

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH
(HEALTH-III BRANCH)

To

Sh. Hari Chand, Advocate,
H.No. 2299, Sector 44-C,
Chandigarh.

No. 5/26/2016-5MER3/ 3920.
Dated, Chandigarh the 04/06/2019.

Subject:

Demand Notice seeking appropriate action against Sri Guru Ram Das University of Health Sciences, Amritsar for indulging into unfair practice in the matter of PG Admissions – 2019 by charging more fees than what is specified in notification dated 29.03.2019 issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Medical Education and Research.

Please refer to your e-mail dated 22.05.2019 on the subject cited above.

2. In this connection it is informed that this matter was already in the knowledge of the Government and taking serious view in the matter, Director Principal, Sri Guru Ram Das University of Health Sciences, Faridkot has been directed vide Government letter No. 05/26/2016-5SA/HB-3/2723 dated 02.05.2019 (copy enclosed) to refund the excess fee charges from the student or else, the State Government would be constrained to take other legal remedial measures. Reply is awaited.

3. In addition to above, Government of Punjab, Department of Higher Education who had passed the Act and Statutes of the University and has direct control over the University, has been requested vide letter No. 05/26/2016-5SA/HB-3/2724 dated 02.05.2019 (copy enclosed) that the excess fee charged from the students may be ordered to be refunded by the SGRD Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Amritsar and necessary punitive action under the law be taken against the SGRD University of Health Sciences, Amritsar.

Encl: as above

(Lakhvir Singh Makrauna)

Superintendent

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Government of Punjab
Department of Medical Education & Research
(Health Branch-III),
PCS-II, Sector:9, Chandigarh.

To

The Director Principal,
Sri Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Sciences & Research,
Amritsar -143 006.

Memo No.05/26/2016-5SA/HB-3/ 2723.
Dated: Chandigarh, the 25th April, 2019.
25/4/19.

Sub: **Distribution of seats for MD/MS/PG Diploma/PGDSM courses and six months training in Ultrasonography, Session 2019 .**

Kindly refer to your letter No. 25/Trg./19 dated the 2nd April, 2019 addressed to the Registrar, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot on the subject cited above.

2. The fee fixed for MD/MS courses by the State Government is Rs.6.5 lakh per annum for clinical subjects and rs.2.00 lakh per annum for basic sciences. Sri Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Amritsar is not authorized to charge any fee beyond the fee structure stipulated in the Government Notification. The fee of Rs.9.50 lakh for 1st year with 10% enhancement every year is, therefore, beyond your jurisdiction and amounts to out-right cheating. In Chapter -4 of the Statute, nowhere, any power has been given to the Institute/University to charge the fee beyond the fee structure stipulated by the Government. Your second contention that Section 5(xxi) of the SGRD University Act, 2016 empowers you to charge fee beyond the fee structure is also without any basis. This matter had also came-up in the meeting taken by the Hon'ble Minister for Medical Education & Research with the Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot and Director- Principals of the Private Institutions. Section 5(viii) of the SGRD University Act, 2016 reads as -

"To demand and collect fee and other charges as per the Punjab Private Health Sciences Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions, Fixation of Fee and Making of Reservation) Act, 2006."

Whereas Section 5(xxi) of the SGRD University Act, 2016 reads as -

"to prescribe the fee structure for various categories of students"

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4. It is, therefore, clear that as far as fee for courses covered under the 2006 Act of the Department of medical Education & Research, the fee has to be charged as per that Act only and SGRD University/Institute has no authority to charge the fee beyond the fee stipulated in the Notification issued under the 2006 Act.

5. You are accordingly directed to refund the excess fee charged from the students or else, the State Government would be constrained to take other legal remedial measures.

Your reply in this regard be sent within two weeks' time.

Jayashree Arundha
Additional Chief Secretary 1-5-19
Health & Medical Education
25.04.2019

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Government of Punjab
Department of Medical Education & Research
(Health Branch-III),
PCS-II, Sector:9, Chandigarh.

To
The Additional Chief Secretary to the
Government of Punjab,
Department of Higher Education,
Chandigarh.

Memo No.05/26/2016-5SA/HB-3/2724.
Dated: Chandigarh, the 25th April, 2019.
82/05/2019.

Sub: **Distribution of seats for MD/MS/PG Diploma/PGDSM courses**
and six months training in Ultrasonography, Session 2019 .

The Vice-Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot has, vide his DO letter dated 03.04.2019 (copy enclosed as Annexure-I), pointed out that SGRD Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Amritsar, vide their letter dated 02.04.2019 (copy enclosed as Annexure-II), conveyed that they are charging the fees in excess of what has been prescribed in the Government Notification issued under the Fee fixation Act of 2006. Both these letter may kindly be seen. The fee for PG course is Rs.6.5 lakh per annum whereas SGRD Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Amritsar for PG courses is charging fee of Rs.9.50 lakh per annum. Their contention is that they are duly empowered to charge higher fee under Section 5(viii) and 5(xxi) of the SGRD University Act, 2016. Which are reproduced below

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- (a) Section 5(viii) of the SGRD University Act, 2016 -
"To demand and collect fee and other charges as per the Punjab Private Health Sciences Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions, Fixation of Fee and Making of Reservation) Act, 2006."
 - (b) Section 5(xxi) of the SGRD University Act, 2016-
"to prescribe the fee structure for various categories of students"

2. It is, therefore, clear that as far as courses covered under the 2006 Act are concerned, SGRD University/Institute cannot charge fee beyond the fee structure prescribed in the Government Notification.

It is accordingly requested that the excess fee charged from the students may be ordered to be refunded by the SGRD Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Amritsar and necessary punitive action under law be taken against the SGRD University of Health Sciences, Amritsar.

Darshan Arora
Additional Chief Secretary 1-5-19
Health & Medical Education
25.04.2019