

Veterinary Council of India

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Veterinary Council of India held on 09/04/2026 at 3:00 P.M. (Through Virtual Mode) at the office of Veterinary Council of India, New Delhi.

Minutes

The following Members were present:

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| 1. Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma | - President |
| 2. Dr. Ingale Sandip Vinayak Rao | - Vice-President |
| 3. Dr. Gurucharan Datta | - Member |
| 4. Dr. Amit Nain | - Member |
| 5. Dr. D. Thanigaivelu | - Member |
| 6. Dr. Sushantha Rai | - Member |
| 7. Dr. Rajendra Gulabrao Bambal | - Secretary, VCI (Addl. charge) |

Dr. Falguni S. Thakar could not join the meeting.

At the outset the Secretary, VCI (Addl. Charge) welcomed all the Members of the Executive Committee and meeting was started with permission of the Chair.

- 1. To consider the matter regarding filing a Specific affidavit in view of the Order dated 2/4/2026 passed by the Hon'ble Court in CWP No. 37391-2025 filed by Bhumika College of Veterinary Sciences and Research Centre.**

The Executive Committee considered the matter regarding filing a Specific affidavit in view of the Order dated 2/4/2026 passed by the Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court for the States of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh in CWP No. 37391-2025 filed by Bhumika College of Veterinary Sciences and Research Centre in which Veterinary Council of India was Respondent No.2.

The Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court for the States of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh has passed the following Order in the aforesaid writ petition on dated 02.4.2026:

"Learned counsel representing respondent No.-2 Veterinary Council of India prays for and is allowed ten days' time for filing specific affidavit defining the need of NEET as criteria for admission to veterinary colleges in view of Section 22 of the Act. It shall also be specified as to whether any decision is taken to reduce the cut-off marks in NEET as has been done for medical colleges by the Medical Council of India (MCI). It shall also to be clarified as to how and why the different yardstick is being adopted by the council for admission as has been followed by the MCI.

Adjourned to 20.4.2026."

The Committee gone through the Order and observed that the Veterinary Council of India as per provision of Section 66(1) read with Section 22(1)(b) and Section 21(1) of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 and with previous approval of the Central Government has framed the Minimum Standards of Veterinary Education – Degree course (B.V.Sc. & AH) Regulations, 2016.

The Committee observed that the Regulation 7(1) of the VCI – MSVE Regulations provides as under:

"The selection of students for admission to Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry Degree Course in Government or Private Colleges shall only be on the basis of merit through a competitive entrance examination conducted by University or State Government or Veterinary Council of India to achieve a uniform evaluation, as there may be variation among students at qualifying examinations conducted by different agencies and reservation policy shall be as per Government of India for Veterinary Council of India seats and for States as per their reservation policy."

As the admission to BVSc & AH course has to be made only by way of holding common entrance test, hence, Council issued circular dated 20.8.2024 and 29.8.2024 for regulating to admission to the BVSc & AH course. In these two circular attention invited to all the Universities where admission to BVSc & AH course are made that the selection of students for admission to BVSc & AH course in Government or private college shall be made on the basis of merit through a competitive entrance examination to achieve a uniform evaluation, as there may be variation among students at qualifying examinations. Further, every effort has to be made by all concerned to ensure that the admission are given on merit and after due publicity. It was also directed by this Council that the selection of students for first BVSc & AH degree course programme are made strictly through an entrance examination on the basis of merit obtained by the candidate in such examination. Further, it was also requested that in case selection of students are made through NEET-UG entrance examination, merit list of NEET qualified students should be considered of all such admissions. It was again requested vide this Council letter dated 29.8.2024 that the counselling for all category of seats including management quota are to be filled by through the centralized counselling system to be conducted by the State Government or the affiliating University of the College to which admissions are to be made.

The aforesaid matter was challenged by the M.R. College, Jhajjar before the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court for the States of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh vide CWP No.30901 of 2025 and the Hon'ble Court vide order dated 16.10.2025 in para 6,7,8 & 9 held as under:

"6. We do not find any error in the decision of the VCI in as much as holding of N.E.E.T. examination is by the National Testing Agency (NTA) which is uniformly applied and accepted for most of the medical courses throughout the country. We are also of the view that mere appearance in N.E.E.T. UG Examination, without qualifying, serves no purpose inasmuch as the minimum merit of a candidate would be tested based upon the qualification of N.E.E.T. UG Examination only.

7. The condition put by the VCI that unqualified N.E.E.T. UG merit ought not to be made the basis for admission appears to be a reasonable decision. Such decision is, otherwise, in consonance with law.

8. In such circumstances, we do not find any merit in the writ petition only because in the previous years unqualified N.E.E.T. students were also allowed to participate.

9. In view of the above, the petition lacks merit and the same is accordingly dismissed."

Further, Regulation 6(b) of the aforesaid Regulations provides that "A candidate shall not be admitted to Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry degree course unless or she has passed the qualifying examination as defined under these regulations with the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Biotechnology and English (as a core course) and obtained marks as specified under regulations (7) or an examination equivalent to intermediate science examination of an Indian University or Board recognised by the Association of Indian Universities taking Physics, Chemistry and Biology including a practical test in each of these subjects and English."

The Executive Committee further observed that qualifying criteria as per Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023 framed by National Medical Commission for admission to MBBS course provides as under:

“Regulation 11. a. Eligibility criteria for taking NEET-UG—No aspirant shall be allowed to take NEET-UG unless he has completed the age of 17 years as on or before 31st January of the year that the candidate shall be appearing for NEET-UG examination; and

b. Has passed 10 +2 (or equivalent) with subjects of Physics, Chemistry Biology/ Biotechnology and English.”

The Committee noted that the criteria for admission to BVSc & AH course are similar to those of MBBS course. Further, duration of course of BVSc & AH is five and half year duration and duration of course of MBBS is also five and half years duration.

In view of above, Council earlier vide circular dated 20.8.2024 and 29.8.2024 as referred above decided that admission to BVSc & AH course shall be made either by entrance examination to be conducted by the University or State Government for all veterinary colleges in that State and a common competitive merit list shall be prepared on the basis of such entrance test. In case of non conduct of entrance examination by the University/ State Government, NEET (UG) qualified merit list shall be adopted for admission to BVSc & AH course.

Hence, it was opinion of the Executive Committee that in view of provisions mentioned at Regulation 6(b) and Regulation 7(1) of VCI – MSVE Regulations, 2016 and Regulation 11 (a) & (b) of Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023, the Council has not adopted different criteria for admission to BVSc & AH course as the qualifying criteria for admission and duration of course of BVSc & AH are similar to those of MBBS course.

In the present Writ, the affiliating University is Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Hisar and the University has not conducted any entrance examination for admission to BVSc & AH course for the academic session 2025-26 and adopted NEET (UG) qualified merit list-2025 for admission to all constituent/ affiliated veterinary colleges in their jurisdiction.

The Committee observed that as per their knowledge, the Central Government has not made any relaxation in the cut-off marks in NEET (UG) merit list-2025 for admission to MBBS course. The cut-off marks in NEET(PG) course was allowed by the Central Government. Further, it is relevant to mention here that the entrance test of NEET(PG) course are undertaken only after completion of MBBS course.

The Committee after detailed discussion decided that the aforesaid facts shall be informed to the Hon'ble High Court by way of filing Affidavit in compliance of direction of the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court.

2. To consider the Email letter dated 07th April, 2026 received from the Land Pooling Cell, Planning Department, 14th Floor, Vikas Minar, DDA.

The Executive Committee considered the Email letter dated 07th April, 2026 received from the Land Pooling Cell, Planning Department, 14th Floor, Vikas Minar, DDA requested to provide the nature of proposed 'use premise' (including proposed activities) of VCI.

The Committee noted that the Council has already released Rs.14.00 crore to the CPWD for construction of building at the proposed land at Roshanpura, Nazafgarh, New

Delhi on 31.3.2026. The Committee discussed the matter in detail and observed that the Administrative Department vide order dated 06.2.2024 allotted land to VCI for establishment of additional facilities, as the existing rental accommodation allocated to VCI at August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi is not sufficient and is inadequate to carry out activities like upgradation of skill in various research areas relating to animal/ veterinary sciences by conducting short courses, online counselling etc.

After detailed discussion, the Committee decided that the aforesaid fact shall be informed to the DDA and copy to Administrative Department on priority basis.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

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