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Sir,

Sub: IIM-Calcutta : Memorandum of Association and Rules.

It appears from the agenda notes of the 164th Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIMC that was held on 26.03.2004 (where I could not remain present) that an item had appeared under the heading "MHRD's order on reduction of fees". This was accompanied by an OM bearing No.7-4/2002-T.S.V. of the MHRD, DSHE (Tech-V) dated 5.2.2004, under the subject : "Revision of Fees in IIMs". In para-4 of this OM, the following words appear : "It has been decided that the fees for the post graduate programmes in the IIMs should be fixed at Rs.30,000/- per annum" and that the revised fee structure "will take effect from the academic session 2004-05". A compliance report has also been sought.

As informed citizens, we are under the impression that the entire issue of revision of fees is under consideration of the Supreme Court, and if so, the matter would be 'sub-judice'. This would imply that further deliberation on this issue is not appropriate, till disposal of the matter by the Hon'ble apex Court. You may like to confirm this view.

In any case, in so far as the IIMC is concerned, it is governed by the Memorandum of Association of the IIMC Society and its Rules. Clause 3(1)(h) of the MOA mentions quite clearly that the objects "for which the Society is established" include : "to fix and demand such fees and other charges as may be laid down in the Bye-laws made under the Rules of the Society."

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