

Minutes of the Meeting of Admissions Regulating Authority held under the **Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice D. K. Deshmukh (Retd.)** on Friday, the **15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Conference Hall, Office of the Admissions Regulating Authority, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Excelsior Building, A.K. Nayak Marg, Fort, C.S.T., Mumbai – 400 001.

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Following Members of the Admissions Regulating Authority were present:

1. Dr. Ravi Bapat : Member
2. Dr. M.S. Kekre : Member
3. Dr. K.M. Kulkarni : Member
4. Dr. R.B. Mankar : Member
5. Mr. P.E. Gaikwad : Member
6. Mr. Sitaram J. Kunte : Member Secretary and Addl. Chief Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
7. Mr. A.E. Rayate : Secretary, Admissions Regulating Authority and Commissioner, State CET-CELL, M.S.

The following special invitees and officers were also present:-

1. Mr. N.J. Jamadar : Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
2. Mr. Dinesh Waghmare : Secretary, Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
3. Mr. Sunil Patil : Jt. Secretary and Principal Secretary (I/c -), Tribal Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
4. Mr. Kailash Kanse : Director General, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute, Pune
5. Dr. P.H. Shingare : Director, Medical Education and Research, Mumbai
6. Dr. Abhay Wagh : Director, Technical Education, Mumbai
7. Vd. K.R. Kohli : Director, Department of AYUSH, Mumbai
8. Dr. Rajiv R. Mishra : Director, Arts Department, Mumbai.
9. Mr. Vinayak Vispute : Administrative Officer, State CET-CELL, M.S.
10. Dr. H.K. Kausadikar : Director, MCAER, Pune
11. Dr. S.B. Kawitkar : Dy. Registrar, MAFSU, Nagpur

12. Dr. K.D. Chavan : Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik
13. Dr. S.K. Mahajan : Jt. Director and Exam Co-ordinator, Technical Education
14. Dr. Mohan Khatai : Jt. Director, Higher Education, Pune
15. Dr. R.V. Shetkar : Dy. Director, Technical Education, Mumbai
16. Vd. Sharddha Sude : Asst. Director, AYUSH Department, Mumbai
17. Dr. A.S. Vyas : Exam Co-ordinator, Medical Education
18. Shardul Gangan : Exam Co-ordinator, Agriculture Education
19. Mr. M.M. Garkar : Exam Co-ordinator, MAFSU Education
20. Vd. N.R. Saboo : Exam Co-ordinator, AYUSH Education
21. Mr. V.G. Sakpal : Exam Co-ordinator, Arts Education
22. Dr. P.R. Raikar : Advisor, Medical Education, State CET-CELL
23. Dr. B.N. Hiwale : Officer on Special Duty, DMER, Mumbai
24. Dr. G.T. Kedar : Asst. Exam Co-ordinator, Higher Education
25. Dr. S.P. Dubey : Asst. Exam Co-ordinator, Medical Education

**Item No. 1 : To discuss and decide the issue of Caste Validity Certificate for the admission process of professional courses for the Academic Year 2018-19 with respect to the Hon'ble Supreme Court order in Civil Appeal Nos. 11234 of 2017, dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

The Authority perused the following orders from Hon'ble Supreme Court / High Court, letters and Notifications, -

1. The Hon'ble Supreme Court order in Civil Appeal Nos. 11234 of 2017, dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017,
2. The Minutes of the Admissions Regulating Authority meeting dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Item no. 18.
3. The Hon'ble High Court order bench at Aurangabad in Writ Petition No. 5625 of 2018, dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018,
4. Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 received from Higher and Technical Education Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai,
5. The opinion received by Higher and Technical Education Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai from Shri P.P. Sharma, Dy. Legal Advisor cum Dy. Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department, A - Branch, dated 19/03/2018,

7. The provisions made in the information brochure of MHT-CET-2018, NEET-UG-2018 and others.
8. The Maharashtra Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-Notified Tribes, Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Special Backward Category (Regulations of Issuance and Verification of) Caste Certificate Act, 2000.

The Commissioner, State CET-CELL briefed the Authority regarding meetings held on the issue of compulsion of Caste Validity Certificate at the time of admission process for professional courses dated 13/06/2018 (at Hon'ble Chairman, ARA office), dated 14/06/2018 (at Hon'ble Addl. Chief Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Dept., Mantralaya, Mumbai).

After deliberations, the Authority decides and directed as under,-

1. Admission against reserved seat would be given only on production of Cast Validity Certificate and not on the basis of any undertaking given by the students.
2. Shri. Jamadar, Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department, Government of Maharashtra, in relation to the opinion dated 19/03/2018 referred at sr.no.5 stated that, in view of the subsequent Order of the Hon'ble High Court referred at sr.no.3, that opinion no longer holds good. The Authority, therefore directed that that opinion can not be acted upon.
3. The application of the students for admission against reserved seat can be processed on the basis of 1. Cast Certificate issued by the Competent Authority, 2. Proof/Acknowledgement of submission of that certificate for verification to the Scrutiny Committee concerned. However, the student will have to produce Cast Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee before the date of first selection round/date given in the schedule for submission of such certificate.
4. The concern Directors/Nodal Officers are instructed to prepare schedule of admission process considering court orders/council norms in relation to the last date of completion of process of admission and also the time that may be required for verification of the Cast Certificate by the Scrutiny Committee and submit the revised schedule to the Authority for approval.
5. In case the candidate fails to submit Cast Validity Certificate by the date given in the schedule for the submission of such certificate then such candidate will be consider under General Category, if otherwise eligible.

Date : 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Place : Mumbai

**(D.K. DESHMUKH)**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**ADMISSIONS REGULATING AUTHORITY**