

## 24 engg colleges can hike management quota fee, says panel

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TAMIL Nadu State fee fixation committee for professional colleges has allowed 24 private engineering colleges to hike the fee for management quota seats to ₹1.35 lakh for non-accredited courses and ₹1.40 lakh for accredited courses. In June 2017, the panel headed by Justice NV Balasubramanian fixed the fee for management quota engineering seats at ₹85,000 per year for non-accredited courses and ₹87,000 for accredited courses. Now, they have been hiked by ₹50,000 and ₹53,000.

This fee includes tuition fee, admission fee, special fee, laboratory/computer/internet fee, library fee, sports fee, maintenance and amenities fee, extracurricular activities fee and other recurring expenditure.

In addition to the above annual fee, these 24 colleges were also permitted to collect ₹15,000 per student as placement and training fee subject to the condition that they submit details of expenditure towards the same.

Reacting to the development, the chairman of a private college said many more colleges are likely to seek a fee hike in the coming year citing these 24 institutions as an example. P2