Minutes of the Meeting of Admissions Regulating Authority held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice D. K. Deshmukh (Retd.) on Friday, the 29th June, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Hall, Office of the Admissions Regulating Authority, 9th Floor, New Excelsior Building, A.K. Nayak Marg, Fort, C.S.T., Mumbai – 400 001.

Following Members of the Admissions Regulating Authority were present:

1. Dr. Ravi Bapat : Member
2. Dr. M.S. Kekre : Member
3. Dr. R.B. Mankar : Member
4. Mr. P.E. Gaikwad : Member
5. Mr. A.E. Rayate : Secretary, Admissions Regulating Authority and Commissioner, State CET-CELL, M.S.

Dr. (Prof.) Dilip Mhaisekar, Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik was present as a Special Invitee for the meeting.

The following special invitees and officers were also present:-

1. Mr. S.J. Tidke : Dy. Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department, Mumbai
2. Dr. P.H. Shingare : Director, Medical Education and Research, Mumbai
3. Dr. Abhay Wagh : Director, Technical Education, Mumbai
4. Dr. H.K. Kausadikar : Director, MCAER, Pune
5. Mr. N.K. Lonkar : Registrar, MAFSU, Nagpur
6. Dr. K.D. Chavan : Registrar, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik
7. Dr. S.K. Mahajan : Jt. Director and Exam Co-ordinator, Technical Education
8. Dr. Mohan Khatal : Jt. Director, Higher Education, Pune
9. Vd. Sharuddha Sude : Asst. Director, AYUSH Department, Mumbai
10. Shardul Gangan : Exam Co-ordinator, Agriculture Education
11. Mr. M.M. Garkar : Exam Co-ordinator, MAFSU Education
12. Vd. N.R. Saboo : Exam Co-ordinator, AYUSH Education
13. Mr. V.G. Sakpal : Exam Co-ordinator, Arts Education
14. Dr. B.N. Hiwale : Asst. Exam Co-Ordinator, Medical Education
15. Mr. Vinayak Vispute : Administrative Officer, State CET-CELL, M.S.
18. Mr. Shardul Kadam : Asst. Exam Co-Ordinator, Arts Education

Copies of Agenda along with copies of the relevant documents were circulated to the Members and invitees.

In view of the provisions of section 9 sub section (3) of the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015 (Mah. Act No. XXVIII of 2015) which came into force on 12th May, 2015, the Praveesh Niyantar Samiti existing as on the date of commencement of the Act shall continue to exercise the powers of the Admissions Regulating Authority till such Authority is duly constituted under the Act.

Item No. 2(b): To consider and decide on the email dated 28th June 2018 received from Narayan Marathe requesting to remove the requirement of Caste Validity Certificate for Diploma courses/admission.

The Authority perused the aforesaid email received from Narayan Marathe w.r.t. requirement of Caste Validity Certificate for Diploma courses/admission.

The Authority went through the resolution passed by the Authority in its meeting held on 15th June 2018 at Item No. 1 w.r.t. the issue of Caste Validity Certificate for admission process of Professional courses for the Academic Year 2018-19 along with the Hon’ble Supreme Court order in Civil Appeal Nos. 11234 of 2017, dated 6th September 2017.

In this connection, as per the instructions given by the Government of Maharashtra, the Authority fixed the schedule for submission of Caste Validity Certificate submitted by the concerned Departments of Government of Maharashtra for admissions to various Professional Courses/Institutes for the Academic Year 2018-19.

It is pointed out that the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions Act No. XXVII of 2015 came into force on 12th May 2015 to regulate the admissions of Professional courses in Unaided Private Educational Institutions. The Government of Maharashtra vide its Notification No. MISC.2015/CR No. 252/TE-4, dated 16th June 2016 in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (r) of section 2 read with sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 3 of the Maharashtra Un-aided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fees) Ordinance, 2015 (No. Mah. Ord. No. VII of 2015), the Government of Maharashtra declared and notified the Full time Diploma courses in Engineering and Technology (Post SSC/HSC) as 'Professional Course' and specified the conditions and the requirements for admissions for the said course.
The candidates who desire to take admissions to said 'Professional Diploma Courses' for the Academic Year 2018-19 find it difficult to get their Caste Validity Certificate as per the process and procedure laid down by the Caste Scrutiny Committee. The Students/Parents have referred the matter to the Authority to not to insist Caste Validity Certificate. However, this Authority has no powers to amend/modify/exempt above Notifications of the Government of Maharashtra and order given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

In view of the above, after deliberations, the Authority decided to inform the above difficulties of concerned students/parents to the Government of Maharashtra to take appropriate actions in this respect at the earliest. The Secretary, Admissions Regulating Authority to inform the said decision to the Government of Maharashtra through the Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai accordingly.

Date: 29th June 2018

Place: Mumbai

(D.K. DESHMUKH)
CHAIRMAN
ADMISSIONS REGULATING AUTHORITY