



FEE REGULATORY COMMITTEE (TECHNICAL)

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FEE ORDER

In the matter of, New L. J. Institute Of Eng. & Technology, Ahmedabad, FRC Institution Code No. 11615 for determination of fee for Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Technology Program.

1. This order is made under Section 10(1) of the Gujarat Professional Educational Colleges or Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Fixation of Fees) Act, 2007 (Gujarat Act No.2 of 2008) (“the Act” for short) by the Fee Regulatory Committee (Technical) (“the Committee” for short) to determine the fee structure of **B.E/B.Tech** Program offered by **New L. J. Institute Of Eng. & Technology, Ahmedabad**, FRC Institution Code No. **11615**, (“the Institution” for short) for years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26. The relevant provisions of the Act, and the facts and circumstances in which this order is made can be described as under.
2. The Act has been enacted by the Government of Gujarat to make special provisions for regulation of admission in the Professional Technical Educational Colleges or Institutions in the State and fixation of fees in such colleges and institutions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The Professional Technical Educational Colleges or Institutions covered under the Act are only the unaided colleges or institutions.
 - 2.1 For the purpose of determining the fees for admission of students in the aforesaid colleges or institutions, the State Government has constituted the Committee under Section 9(1) of the Act. Under Section 9(3) of the Act, the Committee has been given power to adopt its own procedure to conduct its business. In pursuance thereof, the Committee, based on its experience



of determining the fee structures over the years, has evolved its own procedure for fixation of fees, known as Standard Operating Procedure (“SOP” for short). Periodically, it is reviewed and revised as per the need of the time. While doing so, suggestions from the sponsoring bodies are invited and appropriate suggestions are incorporated in the SOP. Then it is published on the Committee’s website for the benefit of all concerned.

2.2 Under Section 10(1) of the Act, the Committee has been conferred powers to determine the fee structure for the professional courses. Under Section 10(2)(a), the Committee has power to require any unaided professional educational college or institution to place before the Committee its proposed fee structure along with all the relevant documents and books of accounts. Under Section 10(2)(b) and (c), the Committee has power to verify the proposed fee structure and to approve it, if found just and proper, or determine other fee structure for such college or institution. Under Section 10(5)(a)(iv), the Committee has power of a Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure while trying a suit, to issue commission for local inspection.

3. For determining the fee structures for the professional colleges / institutions covered under the Act for the aforesaid block period of three years, the Committee commenced the necessary procedure in the month of February 2023 and invited suggestions from the sponsoring bodies before finalizing the SOP. The suggestions received from the sponsoring bodies were taken into consideration and appropriate suggestions were incorporated in the SOP. The Committee published the SOP on its website on 04.05.2023. The link of the same was also communicated to the concerned institutions before inviting their fee proposal.

3.1 The Committee intimated the Institution, vide its circular dated 22.05.2023, to submit its proposal along with the relevant documents and books of



accounts. In pursuance of the circular, the Institution submitted its proposal along with the relevant record and books of accounts to the Committee on 15.06.2023. The said proposal was acknowledged by the Committee on the same date vide a receipt bearing Acknowledgement No. 23A020. Upon receipt of the proposal, by exercising power under Section 10(5) of the Act, the Committee deputed a team of experts nominated by the Office of the Commissioner of Technical Education, Government of Gujarat, for the physical inspection of the Institution. The team of experts visited the Institution on 27.07.2023 and evaluated the Institution in terms of the parameters like Building & Infrastructure, Staff Cadre, Qualification and Academic contribution, Financial aid program for students, Compliance/Services, etc. These parameters are in consonance with the factors prescribed in Section 11(i) of the Act. The report prepared by the expert team was submitted to the Committee and a signed copy of the report was also given to the Institution for its record. This exercise is termed as 'Know Your College' ("KYC" for short) program.

- 3.2 Since the entire process of determination of fee structure of more than 100 institutions / colleges was likely to consume considerable time, to facilitate the process of admission, provisional fees of these institutions were fixed vide circular dated 09.08.2023 bearing No. FRC/FeeBlock_2023-24/Provisional Fee/August-23/120 and intimated to them. The institutions/colleges were directed to charge provisional fee from the students for the academic year 2023-24 pending final determination of their fee structures. It was on condition that if final fee that may be determined by the Committee was less than the provisional fee, the institutions will return the excess amount to the students or adjust it in fees of following semester and if it was more than the provisional fee, the institutions could recover the additional amount from the students. So far as the Institution is concerned, its provisional fee was decided as Rs. 78500/- for the academic year 2023-24.



3.3 In order to work out the cost per student and based on it, the fee structure, the relevant record and the books of accounts were submitted together with the proposal of the Institution to the empaneled Chartered Account of the Committee for recasting. The Chartered Accountant, under the guidance and supervision of the designated Chartered Accountant Member of the Committee, made the scrutiny of the record submitted by the Institution and in accordance with the SOP dated 04.05.2023 (hereinafter referred to as "the SOP"), carried out the necessary exercise and worked out tentative fee structure for the B.E/B.Tech Program. The working of the Chartered Accountant was placed before the Committee for its consideration in its meeting dated 28.05.2024. During the discussion, the Chartered Accountant Member apprised the Committee that while carrying out the exercise for determining the fee structure in accordance with the SOP, the Chartered Accountant has taken into consideration only the expenses which are directly related to imparting of the education and/or the amounts which are allowable as per the SOP. The expenses which are not directly related to imparting of the education have not been allowed to the Institution. However, in the instant case, the Chartered Accountant did not find any amount in the books of accounts and the record submitted by the Institution which could be disallowed.

3.4 He then explained that the cost per student has been worked out as per Point 7 of the SOP dated 04.05.2023 by the Chartered Accountant. To work out the cost per student, the expenses that have been taken into consideration by the Chartered Accountant are salary of teaching and non-teaching staff, educational and academic expenses, energy and utility expenses, communication expenses, administrative expenses, repairing of building, equipment and furniture, travelling, advertise expenses other than promotion. The figures of expenses that are taken into account by the Chartered Accountant are as per the figures reflected from the books of



accounts of the Institution, in other words, without any change or moderation. The average of the cost per student derived individually for the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 was considered for further calculations. In order to consider the inflation for subsequent years, the Consumer Price Index declared by the Central Government was considered, based on which appropriate inflation per annum was decided by the Committee to calculate the fee structure for the subsequent years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 from the average cost per student mentioned above.

3.5 The Committee, after perusal of the working and due discussion, approved the tentative fee structure as under:

Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Fee proposed by the Institution Rs./Student/Annum	104000	115000	128000
Tentative fee structure determined Rs./Student/Annum	91000	96000	102000

3.6 The Committee, by its email dated 07.06.2024, conveyed the cost per student worked out by the Chartered Accountant and duly considered by the Committee in its meeting dated 28.05.2024 and the tentative fee for the year 2023-24 to the Institution and intimated the Institution that if it so wished, it could peruse the working of the Committee for determining the fee on any day between 11.06.2024 and 13.06.2024 at the Office of the Committee. In pursuance of the communication to peruse the working, the representative of the Institution visited the office of the Committee on 12.06.2024 and verified the working done by the Committee for determination of its fee structure. By the said communication i.e. dated 07.06.2024, the Institution was also informed that after perusing the working of the Committee, if it so wished, it could apply to the Committee



through the Online Portal between 12.06.2024 to 19.06.2024 for personal hearing. In response to the said intimation, the Institution requested for personal hearing and it also uploaded the additional documents through the online portal which were taken on record by the Committee for finalizing the fee structure. In view of the request of the Institution, it was intimated by the Committee, vide its communication dated 24.06.2024, to remain present before it on 04.07.2024 and make its oral submissions. Accordingly, the representatives of the Institution remained present on 04.07.2024 before the Committee and made their oral submissions, which can in short be reproduced as under:

- (i) Expenses for placement, building repairing, furniture, education, garden, compound wall, student project and training, etc. are incurred by the Lok Jagruti Kendra, a Parent Body of the Institution, and at the end of the year, these expenses are bifurcated proportionately amongst all the institutions of the Trust.

3.7 In view of the submissions advanced by the Institution, the Chartered Accountant Member rechecked the exercise carried out for fixation of fee of the Institution and found that the Institution had not made any claim for the compound wall and garden. Therefore, there was no question of taking those claims into account. All the other expenses that have been claimed by the Institution in the above submission have been taken into consideration and have been fully granted and, thereafter, the cost per student has been worked out. However, it was found that there was some discrepancy in calculation and the fee for the years 2024-25 and 2025-26 worked out to be Rs.96,500/- plus and Rs.1,02,500/- plus. Therefore, to round up the figure, fee of these two years was revised to Rs.97,000/- and Rs.1,03,000/- respectively.

4. These findings were put before the Committee in its meeting dated 18.07.2024 for deliberation to arrive at the final fee structure of the Institution. After due deliberation and discussion based on the material

placed before it, the Committee found that, the figures worked out by the Chartered Accountant were by and large just and proper. However, it was found that there was some discrepancy in calculation and the fee for the years 2024-25 and 2025-26 worked out to be Rs.96,500/- plus and Rs.1,02,500/- plus. Therefore, to round up the figure, fee of these two years was revised to Rs.97,000/- and Rs.1,03,000/- respectively.

5. Thus, the Committee has carried out a fair and transparent process for the determination of the fee structure in accordance with the set principles of accountancy, the factors prescribed under the Act as well as the Standard Operating Procedure. Based on that, the final fee structure is determined as per Paragraph 7 of this order.
6. The fee structure is subject to the conditions mentioned herein below:
 - (i) The fee structure indicated is in Rupees per annum per student.
 - (ii) The fee structure determined by the Committee shall be binding for a period of three years. The fee so determined shall be applicable to the students admitted in that academic year and shall not be revised till the completion of his/her professional course in the same institution.
 - (iii) As per section 11 (2) of the Act, the fees indicated here include all types and kinds of fees such as Tuition fees, Library fees, Laboratory fees, Computer Fees, Caution Money, Gymkhana, Internet, Sports and Recreation, Self/Personality Centers fee, University Affiliation fees (if any) and the like. As such the Institution shall not collect any other fee from the students except the fees as mentioned in this order.



- (iv) The Institution shall not take fees for the full course at the time of admission or at any other time during the entire duration of the B.E/B.Tech Program. The fees shall be collected per semester or term of 6 (Six) months as the case may be.
- (v) The Institution shall not ask for any bank guarantee or security of any kind from students or their parents.
- (vi) The Institution shall not compel any student to avail of any facility including hostel and transport as a part of the condition for admission or its continuity till the end of the full tenure of the course.
- (vii) The Institution shall notify the Fee structure on its Notice Board and also display copy of this order on its Mandatory Disclosure Link on its official website.
- (viii) Additional fees charged from the students admitted under the NRI Quota shall be credited to a separate bank account and the same will be used only for the benefits of the students belonging to the economically weaker class and /or for increasing/developing the infrastructure facilities. The Institution shall also furnish all the information pertaining to the utilization of excess fees from the NRI category students in the information memorandum which may be submitted along with the fee proposal for the next block of three years.



7. The fee structure determined by the Committee is as under:

Name of Institution	New L. J. Institute Of Eng. & Technology, Ahmedabad		
Institution Code	11615		
Name of Program	B.E/B.Tech		
Existing Fee for the year 2022-23	Maximum Ceiling Limit of fee structure determined for the Year		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
73000	91000	97000	103000



R.P.S.
CA Member

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1. The Dean/Director/Principal of concerned institution.
2. The Principal Secretary (Higher & Technical Education), Education Department, Block No.5, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
3. The Commissioner of Technical Education, Block No. 2, 6th Floor, Karmayogi Bhavan, Sector 10-A, Gandhinagar.
4. Member Secretary, Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC), L. D. College of Engineering Campus, Ahmedabad.
5. Member Secretary, Admission Committee for Professional Diploma Courses (ACPDC), L. D. College of Engineering Campus, Ahmedabad