issued notifying the tentative fee for B.tech & B.Arch Engineering colleges for the AY 2024-25, duly fixing the minimum fee of Rs.40,000/- as proposed by the APHERMC in its 92nd Meeting on 19.07.2023, subject to outcome of Writ Appeals pending before the Hon'ble High Court.

2. The KKR & KSR Institute of Technology & Sciences, KITS Akshar Institute of Technology, Eswar College of Engineering & NRI Institute of Technology have filed WP No. 14755 of 2024 in A.P. High Court requesting the Hon'ble Court to issue an appropriate writ more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the G.O. Ms. No. 17 (HE) Department, dated 07.07.2024 whereby and where under, the Government had accepted there commendations forwarded by the 2nd Respondent Commission dated 19.07.2023 instead of the one which were forwarded on 16.06.2023 with regard to fee structure for the block period 2024-25 to the detriment of the private unaided Engineering Colleges in the State by reducing minimum fee as Rs. 40,000/- wherein the previous academic year is Rs.45,000/-, as being as being not only arbitrary, illegal and violative of Articles 14 and 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution of India but also issued without proper application of mind and ignoring the earlier directions.

3. In the ref.4th read above, the Hon'ble High court, while disposing the case, in its order dt:12.07.2024 have issued order in W.P.NO.14755 of 2024 as follows:

"6. If the petitioners' colleges wish to voice their grievance, they can approach the Government to review the decision of the 2nd respondent-Commissioner as provided under Section 20 of Regulatory Monitoring Commission Act 20/2019, upon filing of such application / representation, the 1st respondent is hereby directed to aim at and to review the grievances in a timely manner (not later than 2 weeks) from the date of receipt of the application/representation from the petitioners' colleges after giving an opportunity of hearing.

(P.T.O)

7. Accordingly, the present Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous Petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed."

4. In the references 5th, 6th & 7th read above, 2 petitioners out of 4 petitioners of said WP, and A.P. Private Engineering Colleges Managements' Association, while referring the above court order, have represented the 1st respondent (Secy., to Govt., HED) to notify the fee as per recommendations of APHERMC dated: 16.06.2023.

5. After hearing the above petitioners and keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble Court in its orders dt.03.07.2024 in WANo.197/2024 & batch, and also order Dt.12.07.2024 in WPNNo.14755/2024, Government have considered that it is appropriate to fix the minimum fee of Rs.43,000/- for B.Tech and B.Arch programmes provided by the private un-aided Engineering Colleges in the State, instead of Rs.40,000/- as ordered vide G.Os 1st, 2nd & 3rd read above, in view of the fact that the minimum fee for last academic year 2023-24 was Rs. 43,000/- and parity must be restored with last year for the colleges to manage the increased expenditure on account of inflation.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby issues the following Notification which shall be published in the Andhra Pradesh Extra-Ordinary Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 7 of Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No.5 of 1983), the Government hereby notify the minimum tentative fee of Rs.43,000/- for B.Tech and B.Arch Engineering Programmes, offered by the Private Un-Aided Professional Higher Education Institutions (Engineering Colleges) in the state of Andhra Pradesh for Academic Year (AY) 2024-25 subject to outcome of Writ Appeals pending before the Hon'ble High Court, instead of Rs.40,000/- as already notified vide (1) G.O.Ms.No.17, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated: 07.07.2024, (2) G.O.Ms.No.18, Higher Education(R.M) Department, dated: 10.07.2024, and (3) G.O.Ms.No.21, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated: 16.07.2024. Accordingly, the figure Rs.40000/- wherever appears in the said GOs shall be read as Rs.43000/-.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**SAURABH GAUR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery, Vijayawada (with a request to publish in the next Ex-ordinary Gazette and supply 300 copies immediately)
The Member Secretary (FAC), Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission, Tadepalli, Guntur District
The Secretary, A.P. State Council for Higher Education, Mangalagiri
The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, A.P., Mangalagiri
The Commissioner of Technical Education, A.P., Mangalagiri
All Vice-Chancellors of Universities in the State under the administrative control of Higher Education Department
All the Collectors and District Magistrates in the State
All the Registrars of Universities in the State under the administrative control of Higher Education Department

Copy to:-

The P.S. to Spl.Chief Secretary to C.M.
The OSD to Minister (Human Resource Development)
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