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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATORY AND MONITORING COMMISSION RELATING TO THE REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF FEE STRUCTURE FOR M.TECH COURSES, IN THE PRIVATE UN-AIDED PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOR THE BLOCK PERIOD 2020-21 TO 2022-23.

The Commission met on **15.12.2020, 17.12.2020, 18.12.2020, 19.12.2020 and 21.12.2020** in the Office of the Commission and the meeting was attended by the following Members:

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
1.	Justice V.Eswaraiah	Chairperson
2.	Prof. N. Bhargava Rama Mohan Rao	Vice-Chairperson
3.	Dr. N. Rajasekhar Reddy	Member Secretary & CEO
4.	Prof. D.Usha Rani	Member (Academic)
5.	CA Kaliki Vijayulu Reddy	Member (Finance)
6.	Prof. P.Vijaya Prakash	Member (Academic)
7.	Sri. Asutosh Mishra IAS., (Rtd)	Member (Administration)
8.	Dr. Santa Rao	Member (Academic)
9.	Sri A. Samaba Siva Reddy	Member (Nominee, Higher Educational Institutions)

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1. The fee proposals relating to **M.Tech** Courses for the block period 2020-21 to 2022-23 were sent to the Government by the Commission on 12.11.2020. They were returned to this Commission by the Government, vide their letter No.1282533/EC/2020 dated 11.12.2020 and No.1305857/EC/2020 dated 21.12.2020, to relook and review the fee proposals. The Commission met on 15.12.2020, 17.12.2020, 18.12.2020, 19.12.2020 and 21.12.2020 re-looked and revised the proposals keeping in view certain perspectives as delineated below.

2. The Commission notes that for the block period 2019-20 to 2021-22 a notification for determining the fee structures in respect of the aforementioned courses was issued in September, 2018 and the fee proposals were sent for notification for one (1) academic year i.e., 2019-20 under special circumstances. A fresh notification was issued by the Commission for submitting fee proposals for the next block period of three (3) years i.e., 2020-21 to 2022-23. The fee proposals were finalised by the Commission and sent to the Government for notification vide its resolution dated 12.11.2020. The said notification was questioned by some of the colleges in W.P.No.13541 of 2020 but all the colleges have participated in the fee determination exercise for the block period 2020-21 to 2022-23.
3. The views of the Government have been carefully considered by the Commission. The Commission took note of the fact that of the serious Covid-19 pandemic situation which has adversely affected normal life during the major part of the current calendar year 2020. On education front, the academic year for 2020-21 has been severely disrupted and the admission process for the 1st year students has not yet begun even after lapse of six (6) months of the normal academic session and the colleges have not been functioning physically since March, 2020. Therefore, there would be minimal operational and administrative expenditure incurred by the college managements for the academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21. In addition, the series of lockdowns imposed for arresting the rapid spread of the Covid-19 pandemic has restricted the movement of citizens apart from slowing down of all economic activities. This has seriously dented the financial resources position of the State.
4. Keeping in view the above circumstances, Government have issued G.O.Ms.No.57, School Education (PS) Department dated 30.10.2020 relating to the fee structure of Private Un-Aided Schools/Junior Colleges on the recommendation of the A.P. School Education



Regulatory and Monitoring Commission. The Government have decided in its order to impose a reduction of 30% in the tuition fees chargeable by these institutions for the academic year 2020-21. It has accordingly been ordered that these institutions shall collect only 70% of last year's (2019-20) tuition fee from the parents'. The Government has taken these measures to reduce the financial burden on the students/parents.

5. In the light of the above, the Commission has re-considered the fee structure in respect of the private professional pharmaceutical colleges for the block period 2020-21 to 2022-23. The financial aspects have been verified by the appointed Chartered Accountants and the expenditure relating to imparting education alone are taken into account while disallowing various allowances which are not relating to imparting education.
6. The college managements have been given reasonable opportunity of personal hearing, and after hearing the colleges, the Commission has arrived the fee structure keeping in view of the provisions of the Act, Rules, Regulations and the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No. 5 of 1983), according to which the capitation fee is prohibited and the colleges cannot make any profit but it should be run as a Non-Profit Organisation.
7. As per the Admission Rules issued vide G.O.Ms.No.153, Higher Education (EC.2) Department, dated 22.09.2007, 80% of the seats are under convener quota and 20% of the seats are under management quota. Out of these management quota seats of 20%, up to 15% seats can be filled with NRI's. In respect of NRI quota, those institutions who desires to admit/admitted the students for M.Tech Courses, the fee can be charged up to \$6,000 (US dollars) per student per annum as per G.O.Ms.No.43, Higher Education (EC) Department dated 25.06.2016. The fee collected from the students admitted under the NRI quota shall



be credited to separate bank account and the same will be used only for the benefits of the students belonging to economically weaker sections and/or for increasing infrastructure facilities. The institution shall also furnish all the information pertaining to utilization of the excess fee collected for the seats meant for management quota and from NRI category students in the information memorandum which may be submitted along with fee proposals for the next block period of 3 years.

8. The Commission has arrived at the fee structure after considering various aspects, evaluation of inspection reports, worksheets, audited accounts etc and resolved to recommend the fee structure as given in **ANNEXURE (M.Tech)** for the block period 2020-21 to 2022-23 for the purpose of notifying under Section 7 of Act 5 of 1983.
9. The said fee structure may be considered and notified by the Government under section 7 of Act 5 of 1983 for the Academic years 2020-21 to 2022-23 subject to the following directions:
 - a. The fee is an all-inclusive annual fee, including tuition fee, affiliation fee, cost of identity card, medical fee, inter college/inter university sports, games & cultural meet fee, computer/internet fee, College magazine and student activities, student health care scheme, student welfare fund, study tour, alumni fund, sports and games fee, examination fee including stationery, maintenance and amenities fee, extracurricular activities fee, development fee, Recognition fee, Common Services fee and other recurring expenditure.
 - b. The aforesaid fee determined for all the Management courses for the colleges mentioned in **ANNEXURE (M.Tech)**, for the Convener Quota does not include hostel, transport, mess charges, Registration fee, admission fee and refundable deposits of library and laboratory fee.
 - c. The institutions are at liberty to collect higher fee for the management quota seats upto two times of the fee fixed and notified for the convener quota seats. The additional amount



collected shall be utilized for the development of the college, infrastructure and instructional facilities.

- d.** The minimum fee mentioned in **ANNEXURE (M.Tech)**, shall be applicable for the new Courses/Colleges sanctioned during the block period 2020-21 to 2022-23.
- e.** The same fee shall continue for the students admitted during the block period of 2020-21 to 2022-23 till they complete the course.
- f.** The institutions, whose affiliations are not extended by the affiliating Universities for the academic year 2020-21, are not entitled to collect any fee.
- g.** The institution shall not charge either directly or indirectly any other amount over and above the fee fixed in **ANNEXURE (M.Tech)**. If any other amount is charged under any other head or guise i.e., donations, the same would amount to charging of capitation fee and in that case the institution shall be liable to be prosecuted under Section 9 of Act 5 of 1983 apart from imposing appropriate penalty under the APHERMC Act, 2019 and the APHERMC Rules, 2019.
- h.** In case of any deviation from these directions, the Commission will initiate serious penal action as per the provisions of the Act and Rules made thereunder.

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