

# Regulating the Fee Structure of Unaided, Privately Managed, Self Financed Institutions Affiliated to Board of Technical Education, Delhi

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**Abstract**—Diploma level technical education in Delhi are being provided by institutions under the aegis of Department of Training and Technical Education Delhi and these institutions are affiliated to Board of Technical Education and approved by All India Council of Technical Education. The fee revision of unaided, privately managed self financed diploma level institutions was recently carried out by the department.

In this paper, the author has discussed the provisions of the act for revision of fees, back ground history of previous fee revision, institutions to be covered, methodology of fee revision and final conclusion/recommendation. The committee suggested approximately minimum 10% to maximum 25% rise in the existing fees of the institutions after considering several aspects to provide quality technical education for the youth of Delhi.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PROVISION OF ACT FOR FEES REGULATION

The higher education including general and engineering education system in India has grown in an extraordinary way, particularly in the post-independence period. It has become one of the largest systems of its kind in the world covering all level of education i.e. from certificate level to post graduate and Ph. D. However, the system has many issues of concern like financing and management including issues such as values and ethics and quality of higher education together with the assessment of institutions and their accreditation etc. [Ref. 1]. Every state of India is contributing a lot in this process.

The Department of Training and Technical Education (DTTE), Delhi, in its endeavor to provide technical manpower suited to varied needs of industry. It imparts technical education and technological skills through various courses of study of different levels. Institutions under DTTE offer Full-time degree, Diploma Courses in Engineering / Technology, Occupational and ITI/Secretarial / Management based disciplines. Most of the courses offered are AICTE approved and run in Government Institute of Technology, Privately Managed Polytechnics and Government Aided Institutions affiliated to the Board of Technical Education, Delhi and other Universities.

Fees regulation of these courses are a very responsible task and in this paper, we are going to discuss the methodology being adopted for revising the fees of privately managed diploma level institutions running courses under Board of Technical education (BTE), Delhi. These issues are important for the state.

A Committee was constituted by the Government; vide its notification in exercise of powers conferred in the Delhi Act 7 of 2007. The name of the act is Delhi Diploma level Technical Education Institutions (Prohibition of Capitation Fee, Regulation of Admission, Fixation of Non-Exploitative Fee and other measures to ensure Equity and Excellence) Act 2007 [Ref. 2]. Under the said Act, A Committee was assigned the task of determining fee for perusing courses in privately managed self financed institutes in the NCT of Delhi and affiliated to the Board of Technical Education (BTE).

In pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Delhi Diploma level Technical Education Institutions, A Chairperson of State Fee Regulatory Committee was appointed. The AICTE had notified its advisor as member of the committee. Secretary TTE was the member secretary. A chartered accountant was also the member of the committee.

## 2. BACK GROUND HISTORY OF PREVIOUS STATE FEE REGULATORY COMMITTEES

The previous State fee regulatory committee here named as SFRC-II had finalized the Fee Structure for both Degree level Institutions affiliated to Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University along with the Diploma level Institutions. There was one more Committee previous to SFRC-II, which was presided over by Retired Justice. After enactment of Delhi Diploma level Technical Education Institutions Act 7 of 2007, it was felt necessary to notify separately State Fee Regulation Committee for Diploma Level Institutions. Therefore, in succession to the earlier two SFRCs, the Third State Fee Regulatory Committee (SFRC-III) specifically for the

Diploma Level Institutions was formed for BTE affiliated institutions only.

### **3. LIST OF INSTITUTIONS TO BE COVERED BY SFRC-III**

The SFRC-III considered the Fee Structure of BTE affiliated and AICTE approved institutions and hence recommended the revised fees in respect of following 07 diploma level institutes namely:

1. Chhotu Ram Rural Institute of Technology, Kanjawala
2. Baba Hari Dass College of Pharmacy, Jharoda Kalan
3. Marathwara Institute of Technology, Mundaka
4. Guru Teg Bahadur Polytechnic, Vasant Vihar
5. International Polytechnic for Women, Khirki Extn.
6. Subramaniyam Bharti College of Science and Technology, Holambi Khurd
7. Aditya Institute of Technology, Kishan Garh, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

### **4. PROFORMA TO ELICIT INFORMATION FROM THE INSTITUTIONS TO ASSESS INFRASTRUCTURE, AVAILABLE ACADEMIC STANDARDS MAINTAINED ETC**

SFRC III decided that a format should be devised to elicit information from the institutions to assess infrastructure available, the academic standards maintained and the fee structure prevailing in the institute and requirement of revenue in future. The Proforma for grant of affiliation by Board of Technical Education, Delhi to the institutions running diploma courses available on BTE Website was also consulted [Ref. 3]. The Proforma was prepared in such a way that it contained most of the information required by SFRC-III. The questionnaire was to be made comprehensive. The Directorate of Training and Technical Education (DTTE) provided all the desired input to SFRC and facilitated SFRC-III.

The format for SFRC-III contained various aspects such as examination of the financial statements duly audited in respect of the institutions. It also contained information related to academic infrastructure etc. also.

The institutions were given approximately 15 days time to complete the format and submit the same to the Board of Technical Education (BTE).

The Proforma duly compiled by the DTTE was approved by the Committee after careful consideration. It was instructed that all self financing diploma level institutions affiliated to BTE should be provided with the format within a week and last date for receiving the reply from the institutions was fixed (Annexure III – Proforma for seeking information from Private/self financed Institutes)

### **5. METHODOLOGY FOR REVISION OF FEES**

It was decided that the Committee will visit two Government Polytechnics to have an overview of the standards of the Laboratories, Computer labs, library classrooms, furniture and other amenities to set the standards for self financing diploma level institutions.

Accordingly, committee visited two Government institutes. The Committee visited the classrooms, laboratory facilities, equipments and library facilities of the institute. Extensive discussions were held with the Principal and faculties of the institutes. The Committee specifically enquired about the details of the equipments available in each of the laboratory in relation to the study courses offered and the approved in -take in each course per year. It was also enquired whether the institute has obtained affiliation from the AICTE and further whether they fulfill all the norms prescribed by the AICTE. After the visit of two Government Institutes, the committee released the inspection/visit schedule of all the seven Private polytechnics and accordingly visited these institutions.

The SFRC-III committee conducted several meetings for further discussion, review and report writing purpose. The Committee followed the methodology to grant the institutions grading into 04 categories namely A+, A, B and C and accordingly to give increase of fees over existing fees of the institute.[4] In case some rationalization is required to reduce the gap in fee structure among different courses run by various institutes, then it shall be attempted by the committee.

### **6. CONCLUSION**

The Committee focused on fee structure and also the issues of structural and functional deficiencies in the organizations. In this way committee took logical conclusions of fees and suggested other measure of improvement of the system to maintain the academic standards of the institutes in a cost effective manner.[4] The committee suggested approximately minimum 10% to maximum 25% rise in fees after considering several aspects to discuss during meeting for quality technical education for the youth of Delhi. The details of revised fees course wise is also available at DTTE Website [5]. It is expected that the institutions will take this initiative of the Government in positive perspective and will make all-round effort for providing quality technical diploma education to the youth of Delhi.

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