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## Committee orders pvt colleges not to collect excess fee for BE, MBBS

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The Admission Overseeing Committee has issued a directive prohibiting all private medical, dental and engineering colleges from collecting any fee other than the prescribed tuition fee, university fee, hostel and mess fee.

In a letter on September 4, the committee's chairperson, Justice (retd) Anand Byrareddy, directed all colleges that openly announce the additional fee they charge to "show cause as to why action

should not be taken against each such erring college". The colleges have been asked to furnish an explanation within three days of receiving the letter, irrespective of whether the committee has received any complaints against them.

The committee has asked colleges that have collected additional fee to keep the money in a fixed deposit in a nationalised bank for three months within three days of receiving the letter. The directive states that colleges are allowed to charge only the tuition fee as declared on the KEA website. They can charge university, mess and hostel fee. There is no other sub-head under which colleges can charge students.

In the letter, the committee also questioned medical colleges that levy clinical fee on students in advance when the facility may not even be utilised in the initial period of the course.