

Med colleges demand fee hike

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Hyderabad: Medical colleges in the state have demanded a hike in their fee structure. While the current fee structure was introduced in 2003, the managements of private medical colleges are now demanding an increase in con- venger quota (merit) fee of Rs 1 lakh as against the existing Rs 65,000.

The managements have also asked for a fee of Rs 62 lakh for B category (manage- ment quota) and Rs 6 lakh for C category (NRI quota seats). The submission of the list was made before the Admission and Fee Regulatory Commit- tee (AFRC) this week.

College managements de- manded that the fee structure should be changed as the state government had not made any

considerable change in the fee structure in the past several years.

“In 2003, the fee was slashed by 15 per cent and in 2007 the roll back was rein- stated. This year the manage- ments want a complete over- haul of the fee structure,” said a management representative.

“The managements put forth the argument that they want an increase in the fee structure as it is difficult to run colleges with a fee structure that was in place sev- en years ago. The colleges conveyed to AFRC that they will expect a considerable in- crease in the B and C catego- ry fees,” said an official from APSICHE.

The officials, however, said that the final decision on the matter will be taken by the AFRC in the coming week.