

Proceedings of the 60th meeting of the Fee Structure Committee held on 12th July, 2010 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pradipta Ray.

Members present

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| 1) Justice Pradipta Ray | Chairman |
| 2) Shri Pradyot Das | Member |
| 3) Prof. Manoj Mitra | Member |
| 4) Shri S. C. Tewary | Member-Secretary |

Shri Sabyasachi Sengupta, Vice Chancellor, West Bengal University of Technology is also present as invitee.

This committee has been considering the proposals submitted by the Association of Professional Academic Institutions, West Bengal (in short Association) and several individual Private Engineering Colleges on or about 17th May, 2010 for enhancing tuition fee of the students from academic session 2010-2011 for implementation of the revised pay and allowances of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the colleges. Proposals submitted by the Association and other colleges seek annual tuition fee ranging from Rs.90,000/- to 1,08,000/-.

Committee has already held several sittings to consider the proposals. Representatives of the Association were also heard. Prof. Mitra, Educationist Member has separately discussed the estimated cost with the representatives of the Association. During deliberation in the meeting, several other estimated calculations have been presented before the committee. It transpires that all those different proposals and calculations are founded upon certain assumptions regarding staff strength, fitment stage in the revised pay scales, availability of full D.A. and other allowances etc. Committee needs further specific materials, data and informations on the actual staff position and their pay and allowances, both revised and unrevised. Association has also requested for further opportunity of presenting its case and placing its comments on the different calculations presented before the committee. All those need some more time to come to a realistic final decision upon due consideration of relevant materials objectively.

Association by its letter dated July 9, 2010 has pointed out that the teachers are demanding revised pay scales and have started agitations. Association has appealed for a

decision, final or interim by July, 14, 2010 so that enhanced tuition fee can be realised from the new entrants for academic session 2010-2011.

Considering aforesaid facts and circumstances particularly the fact that admission process for the academic session 2010-11 has already commenced, the committee thinks it fit and proper to take an interim decision pending final determination of tuition fee for the year 2010-11 and onwards to enable the colleges to implement revised pay and allowances for their staff.

As an interim measure the committee decides that the Private Engineering Colleges are permitted to collect a further amount of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand) only as tuition fee from each of the new entrants for academic session 2010-11 in addition to the present prescribed annual tuition fee of Rs.55,000/- (Rupees fifty-five thousand) only subject to final determination of tuition fee for the session 2010-11 and subject to the condition that if finally determined tuition fee is less than Rs.70,000/- (Rs.55,000/- + Rs.15,000/-), the colleges will adjust excess amount against tuition fee payable for the next semester or year and if such finally determined tuition fee is higher than Rs.70,000/- , the colleges will be entitled to realise the difference from those new entrants at the time of payment of tuition fee for the next semester or year, as the case may be.

The committee further resolves that it will endeavour to make final determination of tuition fee for the year 2010-11 and onwards by the end of November 2010 upon further consideration and hearing. It is made clear that such finally determined tuition fee will be effective from academic session 2010-11.

The committee also decides to ask the Association and the colleges to submit details of their existing staff position, their fitments in revised pay and allowances and other relevant materials and particulars before the committee by August 16, 2010 to expedite final determination.

A copy of this decision be forwarded to the Higher Education Deptt. for appropriate action, if any, and to the Association of Professional Academic Institutions, West Bengal for intimation.

A copy of this decision may be put up in the Deptt.'s website also.

As there is no other point to discuss, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/- Pradipta Ray
Chairman

No. 2(2)-FSC

Dated, the 13th July, 2010.

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :

- 1) The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Deptt., Government of West Bengal.
- 2) The President, Association of Professional Academic Institutions, West Bengal, AE-4, Sector-I, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 064.

for Member-Secretary,
Fee Structure Committee