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TO THE STUDENTS BELONGING TO

SCHEDULED CASTES

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Post Matric Scholarship for SCs: Scheme Guidelines

1. Objective

1.1 The objective of the scheme is to appreciably increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio of SC students in higher education with a focus on those from the poorest households, by providing financial assistance at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

2. Scope

2.1 These scholarships are available for studies in India only and the awardees are selected by the State Government/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs (i.e. the State/UT in which permanently settled or domiciled, as per the terms of domicile decided by the State).

2.2 This is applicable to all the students who are currently beneficiaries of the scheme as well as fresh admissions.

3. Definitions

a) *"Group 1: Degree and Post Graduate level professional courses"* shall mean: all Professional courses in Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications (ii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of Management & Medicine(iii) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc. (iv) M.Phil., Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Programmes (D.Lit., D.Sc. etc.) of Group I, Group II and Group III courses.(v) L.L.B, Integrated L.L.B, L.L.M

b) *"Group 2: Other Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate"* shall mean all Professional Courses leading to Degree, M Ed. / M. Pharma., Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma.), Nursing(B Nursing), BFS, other para-medical branches like rehabilitation, diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition& Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.) for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr. Secondary (10+2) and

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Vocational stream, ITI courses and Polytechnic where entrance qualification is Class XII or above.

c) *"Group 3: Graduate and Post Graduate course"* shall mean: courses not covered under Group 1& Group 2 e.g. B.A / B.Sc. / B.Com etc. M.A/ M. Sc./ M.Com etc.

d) *"Group 4: All post-matriculation (Post Class X level) non-degree courses"* shall mean: All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. Senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII); both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.

Note: The list of courses in various groups is indicative and States/UTs may add courses as per laid down standard in the State/UT.

e) *"Compulsory non-refundable fees"* shall mean: fee payable for enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/ Board, but does not include Refundable deposits like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

f) *"Demand"* for a year indicates the total fund requirement for release of scholarship to all eligible students under the scheme as per the entitlements for that **particular year.**

g) **"Freeship Card"** shall mean: A card issued by the State Govt./UT Administration that entitles a student eligible for scholarship under this Scheme, to take admission in an institution, without pre-payment of tuition fee and hostel fee.

4. Eligibility of Educational Institutions

4.1 Only such educational Institutions which maintain the laid down academic standards shall be covered under the scheme. The following conditions regarding the courses offered, performance of the institution, Aadhaar based attendance system are also required to be adhered to by the Institutions/Universities/Colleges in order to be eligible under the scheme:

i. Only Institutions/Colleges with the 'AISHE Code'/UDISE' Code' shall be eligible for the scholarship scheme. Based on the AISHE/UDISE-Code of the institution, all details of the institution such as - registration, affiliation and accreditation, courses being offered and number of seats approved for each course - will be pulled from the AISHE/UDISE server on to the scholarship portal automatically.

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ii.   All participating higher education institutions shall get NAAC/NBA accreditation before 2024, for continuation in the scheme from 2025-26 onwards.

iii. The scholarship benefits shall be linked with Aadhaar based attendance system. Therefore, the college/institution will maintain Aadhaar based attendance on a daily basis and will submit attendance details on the portal.

iv.   The institutions will submit half-yearly self-audited reports to the State Governments in a prescribed format which shall be separately issued.

v.   The institutions should be willing to honour the FREESHIP CARD issued by the State/District Authority through the scholarship portal and admit the student without insisting on pre-payment of the college/tuition fee or hostel fee. This would be paid by the student on release of the scholarship amount by the Government as per the provisions of this scheme. In this regard, the State Governments will coordinate with the institutions located in their respective States.

4.2   Scholarships will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post-secondary courses (Intermediate/Senior Secondary, Diploma, long-term Vocational Training Certificate, Graduate, Post Graduate courses etc.) pursued in recognized Institutions/ Universities/ Colleges falling in any of the following 9 categories:

     i.   Institutions of National Importance;

     ii.   Central University/ State University/ Autonomous colleges recognized by UGC and Universities /Colleges recognized under section 2(f) of UGC Act;

     iii.   Deemed Universities;

     iv.   All Private Universities recognized by State/Centre;

     v.   Private Professional Institutions affiliated to a recognized Central/State University and covered by a Fee Fixation Committee as mandated by Supreme Court;

     vi.   Recognized schools/colleges for Classes XI and class XII;

     vii.   Diploma granting Institutions as recognized by State/UT Governments;

     viii.   Vocational Training Institutes affiliated to National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT);

     ix.   Institutions affiliated/ approved by the appropriate bodies like NMC/AICTE etc. or any regulatory body established by State/UT/Centre.

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Provided that where a particular number of seats for a particular course have been recognized / authorized by the concerned regulatory authority, the scholarships shall be restricted to those numbers and courses.

5. Conditions of Eligibility of Students

5.1 The scholarships are open to Nationals of India only.

5.2 Only those candidates who belong to Scheduled Castes so specified in relation to the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs /domiciled as determined by the State/UT and who have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognized University or Board of Secondary Education will be eligible.

5.3 Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents'/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two lakh Fifty thousand only) during the last Financial Year. Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission only to courses which are continuing for more than one year. The income certificate shall be issued by the Authority as decided by the State Government.

5.4 The ceiling on age limit for admission as regular student in different classes should be decided by concerned Institutions.

5.5 Candidates who, after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in a different subject e.g. Intermediate Science after Intermediate Arts or B.Com after B.A. or M.A in one subject after M.A in other subjects will not be eligible.

5.6 Students, who pursue their studies through correspondence/online courses, are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuous education for courses in Central/ State Universities only. Non-refundable fees shall be paid and no academic allowance will be paid.

5.7 All the children of any parent/guardian will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme.

5.8 A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her, and should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts another scholarship/stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or ad-hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of

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books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.

5.9 All seats filled through arbitrary and non-transparent processes (including management quota, NRI quota, spot admissions etc.) without following the merit criteria as decided by the State Government are not eligible for these scholarships. The fees claimed against management quota seats, spot admission seat in any Institution /University will not be reimbursed. In case of any contradiction on the classification of seats or non-clarity on the classification of seats in the State/UT, the following criteria may be followed:

i)   If there is no arbitrariness/ discretion in the admission process and the fee for the course is fixed by the Fee Fixation/Fee Rationalization committee set up by the competent authority, the said seats may not be considered as the Management Quota Seats. However, the State Governments may   satisfy themselves of the following before release of scholarships:

    i.   That the applicants claiming the scholarship have been admitted through a transparent process which involved calling of applications through advertisements, preparation of ranks, selection of candidates on merit list, and publication of selection list and others as deemed fit by the State Government;

    ii.   That the fees for courses are duly approved by the Fee Fixation/Fee Rationalization Committee set up by the competent authority.

5.10   Students shall be encouraged to have Aadhaar linked Bank accounts to facilitate payments through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge.

6. Role of the State Governments

6.1   Although many SC students have availed benefits under this scheme and have occupied high positions in the society, still the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of SCs in higher education (23.0%) lags behind the national average (27.0%). It is the endeavour of the Government to raise the GER of SCs in higher education from 23.0 % to the national average in the next five years. Similarly, the GER in Senior Secondary education of SCs has to increase from the current 56% to the national average in the next five years. Towards this end, special focus of the implementing agencies is required to achieve the goal.

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6.2   All the SC students with annual income of up to Rs 2.50 lakh per annum would be eligible under the scheme. However, the State Government will additionally make special efforts to identify the poorest households from various sources and enroll the eligible students under the scheme in a mission mode. Further, these students would be monitored on regular basis so that they continue with their studies. Such students shall include (i) students from SC households with three or more deprivations as per SECC-2011 (ii) students from SC households where one or both the parents are illiterate and (iii) the students who have passed 10th standard from a State Government/ Municipality/Local Body school. In this regard, States/UTs will launch special campaigns to identify and cover such students.

6.3   States/UTs may adopt methodology suitable to the local conditions for identification of such students e.g. SC majority districts/blocks/villages may be taken first for identification of poorest students or students leaving class 10th or 12th class may be tracked in association with the education department or data emanating from other Central/State schemes indicating the dropouts rates or other sources as deemed fit.   Every State Government shall undertake a campaign every year in March/April to identify such students and mentor them to enrol and avail scholarships. Such students will be helped for identification of courses also as per their skills.

6.4   Awareness drive shall be undertaken by the State Governments/UTs about the scheme through the Gram Panchayats Notice Boards, school committees, and discussions in the parent-teacher association meetings and other public awareness measures, in order to extend its coverage and also minimize any misuse by unscrupulous elements.

6.5   The States are required to take up identification of the students for fresh enrolment by taking up systematic drive covering all the higher secondary schools and encouraging the pupils who have dropped out after Class 12th to come back to higher education.

6.6   It is essential that the fresh enrolments to the extent possible are made in the courses which are having employment potential. For this purpose, the State may do an exercise in consultation with the Higher Education Department of the State Government, and the State Skill Mission for identifying courses which would improve the employment potential of the students. It is strongly advised that fresh enrolment may be made in these courses. Such skill courses should be long term courses with periodicity of at least 1 year and conducted by the institutions as per Para 4 of the scheme guidelines.

6.7.   State Government will ensure that the beneficiary, at the time of admission, applies for the scholarship also. In this regard, the State Government may open facilitation centers

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or nominate a nodal officer in the educational institutions so that the entry into the student database for renewals and fresh admissions can be done in a stipulated timeframe.

6.8   The State Governments shall put in place a scholarship portal that has all features as prescribed in para 13 of these guidelines and share the data on a real-time basis with the Central portal.

6.9 The State/Central Government shall have robust monitoring systems, including field inspections, social audits, data analytics etc. so that timely payments are made to eligible beneficiaries.

6.10 States/UTs shall ensure that Fee Rationalization/Fixation Committees are set up for all courses.

7. Components of the Scholarship

7.1   The scholarship includes the following components for the complete duration of the course:-

i.   Compulsory non-refundable fees including tuition fee, as fixed by the Fee Fixation/Rationalization Committee of the State Government

ii.   Academic allowance

Category of courses	Yearly (in Rs)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group 1: Degree and Post Graduate level professional courses	13500	7000
Group 2: Other Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate	9500	6500
Group 3: Graduate and Post Graduate courses not covered under Group I & Group II	6000	3000
Group 4: All post-matriculation (Post Class X level) non-degree courses	4000	2500

Note 1. Ten percent extra allowances shall be provided for Divyang students.

Note 2. Students pursuing C.A. /I.C.W.A. /C.S. /I.C.F.A. shall be treated as day scholars for the purpose of academic allowance. Students studying through correspondence/online courses shall not be eligible for academic allowance.

Note 3. The academic allowance as above shall be applicable from the year 2021-22. For the year 2020-21 the allowances as applicable under the earlier guidelines shall apply.

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7.3   The Academic Allowance will be linked with the Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial workers. The Annual increment will be applicable w.e.f. April of each year and will be based on Index for the period January-December of the preceding year. The first revision would be applicable w.e.f. April, 2022 and in this regard Department will issue separate orders on Annual basis.

7.4 The State Governments may, if they so decide, top up the academic allowance from their own resources.

8. Freeship Card and process for issue

8.1 All eligible students shall be entitled to take admission in the institutions without pre-payment of tuition fees and hostel fees as per the Scheme Guidelines. To enable this, a FREESHIP CARD will be issued by the State Government to the eligible students, as per procedure detailed below. This Freeship card shall make the student eligible to study in the institution without pre-payment of the fees, and on the condition that as and when amount is released to the student's account, the institution would be intimated to collect the same from the student.

8.2 The student shall, well before the expected date of admission, register for issuance of a Freeship Card on the respective scholarship portal giving the details like the Aadhaar number, the name of the course in which he/she wants to take admission (e.g. MBBS, B.Sc., Class XI etc.) and an undertaking that the institution's charges would be paid within 7 working days from the date of receipt of the scholarship amount in his/her account. For the purpose of registration of Freeship Card, the portals shall remain open throughout the year.

8.3 The verification of the income, caste and merit details should be automatically done from the databases which are linked online for instant verification. The process should be entirely paperless. Until the above system is brought into effect, the documents may be scanned and uploaded which include: passport size photograph, copy of each of the certificates for diploma, degree etc. in respect of all examinations passed, Caste certificate duly signed by the authorized officer, valid Income certificate issued by the competent authority as prescribed by the State Govt. etc.

8.4 After the registration on the Portal, if the student is found eligible, all States/UTs will complete the verification process within 30 days from the receipt of the registration request from the students and issue the Freeship Card through the IT portal, mentioning the course

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for which application is made so that the eligible students are not denied admissions due to delay in depositing tuition fees. It should be possible for the student to download the Free Ship Card from the portal itself. Once complete digitization of all the required certificates is done, such Freeship Card shall be automatically generated immediately on registration, if the student is found eligible.

8.5 The Freeship Card shall contain the details given in Annexure-1, and shall be digitally signed. For the purpose of admission, the Freeship card will remain valid for period of one year from the date of issue.

8.6 If a student wants to change his/her course before taking admission in an institution, he can do so by logging on IT portal and a fresh Freeship Card shall be issued automatically for all eligible students.

8.7 In case of renewal students, there shall be no need for fresh registration for the Freeship card and a card once issued to him/her shall be valid for the entire duration of the course.

9. Application for Scholarship and Verification

9.1 **Application-on-the-day-of-admission**: The institutions shall ensure that all students admitted to their institution and having Freeship Cards issued as detailed in para 8 of these Guidelines, apply on the IT portal for the scholarship **on the same day as the date of admission into the institution.**

9.2 On the day of admission itself, the institution shall verify on the scholarship portal that the student has taken admission in the institution with the same course as mentioned on the Free ship card and is now a bonafide student of the institution.

9.3. In case of renewal students, the student shall be auto-renewed based on the attendance and confirmation from the institution of the student having been promoted to the next class and having joined back the same course as hosteller/day scholar, as the case may be.

10. Funding Pattern of the Scheme

10.1 There will be a 60: 40 sharing ratio between the Centre and States (90:10 in case of North Eastern States) of the average demand for the scheme for three year period 2017-18 to 2019-20 (to be considered as the base period), with a 5% overall annual increase each

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year in the Central assistance for all States put together in absolute terms w.r.t. base period. The above shall be applicable from 2020-21 onwards and the scheme will be continued upto the financial year 2025-26.

10.2   Thus, for the purpose of determining the demand for the year 2020-21, the average demand of 2017-18 to 2019-20, or the actual demand for 2020-21, whichever is lesser, will be considered for each State/UT. For subsequent years i.e. 2021-22 & onwards, the Central assistance for all States put together will be limited by a 5% annual increase over the average demand for the scheme for the base period of 2017-18 to 2019-20, which shall be ensured by the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) while appraising the States' Annual Action Plans. The Ministry will have the flexibility of adjusting the allocation of funds between the States subject to the total allocation approved, without disrupting the 60:40 sharing ratio between the Centre and the States.

10.3 If the total fund requirement is over and above the annual 5% limit, the central share will be limited to that and the additional requirement of funds, if any, shall be met by the State Governments from their own resources.

10.3. All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the scheme will maintain the data of all the beneficiaries on their online portal and will distinctly mention the amount of scholarship under various components as mentioned in the Scheme.

11. Payment Mechanism

11.1   The entire scholarship amount - both from the State and Central Government - including the tuition fees, academic allowance and any other admissible allowance will be paid directly into the account of the students **ONLY through DBT** preferably through an Aadhaar Based Payment System (Aadhaar Payment Bridge) from 2021-22. The States shall preferably release the payments through PFMS System so that the accounts of the students are not required to be validated again.

11.2   Starting from 2021-22, the Central share in the scheme would also be released on DBT mode directly into the bank accounts of the students, after ensuring that the concerned State Government has released their share.

11.3 All the States/UTs/Centre would adhere to the following timelines for processing of the applications and release of scholarship amounts:

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o The scholarship portals would remain open throughout the year so that all eligible students can register for the Freeship Card and apply for the scholarships.

o Disbursal of scholarships for all applications (fresh/renewals) shall be made in one instalment as per the following schedule:

Dates of receiving of applications	Date by which State share (40%; 10% in case of NE States) should be released	Date by which Central share (60%; 90% in case of NE States) should be released
From 1st April to 31st July	15th August	30th August
From 1st August to 30th November	30th December	26th January
From 1st December to 31st January*	28th February	15th March
From 1st February to 31st March*	With 75 days of application	Within 90 days of application

*Portal shall remain open only for submission of applications for scholarships for courses where admission is after November.

11.4 There shall be no delays in payment of the scholarships. For this purpose the State shall ensure that their installments are disbursed to the students by the timelines defined in previous para so that the Central share can also be released in time.

11.5 The Ministry of Social Justice vide notification number 428 dated Feb,16,2017 has notified Aadhaar as identity document under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act 2016 for all Scholarship Schemes w.e.f. 16th February 2017.

11.6   The authentication through Aadhaar would be compulsory at the time of renewals, if not provided earlier at the time of admission.

12.   Duration and Renewal of Awards

12.1   The award once made will be payable up to the completion of the course subject to satisfactory academic performance and attendance of 75% in every academic year. The attendance will be verified through Aadhaar based attendance System.

12.2   If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness, the award may be renewed subject to production of medical certificate from prescribed authority and acceptance of the same by institution /college.

12.3 If, according to the Regulations of a University/Institution, a student is promoted to the next higher class even though he/she may not have actually passed in lower class and is

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required to take examination of the junior class again after sometime, he/she will be entitled to scholarship for the class to which he/she is promoted if the student is otherwise eligible for scholarship. Further, in case a student fails in any class and then again joins the same class as a regular student, he/she will be eligible for scholarship for one additional year or the actual period, .whichever is lower.

13. IT Framework

13.1.   The scheme shall be run on an online platform with robust cyber security measures that would assure transparency, accountability, efficiency, and timely delivery of the assistance without any delays. The National Scholarship Portal (NSP) would be suitably modified for this purpose.

13.2.   If any State is already a running online portal that fulfils all the laid down parameters, they can continue with it, but share the data on real-time basis to the National Scholarship Portal or any other portal as specified by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment in due course through instructions   for enabling constant monitoring. Therefore, all States/UTs implementing the scheme will migrate to online processing of disbursal of scholarships, where not already done. The scholarship portal should mandatorily have the following features:

a) The IT portal shall be integrated with the AISHE/UDISE portal for pulling the data about the institution in which the student has taken admission.

b) At the time of registration for Freeship Card, every student should provide an Aadhaar ID/Aadhaar EID and other alternative form of ID as per this Ministry's notification no. 428 dated 16.02.2017 which will enable elimination of duplication and false claims. The Aadhaar authentication is mandatory in case of renewals, if not provided at the time of admission. The Aadhaar number entered by the students should go through demo-auth on real-time basis before allowing entry into the registration portal.

c) The States shall undertake fool-proof verification of the eligibility, caste status, Aadhaar identification and bank account details on the online portal.

d) There shall be no upload of any documents or any certificates into the system. All data should be auto-verified by linking databases through digilocker or any such

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mechanism, such as (i) school boards' results, including the CBSE/ICSE along with the certificates maintained by them; (ii) database of income certificates, domicile and caste certificates issued by State/District Administration and (iii) databases maintained by the Universities and Colleges, using Aadhaar number as the link.

e) All verification process of the students should be done using the above authenticated databases automatically using the digital process with little or no manual intervention. There should be no system of verification by the institutions or even the district level officers. Till such time such a system is put in place, the manual verification shall be completed within 30 days from the date of application, with a provision for 'presumed approval' if the same is not completed within 30 days.

f) A suitable system will be put in place for taking Aadhaar based attendance system which is non-intrusive and automatic. Till such a system is finalized by the Central Govt., the institution shall upload the attendance of the scholarship holder every month in the Attendance module that would be developed in the IT system.

g) There shall be no system of calling for the bank account details of the students and authenticating it. All payments should preferably go through Aadhaar Based Payment System (APB – Aadhaar Payment Bridge) after checking the Aadhaar number with the NPCI mapper.

h) The renewals should be automatic based on promotion to the next class and having the required attendance, subject to confirmation of the student having joined back the same course as hosteller/day scholar, as the case may be. There should not be any requirement for the student to apply for renewals.

i) A performance module to monitor the progress of student as well as performance of the institution should be suitably designed and incorporated.

j) Apart from this, the States shall maintain a complete database of the beneficiaries under various other scholarship schemes to ensure de-duplication of the beneficiaries.

k) The portal shall incorporate an online grievance redressal mechanism linking all the authorities responsible for implementation on the scholarship portal.

l) There shall be a provision indicating the students of the poorest households, as per the parameters provided under the Scheme, selected for scholarship.

m) The portal will make arrangements so that the students, once declared blacklisted, may not be able to apply for scholarship again.

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14. Annual Action Plan

14.1   Every participating State/UT, on or before 28th February of the preceding year, will prepare a State level Annual Plan for the PMS-SC scheme. In case the State has any other initiative on similar lines to PMS-SC, this may be mentioned separately in the Action Plan. The Action Plan should give clearly the targets, eligibility, proposed coverage separately for poorest households, processes for identification, identification of courses having employment potential, systems for monitoring etc.

14.2   The Department will constitute an Project Appraisal Committee to appraise and approve the Annual Action Plans. These plans would be appraised at the Centre and the outlay for each State would be finalized before 15th April, of every year as per the annual increase indicated under the funding pattern. The constitution of the committee will be informed through separate instructions.

15. Performance of the States/UTs

15.1   The performance of the States/UTs would be measured annually on certain parameters like (i) payments as per the given time schedule (ii) coverage from the poorest households (iii) academic outcomes of the scholarship-holders (iv) Implementation of Aadhaar based attendance (v) Digitization of various certificates required for determining eligibility etc.

15.2. The States/UTs would be ranked on the above parameters and top performing States will be awarded. The details in this regard will be prepared after consultations, and will be shared through instructions in due course.

16. Announcement of the Scheme by States/UTs

16.1   All the State Governments/UT Administrations will announce starting from April, the details of the Scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers of the State and through their respective websites/ Scholarship portals and other modes of media. The applicant should submit the completed application to the prescribed authority on the portal specified for this purpose before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications.

17. Process of Registration and Application for the student

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17.1 The student shall, well before the expected date of admission, register on the online on scholarship portal for issue of a Freeship Card as detailed in Para 8.2 of these Guidelines.

17.2 On admission to the institution to a course mentioned in the Freeship Card, the student shall apply, on the day of the admission itself, for scholarship, giving details of the Freeship card and the course and institution admitted to.

17.3 Students continuing their courses for which they have already been sanctioned scholarship in the previous year, i.e. renewal students, shall, be automatically renewed for scholarship as detailed in para 8.7.

18. Evaluation/Social Audit and follow up action

18.1. There shall be thorough evaluation of the outcomes of the scheme in regular intervals to ascertain the effectiveness of scheme implementation and for tracking the progress of the students. This may include conduct of social audits once a year, annual third-party evaluation, and half-yearly self-audited reports from each institution.

18.2. The social audits are to be conducted by the Social Audit Units of the State Governments formed by the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India duly meeting the cost from the administrative cost of the scheme.

18.3. The State Government shall also set up a robust monitoring mechanism for monitoring the academic progress of the students enrolled to the scheme.

18.4. The students who are found to be lagging behind should be provided remedial coaching so that their academic outcome shall not be less than the average academic outcomes. The State Action Plan should contain clear provisions for this.

18.5. In order to ensure proper accountability, physical verifications at various levels viz. Block/District/State levels shall be done by the States/UTs covering at least 10% of the institutions/students, chosen randomly through an algorithm. All private institutions offering courses at the level of graduation or above shall, however, be mandatorily inspected annually.

19. Administrative Charges

19.1. The administrative cost for administration, monitoring and evaluation shall be limited to 1% of the annual outlay.

19.2. Each State/UT shall project the requirement of funds for undertaking the monitoring of the implementation, in its Annual Action Plan. In case, funds are required for Book,

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these may be indicated under the Administrative charges. This would be considered by the PAC, ensuring that the total outflow on this count does not exceed 1% of the annual outlay.

19.3. The PAC shall give first priority in approving administrative charges for development of IT infrastructure, setting up of Technical Support Group cum Project Monitoring Unit at the Central/State level and social audits.

20. Mechanism for redressal of grievances

20.1. There shall be an online grievance redressal mechanism linking all the authorities responsible for implementation on the scholarship portal.

20.2. The student shall be able to lodge a grievance either through the portal or by a mobile app.

20.3. Every institution shall have a Grievance Redressal Officer (GRO) who is responsible for entertaining the grievances and resolving them by following up with the appropriate authority.

20.4. The non-resolution of the grievance at the institution level in a given time frame shall automatically be escalated to the district and later to the State level for resolution.

21. Other Conditions for the Award

21.1. If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statements, his/ her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered, at the discretion of the concerned State Government. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.

21.2. A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the scholar changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship was originally awarded or changes the institution of study, without prior approval of the State Government. The Head of the Institution shall report such cases to the State which will stop payment of the scholarship money. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the State Government.

21.3. A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount at the discretion of the State Government, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued by him/her.

21.4. The provisions of this scheme can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.

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Post Matric Scholarship for SCs: Scheme Guidelines

The following important parameters should be contained in the FREE SHIP CARD

Name of the Student

Student's ID on the portal

Fathers' Name-

Aadhaar Card Number-

Caste

Date of Birth

Annual Family income

Domicile State-

Address of the Student

Course (in which admission is sought)-

Duration of Course-

Class (presently studying)-

Class (Last class previously studied)-

Major provisions of the scheme

Student's undertaking to reimburse the amount to institution within 7 days after receipt of scholarship

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Schemes for the Welfare of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities

Application Format and Foreign Aid Format for Renovation of Churches in Tamil Nadu

(Click here for schemes and particulars pertaining to Minorities)

Scholarship Schemes
Rural Girls' Incentive Scheme
Distribution of Free Bi-Cycles
Free Hostels
Boarding Grants
Kallar Reclamation Schools
Supply of Free Tools
Free House Site Pattas
Thanthai Periyar Award for Social Justice

Availability of benefits

The benefit of schemes implemented for the welfare of BCs, MBCs, DNCs in Tamil Nadu are available only to those who are natives of Tamil Nadu and who belong to the castes included in the list of BCs, MBCs, DNCs . Any one who is not a native of Tamil Nadu is not entitled to any benefit from any scheme even if he belongs to a caste included in the list of BCs,MBCs & DNCs of Tamil Nadu.

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BC, MBC& DNC Welfare schemes are being implemented by district Collectors in the districts. He is assisted by District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officer -Cum- Regional Manager Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation in the implementation of the schemes at the district level.

Scholarship Schemes

Pre-matric scholarship scheme

- No fee (Tuition fee/ special fee/ examination fee) is collected from the students studying in Tamil Medium in Government and Government Aided Schools.
- The Government have completely waived the payment of tuition fee for the students studying in English medium from standard 6th to 10th in Government and Government aided schools.

Exam Fees Reimbursement:

The Examination Fee for the English Medium students studying in 10th standard in Government and Government Aided Schools is reimbursed in full to the Directorate of Government Examinations for BC, MBC & DNC students with the following conditions.

Conditions

- Backward Classes -Parental annual income should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.
- Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities – No Condition.

Post-matric scholarship scheme (School students)

- Under Post-matric scholarship scheme, examination fees for the Backward Classes students studying in 11th and 12th standards in English medium in Government and Government Aided schools are being reimbursed.

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- This is subject to the condition that their annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2.5 lakh. For Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students examination fee is reimbursed without any condition.
- The Government has waived the payment of tuition fee and special fee to the students studying in Tamil and English medium in Government and Government Aided schools.
- The examination fee for 11th and 12th standard Tamil medium students has also been waived.

Post-matric scholarship scheme (College students)

- Under Post matric scholarship scheme, scholarships are sanctioned to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students studying ITI, Diploma in Polytechnics, Post Graduate, Professional and Ph.D. courses.
- Annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2.5 lakh to avail this scholarship.
- Under the scheme, tuition fee and special fee are sanctioned as fixed for the Government educational institutions.
- Examination fee is sanctioned in full and book money as notified in the scholarship notification.
- Students studying in the second shift in Government and Government aided colleges are also sanctioned scholarship by applying the same conditions stipulated for students studying in the morning shift.
- In addition to the scholarship amount, boarding and lodging charges are sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to educational institutions, at the enhanced rate of Rs.4000/-per year (Rs.400/- per month for 10 months in a year) for Under Graudate courses, Professional Courses, ITI / Diploma and Post Graduate courses from the year 2021-22.

Free Education Scheme

Degree courses

- Under Free Education scholarship (Degree) scheme, students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying in three year Degree Courses in Government and Government Aided Arts and Science colleges are sanctioned special fee and non-refundable compulsory fee as prescribed by the Government (Tuition fee of students

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studying in three year Degree Courses in Government and Government Aided Arts and Science colleges has been waived).
- Book money is sanctioned as notified in the scholarship notification and examination fee in full.
- This scholarship is sanctioned without any condition.
- In addition to the scholarship amount, boarding and lodging charges at the enhanced rate of Rs.4000/- per year (Rs.400/- per month for 10 months in a year) are sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to educational institutions from the year 2021-22.

Diploma courses

- Under Free Education scholarship (Diploma) scheme, students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities studying Diploma courses in Government and Government Aided Polytechnic Colleges are sanctioned tuition fee, special fee and non-refundable compulsory fee as prescribed by the Government.
- Book money is sanctioned as notified in the scholarship notification and examination fee in full.
- This is subject to the conditions that the annual parental income should not exceed Rs.2,50,000/- and the beneficiary should be the first diploma holder/graduate in the family.
- In addition to the scholarship amount, boarding and lodging charges at the enhanced rate of Rs.4000/-per year (Rs.400/- per month for 10 months in a year) are sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to educational institutions from the year 2021-22.

Professional courses

- Under Free Education scholarship (Professional) scheme, students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities selected under Government quota through single window system and pursuing Professional Courses in Government, Government aided and self-financing colleges, are sanctioned special fee and non-refundable compulsory fee as prescribed by the Government.
- Book money is sanctioned as notified in scholarship notification and examination fee in full.
- This is subject to the conditions that the annual parental income should not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- and the beneficiary should be the first graduate in the family.

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- In addition to the scholarship amount, boarding and lodging charges at the enhanced rate of Rs.4000/-per year (Rs.400/- per month for 10 months in a year) are sanctioned to students who are staying in hostels attached to educational institutions from the year 2021-22.

Web enabled sanction of scholarship

- Sanction and disbursement of scholarship to the college students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities is implemented through the web application www.bcmbcscholarship.tn.gov.in.
- Scholarships are directly credited into the students' bank account through Integrated Financial and Human Resource Management System (IFHRMS) by the respective Heads of the Department.

Reimbursement of fee to the students studied in Government Schools and admitted in Medical Courses under 7.5% preferential allotment seats

Fee for the students who studied in Government schools and admitted in Medical and Dental Courses under 7.5% preferential allotment seats, is reimbursed to the Directorate of Medical Education.

How to Apply for Post-Matric Scholarship for Colleges

- BC, MBC & DNC College students can collect their BC, MBC & DNC Scholarship application from their Institutions and submit the duly filled in applications with the relevant documents to the Institutions.
- For any queries contact District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Office situated in the Campus of District Collectorate.

Scholarships to students studying in Central Government Institution like IIT, IIM, IIIT, NIT and Central Universities

Scholarships are sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu students belonging to BC/MBC/DNC communities who are pursuing UG/PG Courses in Government of India institutions like IIT, IIM, IIIT, NIT and Central Universities with the following conditions.

Conditions:

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- The student should belong to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes or Denotified Communities.
- The student should be a native of Tamil Nadu.
- The student should be pursuing UG/PG courses in IIT, IIM, IIIT, NIT and Central Universities.
- The annual family income should not exceed Rs.2.50 Lakh.
- The scholarship amount will be reimbursed to the student every year for the entire duration of their UG/PG Courses.
- The reimbursement will cover Tuition Fee, Special Fee, Exam Fee, other compulsory fees as prescribed by the Institution or Rs. 2.00 lakh per year whichever is lesser.
- If more number of applications are received, eligible students will be shortlisted as per the marks secured by them in plus two public exam.

How to apply:

- The eligible and willing students are requested to fill the applications forms and submit the filled application to the institutions and send the filled application with the concurrence of the Principal of the Institutions with all enclosures to the under mentioned Directorate.

Commissioner of Backward Classes Welfare,
Ezhilagam Annex Building,
2nd floor, Chepauk, Chennai-5.
Phone:044-28551462
E-mail : tngovtiitscholarship@gmail.com

- For any queries contact District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Office situated in the Campus of District Collectorate.
- To download Application form click here:

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GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPONENT SCHEME –
CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (PM-USP CSSS)

(Applicable for academic year 2022-23 onwards)

1.   Objective

To provide financial assistance to meritorious students from poor families to meet a part of their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies.

2.   Scope

The scholarships are awarded by Ministry of Education, Government of India on the basis of results of Higher Secondary / Class XII Board Examination. A maximum of 82,000 fresh scholarships per annum are provided for pursuing graduate / postgraduate degree in colleges and universities and for professional courses, such as Medical, Engineering etc.

3.   Allocation of Scholarship

The total number of scholarships are divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years, after segregating share of CBSE and ICSE on the basis of number of students passing out from various Boards in the country. 50% of the scholarships are earmarked for girls. Out of the total scholarship slots earmarked for UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, 3% slots shall be earmarked for the students from the UT of Ladakh. The number of scholarships allotted to a State Education Board is distributed amongst pass outs of the Humanities, Science and Commerce streams in the ratio of 3:3:1. In case of shortfall in the number of applications, the scholarship slots shall be interoperable among categories (Gen, OBC, SC & ST), gender (Female, Male) and State Quota to maximize use of slots for fresh scholarships with effect from academic year 2022-23, subject to the condition that guidelines of Ministry of Finance and NITI Aayog regarding SC/ST fund allocation of the schemes are adhered to.

4.   Eligibility for Scholarship

i.   Students who are above 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream from the respective Board of Examination in Class XII of 10+2 pattern or equivalent;

ii.   Pursuing regular degree courses and **not** correspondence or distance mode or pursuing Diploma courses;

iii.   Pursuing courses at colleges/institutions recognized by All India Council for Technical Education and respective Regulatory Bodies concerned;

iv.   Not availing benefit of any other scholarship schemes including State run scholarship schemes/ fee waiver & reimbursement scheme;

v.   Students with gross parental/family income upto **Rs. 4.5 lakh per annum** are eligible for scholarship under the scheme. Income certificate will be required only for the fresh applicants;

vi.   Student changing his/ her college/institute of study will be allowed to continue/renew the scholarship provided the course of study and the institution is having valid AISHE Code; The AISHE code can be checked in the portal https://aishe.gov.in/aishe/aisheCode

vii.   Students who missed to apply for renewal of application online on NSP will be allowed to apply for renewal of scholarship for subsequent year on NSP, if he/she fulfils eligibility condition for renewal;

viii.   For renewal of scholarship in each year of study, besides getting at least 50% marks in the Annual Examination, maintenance of adequate attendance of at least 75%, will also be the criteria. Complaints against the student regarding any in disciplined or criminal behaviour including any complaints of having indulged in ragging, will lead to forfeiture of scholarship;

ix.   Beneficiaries/ Applicants under the scheme must apply online in the National Scholarships Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in) for the fresh/ renewal scholarships. Fresh/Renewal applications sent directly to the Ministry of Education shall not be accepted.

5.   Reservation

Students belonging to reserved categories/weaker sections /minorities etc. are eligible to get benefit of reservation on the basis of merit, subject to Central Reservation Policy [i.e. 15% seats are earmarked for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 27 % for OBCs and 5% horizontal reservation for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in all the categories]. The Central Reservation Policy will be applicable in filling the slots against each year's target. If slots under a specific group is not filled after considering all the States/UTs, the vacant slots will be allocated to other categories so that maximum number of eligible students can get the benefit, subject to overall ceiling of slots.

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6. Procedure for Application

i. The applications are received online only. Verification of credentials of the students like caste, educational qualifications etc. are done through DIGILOCKER facility of the MeITY, Govt. of India.

ii. National Scholarships Portal (NSP) (www.scholarships.gov.in) will provide the timelines for opening & closing of the portal.

iii. The Guidelines for application, verification, selection and disbursement of scholarship will be as per the NSP.

iv. Selection list would be generated/displayed on NSP.

v. Online applications will be verified at two levels i.e by the Institute, where the student is studying and thereafter by the concerned State Higher Education Department or any other Agency/ Official nominated by the State as State Nodal Agency (both for fresh and renewal applicants).

vi. Latest guideline on Timelines will be made available on NSP.

vii. Students will not be permanently debarred for scholarships due to delay to renew or verification. However, students will have to submit renewal applications within a cut-off date. Renewal for that year will not be allowed if an applicant misses this deadline.

7. Rate and Duration of Scholarship (from financial year 2022-23)

The rate of scholarship is Rs.12,000/-per annum at Graduation level for first three years of College and University courses and Rs.20,000/-per annum at Post-Graduation level. Students pursuing professional courses, in case, where the duration of course is five (5) years/Integrated course will get Rs. 20,000/-per annum in the 4th and 5th year. However, students pursuing technical courses such as B.Tech, B.Engg. will get scholarship up to graduation level only i.e. Rs. 12,000 p.a. for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year and Rs. 20,000 in the 4th year.

Note: The rate of scholarship is Rs.10,000/-per annum for first three years of fresh/ renewal scholarships with respect to academic year 2021-22, even if the actual release happens in FY 2022-23.

8. Payment of Scholarship

Students are required to have the bank accounts opened, especially, in their name for availing the benefits under the scheme. The scholarship will be disbursed directly into the savings bank accounts of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

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mode. The student can track their payment status from the template "Know Your Payment" in the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal [https://pfms.nic.in/Users/LoginDetails/Login.aspx] either by indicating Aadhaar number or bank account number or NSP Application ID.

9. **For Colleges/Universities**

College and Universities will apprise the students about the "PM-USP CSSS" during admission. Aadhaar based authentication of Institute Nodal Officer (INO)/ State Nodal Officer (SNO) is mandatory for every Institution/State before verification of the applications. INO/SNO should be a regular employee.

10. **For State Government/State Boards**

Adequate publicity of the scheme may be initiated through the Schools/ Colleges/ Institutions to create awareness and to facilitate/ assist the applicants in rural area to apply for scholarship online on NSP.

11. **Grievance Redressal**

In case of any grievances/complaint regarding the above scheme, the same may be registered to the following link:

http://pgportal.gov.in/grievancenew.aspx

other than to the Nodal Officer whose email is available on NSP portal (Services Tab).

Contact us:

Section Officer
National Scholarship Division
Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education,
West Block 1, 2nd Floor, Wing 6, Room No. 6,
R. K. Puram, Sector 1, New Delhi 110066.
Tele: 011- 20862360
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SCHEME OF 'MERIT CUM MEANS BASED SCHOLARSHIP' FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES

1.   OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses.

2.   SCOPE

The scholarship is to be awarded for studies in India in a Government or private institution, selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned. It will cover technical and professional courses at undergraduate and post graduate level. A list of courses are at Appendix-E.

3.   ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship will be awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination and the annual income of whose parents/guardians from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

4.   DISTRIBUTION

Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. A total of 60,000 scholarships are targeted to be distributed as 'Fresh' Scholarships, besides, Renewal scholarships. The distribution of scholarship among the States/Union Territories will be made on the basis of population of minorities in the States/Union Territories as per Census 2001 for 2017-18 and as per the population of minorities in the States/Union Territories of Census 2011 for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as per Appendices- A & B).

5.   EARMARKING

i)   30% scholarship is earmarked for girls students of each minority community in a State/UT which is transferable to male students of that community in case of non-availability of female students in that community in the concerned State/UT. 30% is the floor and not the ceiling for eligible girl students.

ii)   If the physical target of scholarship for a particular minority community in a state/UT is not utilized, it will be distributed among the same minority community in other States/UTs strictly in accordance with merit and without disturbing the national ratio. Any unutilized community quota shall be distributed amongst other communities again in accordance with merit and without affecting the overall national quota.

iii)   A student residing in a particular State/UT will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State/UT only irrespective of his/her place of study.

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6. SELECTION PROCEDURE

(i)   Fresh - The number of scholarship has been fixed State/UT-wise on the basis of Community-wise minority population of the States/UTs as per Census 2001 (2017-18) & 2011 (2018-20).   Within the State-wise allocations, the applications from Listed Institutions will be exhausted first in merit list. In case number of such students is more than the State/Community-wise quota, normal merit list criteria shall be followed. Other verified applicant/student will be selected in the merit list, thereafter, on merit basis i.e. Percentage/marks of last academic course/board (higher secondary / graduation) exam. In case of similar marks, income will be taken as deciding factor.

(ii)   Renewal – There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (or in each semester/trimester of previous year's) their application is approved by State Governments/UTs.

7. DURATION

Scholarship will be provided for the entire academic year/course. Similarly, the maintenance allowance will be given as fixed lump sum amount for an academic year (Rs. 10,000/- for Hosteller and Rs. 5,000/- for Day Scholar).

8. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The details of the scheme interventions for the three years viz.2017-18 to 2019-20 are as under:

Item	Existing (2012-17)
Rate of Scholarship- Course Fee	Rs. 20,000/- per annum subject to actuals whichever is less (for both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
Maintenance Allowance	Rs. 1,000/- per month* for Hosteller Rs. 500/- per month* for Day Scholar
Scholarship for listed institutes	Full course fee is reimbursed for 85 listed Institutes.

* For 10 months in an academic year.

9. LIST OF INSTITUTES FOR FULL COURSE FEE REIMBURSEMENT

There is a list of 85 Reputed Premier Institutes, covered under the scheme, for which a student is eligible for full Course Fee reimbursement as scholarship during an academic year. A list of such Institutes is at Appendix – C.

10. CONDITIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

(i)   Students who get admission to a college to pursue technical/professional courses, on the basis of a competitive examination will be eligible for the scholarship.

(ii)   Financial assistance will be given to pursue graduate level or post graduate level technical and professional courses from a recognized institution Admission and Course fee and Maintenance allowance for the year of scholarship will be

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credited/transferred directly into the bank account of selected students.

(iii) Students who get admission in technical/professional courses without taking any competitive examination will also be eligible for scholarship. However, such students should have secured not less than 50% marks in last qualifying exam at higher secondary/graduation level in case of Fresh Scholarship only. Selection of these students will be done strictly on merit basis

(iv) An Income Certificate, issued from a Competent Authority in the State/UT Governments is required in respect of parent/guardian of the student.

(v) A Self-Certified Community Certificate is required from the student who has attained 18 years of age. For others the Community Certificate certified by parent/guardian of the student is required.

(vi) The continuance of award (for Renewal applicants) will be subject to securing 50% marks in the previous year's examination (each semester / trimester of previous year provided the students pursues the same course in same Institute).

(vii) Maintenance allowance will be provided to hostellers and day scholars.

(viii) The award will be discontinued if a student fails to secure 50% marks in the previous annual examination (as stated in para-vi above).

(ix) Scholarship will not be given to more than two students from a family (applicable for all three Scholarship schemes meant for minorities under this Ministry taken together).

(x) Students should be regular in attendance for which the yardstick will be decided by the competent authority of the institutions.

(xi) The institute will certify the claim of student of being an outstation student not residing in hostel of the institute concerned on the basis of permanent address and parents' address.

(xii) Migration of students from one school/institute to another is not allowed for renewal applicants during the period of academic course.

(xiii) If a student violates institution's discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or cancelled. The State Government/Union Territory Administration can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme.

(xiv) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered by the concerned State/UT Govt. The student shall also be black listed and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.

(xv) The Course fees and Maintenance allowance (for 2017-20) will be credited to the student's bank account directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

(xvi) The student obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other scheme for this purpose.

(xvii) **A student shall be eligible for only one scholarship out of all the available Scholarships of Central Government meant for SC/ST/OBC/minority.**

(xviii) The amount of Administrative Expenses (@ 2%) for States/UTs in subsequent year shall be released after receiving the Utilization Certificate for the previous years.

(xix) The scheme will be evaluated at regular intervals by the Ministry or any other agency designated by the Ministry and the cost of the evaluation will be borne by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under the provision of the scheme.

(xx) The State/Union Territory shall place all relevant details of financial and physical achievements on their website. Dr. G. Balakrishnan, M.E., Ph.D.,

(xxi) The regulations can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.

(xxii) Scholarship will not be paid for the period of internship/housemanship in the M.B.B.S. course or for a practical training in other course if the student is in receipt of some remuneration during the internship period or some allowance/stipend during the practical training in other course.

(xxiii) It will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar number while applying for the scholarship and in case, an individual does not possess Aadhaar one can provide the details of alternative identification documents, as stated in the Gazette Notification No. 1137, dated 21.04.2017 (as per Appendix-D)

(xxiv) Students who have entered Aadhaar in their online application correctly and Aadhaar seeded with any of their bank account, in such cases the amount of scholarship will be credited to Aadhaar seeded bank account only (though student has mentioned any other non-seeded bank account in online application).

(xxv) The scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the scholar. If it is reported by the Head of the Institution at any time that a scholar has by reasons of his/her own act of default failed to make satisfactory progress or has been guilty of misconduct such as resorting to or participating in strikes, irregularity in attendance without the permission of the authorities concerned etc., the authority sanctioning the scholarship may either cancel the scholarship or stop or withhold further payment for such period as it may think fit.

(xxvi) A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued or change in the subject of study.

(xxvii) The regulations under the scheme can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.

(xxviii) The list of Graduate Degree level and Post Graduate level technical and professional courses under Merit cum Means based Scholarship scheme is available on the website of this Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in

11. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

As the magnitude of data to be entered and processed would be enormous as the scheme gets implemented over the years, there would be a need to engage qualified skilled personnel right from the beginning to ensure that the data based computerised systems are operational. Qualified skilled personnel possessing requisite expertise to operate computer programme designed for this purpose, enter, process, analyse, monitor, retrieve and transfer data should be engaged on contract basis as per need. Data provided by the States/Union Territories will be maintained and managed by the Ministry with personnel of similar expertise to be engaged on contract basis.

A provision not exceeding 2% of the total budget will be made to meet the administrative and allied costs viz. expenditure of the States/Union Territories and the Ministry for office equipments including computers and accessories, furniture, printing of application forms, advertisements, engagement of personnel, etc. This provision will also be used for evaluation and monitoring of the scheme, through outside reputed institutions/agencies engaged by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

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12. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship, once awarded, may be renewed during the next academic year of the course on the production of certificate that the student has secured 50% marks in the previous year's examination (each semester / trimester of previous year provided the students pursues the same course in the same Institute).

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEME

The scheme will be announced by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration well in time, through advertisements in the leading language newspapers and local dailies and by using other suitable publicity media.

14. MODE OF APPLYING

The scheme is implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). It is mandatory for all students to apply online on the website i.e. www.scholarships.gov.in.

15. PATTERN OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The scheme is Central Sector Scheme and 100% funding is provided by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

16. INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (to be filled by the students in online application form are as under):

(i) Students must select their bank/branch name carefully from the drop down list.

(ii) Thereafter the complete account no. must be entered correctly. Students are suggested to get their account number verified by their concerned Bank Branch including Bank account number and IFS Code.

(iii) Disclaimer (*If bank details entered by students are found incorrect, the scholarship will be canceled/amount will not be transferred even though the application is approved for scholarship).

(iv) Bank Account holders must check their 'Know your Customer' (KYC) status from bank and if required the KYC must be done for successful transaction of scholarship amount.

(v) **Bank Account must be operational/active till the scholarship is disbursed. Ministry of Minority Affairs will not be responsible in case of transaction failure in the account given by applicant.**

(vi) Bank Account must be preferably in any scheduled Bank with core banking facility and proper IFS Code.

(vii) **Bank Account must be in the name of the student.**

17. MONITORING & TRANSPARENCY

The Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme is being implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP), maintained by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Delhi. Hence, NIC, Delhi, shall maintain year-wise details of the students receiving

scholarship, indicating school/institute, location of school/institute, government or private, class, gender, new or renewal, permanent address and parents' address. NIC, Delhi, shall place relevant physical and financial details on the NSP under the LogIns of all concerned State holders including States, Union Territories, etc.

18. EVALUATION

The monitoring of the financial and physical performance of the scheme will be evaluated by assigning evaluation/impact studies to reputed institutions/agencies by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

19. REVIEW, MODIFICATION (if any, during 2017-18 to 2019-20)

The progress of implementation of the scheme shall be reviewed by the Joint Secretary I/c of Scholarship Schemes in Ministry of Minority Affairs on monthly basis. Quarterly Review shall be done by Secretary, Minority Affairs, Government of India.

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SCHEME OF 'POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP' FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES

1. BACKGROUND

The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. It provides that a post-matric scholarship scheme for meritorious students from minority communities would be implemented.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the scheme is to award scholarships to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of minority community so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education, increase their rate of attainment in higher education and enhance their employability.

3. SCOPE

The scholarship is to be awarded for studies in India in a government or private higher secondary school/college/university, including such residential institutes of the Government and eligible private institutes selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned. It will also cover technical and vocational courses in Industrial Training Institutes/ Industrial Training Centres affiliated with the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) of classes XI and XII level including Polytechnics and other courses (any course of less than one year duration is not covered under this scheme; Certificate courses are also not covered).

4. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship will be awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination and the annual income of whose parents/guardians from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh.

11. DISTRIBUTION

Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. A total of five (05) lakh scholarships are targeted to be distributed as 'Fresh' Scholarships, besides, Renewal scholarships. The distribution of scholarship among the States/Union Territories will be made on the basis of population of minorities in the States/Union Territories as per Census 2001 for 2017-18 and as per the population of minorities in the States/Union Territories of Census 2011 for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as per Appendices- A & B).

6. EARMARKING

i) 30% scholarship is earmarked for girls students of each minority community in a State/UT which is transferable to male students of that community in case of non-availability of female students in that community in the concerned State/UT. 30% is the floor and not the ceiling for eligible girl students.

ii) If the physical target of scholarship for a particular minority community in a state/UT is not utilized, it will be distributed among the same minority

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community in other States/UTs strictly in accordance with merit and without disturbing the national ratio. Any unutilized community quota shall be distributed amongst other communities again in accordance with merit and without affecting the overall national quota.

iii) A student residing in a particular State/UT will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State/UT only irrespective of his/her place of study.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Fresh - As the number of scholarships for minorities available in a year is fixed and limited, it is necessary to lay down preference for selection. Inter-se selection weightage is to be given to poverty rather than marks (the applicant is required to submit an income certificate as per para-11(ii)). In case of same income, merit shall be generated from 'Date of Birth' criteria of applicant (senior is preferred).

Renewal – There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same institute and in same course) and his/her application is verified by all authorities (as designated by Ministry of Minority Affairs) and approved by State Governments/UTs.

8. DURATION

The scholarships shall be provided for the entire course of the academic year. Maintenance allowance will be given as fixed lump sum amount in an academic year (as per para-9 below) for 2017-18 to 2019-20.

9. RATES OF SCHOLARSHIP

Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission & course /tuition fee and maintenance allowance as given below subject to a maximum ceiling indicated against item concerned for 2017-20. The details of the scheme interventions for 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

Item	Rate of Scholarship
Rate of Scholarship Admission + Tuition Fee	Admission and tuition fee Class XI & XII: Rs. 7,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
	Admission and course/tuition fee for technical and vocational courses of XI and XII level (Courses of one or more year of duration): Rs. 10,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
	Admission and tuition fee for UG & PG level: Rs. 3,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
Maintenance Allowance	For Class XI & XII including Tech. & Voc. Course*: Rs. 380/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 230/- per month for Day Scholar

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	For Courses other than Tech. & Prof. courses at UG & PG level*: Rs. 570/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 300/- per month for Day Scholar
	For M.Phil & Ph.D.*: Rs. 1,200/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 550/- per month for Day Scholar

* For 10 months in an academic year.

10.   IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

The scheme is being implemented/funded by Ministry of Minority Affairs through the States/UT's Administration.

11.   CONDITIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

(i)   Scholarship will be awarded to the students studying in Classes XI and XII including technical and vocational courses of this level including Polytechnics, ITIs, and other courses.

(ii)   An Income Certificate, issued from a Competent Authority in the State/UT Governments is required in respect of parent/guardian of the student.

(iii)   A Self-Certified Community Certificate is required from the student who has attained 18 years of age. For others the Community Certificate certified by parent/guardian of the student is required.

(iv)   The continuance of award (for Renewal applicants) will be subject to securing 50% marks in the previous year's examination (provided the students pursues the same course and same Institute/School).

(v)   Maintenance allowance will be provided to hostellers and day scholars.

(vi)   Scholarship will not be given to more than two students from a family (applicable for all Scholarship schemes meant for minorities under this Ministry taken together).

(vii)   Students should be regular in attendance for which the yardstick will be decided by the competent authority of the school.

(viii) The school/institute will certify the claim of student of being an outstation student not residing in hostel of the school/institute concerned on the basis of permanent address and parents' address.

(ix)   Migration of students from one school/institute to another is not allowed for renewal applicants during the period of academic course.

(x)   If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or cancelled. The State Government/Union Territory Administration can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme.

(xi)   If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered by the concerned State/UT Govt.

(xii)   The course/tuition fees and maintenance allowancewill be credited to the student's account directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

(xiii) The student obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other scheme for this purpose.

(xiv) A student shall be eligible for only one scholarship out of all the available Scholarships of Central Government meant for SC/ST/OBC/ minority.

(xv)   The amount of Administrative Expenses (@ 2%) for States/UTs in subsequent

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year shall be released after receiving the utilization certificate for the previous years.

(xvi) The scheme will be evaluated at regular intervals by the Ministry or any other agency designated by the Ministry and the cost of the evaluation will be borne by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under the provision of the scheme.

(xvii) The State/Union Territory shall place all relevant details of financial and physical achievements on their website.

(xviii) The regulations can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.

(xix) It will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar number while applying for the scholarship and in case, an individual does not possess Aadhaar one can provide the details of alternative identification documents, as stated in the Gazette Notification- S.O. No. 1284 (E) No. 1137, dated 21.04.2017 (as per Appendix-C).

(xx) Students who have entered Aadhaar in their online application correctly and Aadhaar seeded with any of their bank account, in such cases the amount of scholarship will be credited to Aadhaar seeded bank account only (though student has mentioned any other non-seeded bank account in online application).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

As the magnitude of data to be entered and processed would be enormous as the scheme gets implemented over the years, there would be a need to engage qualified skilled personnel right from the beginning to ensure that the data based computerized systems are operational. Qualified skilled personnel possessing requisite expertise to operate computer programme designed for this purpose, enter, process, analyse, monitor, retrieve and transfer data should be engaged on contract basis as per need. Data provided by the States/Union Territories will be maintained and managed by the Ministry with personnel of similar expertise to be engaged on contract basis.

A provision not exceeding 2% of the total budget will be made to meet the administrative and allied costs viz. expenditure of the States/Union Territories and the Ministry for office equipments including computers and accessories, furniture, printing of application forms, advertisements, engagement of personnel, etc. This provision will also be used for evaluation and monitoring of the scheme, through outside reputed institutions/agencies engaged by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

13. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship, once awarded, may be renewed during the next academic year of the course on the production of certificate that the student has secured 50% marks in the previous year's examination (provided the students pursues the same course and same Institute/School).

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEME

The scheme will be announced by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration well in time, through advertisements in the leading language newspapers and local dailies and by using other suitable publicity media.

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15. MODE OF APPLYING

The scheme is implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). It is mandatory for all students to apply online on the website i.e. www.scholarships.gov.in.

16. PATTERN OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The scheme is Central Sector Scheme and 100% funding is provided by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

17. MONITORING & TRANSPARENCY

The State/Union Territory shall maintain year-wise details of the students receiving scholarship, indicating school/institute, location of school/institute, government or private, class, gender, new or renewal, permanent address and parents' address. The States/ Union Territories shall place relevant physical and financial details in their official website

18. EVALUATION

The monitoring of the financial and physical performance of the scheme will be evaluated by assigning evaluation/impact studies to reputed institutions/agencies by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

19. INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (to be filled by the students in online application form are as under):

(i) Students must select their bank/branch name carefully from the drop down list.

(ii) Thereafter the complete account no. must be entered correctly. Students are suggested to get their account number verified by their concerned Bank Branch including Bank account number and IFS Code.

(iii) Disclaimer (*If bank details entered by students are found incorrect or not validated by the student's bank, the scholarship will be canceled/amount will not be transferred even though the application is approved for scholarship).

(iv) Bank Account holders must check their 'Know your Customer' (KYC) status from bank and if required the KYC must be done for successful transaction of scholarship amount.

(v) Bank Account must be operational/active till the scholarship is disbursed.

(vi) Bank Account must be preferably in any scheduled Bank with core banking facility and proper IFS Code.

(vii) Bank Account must be in the name of the student/applicant only.

20. MODIFICATION (if any, during 2017-18 to 2019-20)
Minor modifications, if any, in the scheme having no financial implications may be made by the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Minority Affairs without seeking recourse to SFC/EFC/Cabinet. However, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure would be consulted.

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AICTE – PRAGATI SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR GIRL STUDENTS - (DEGREE)

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GUIDELINES FOR AICTE – PRAGATI SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR GIRL STUDENTS (DEGREE)

1.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME:

Scheme being implemented by AICTE aimed at providing assistance for advancement of Girls pursuing technical education. Education is one of the most important means of empowering women with the knowledge, skill and self-confidence necessary to participate fully in the development process. This is an attempt to give young women the opportunity to further her education and prepare for a successful future by "Empowering Women through Technical Education".

2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

1) The girl candidate should be admitted to First year of Degree level course

OR

Second year of Degree level course through lateral entry in any of the AICTE approved Institution of respective year.
2) Maximum two girl child per family are eligible.
3) Family income from all sources should not be more than Rs. 8 lakh per annum during the current financial year. A valid income certificate issued by State/ UT Government need to be enclosed.

3.0 NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

1) A total of 5,000 scholarships are earmarked per annum under this scheme for pursuing First year of Degree level course **OR** Second year of Degree level course through lateral entry in any of the AICTE approved Institutions.
2) State/ Union Territory wise distribution of 5,000 scholarships is as per Annexure A.
3) In addition to 5,000 scholarships at point number 2, all eligible girls who submit online scholarship form, from following 13 Union Territories and North Eastern States i.e. Andaman and Nicobar Islands (UT), Jammu and Kashmir (UT), Ladakh (UT), Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu (UT), Lakshadweep (UT), Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim & Tripura will be given scholarship by AICTE.

4.0 AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

1) Rs. 50,000/- per annum for every year of study i.e. maximum 4 years for first year admitted students and maximum 3 years for second year admitted students through

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lateral entry as lump sum amount towards payment of college fee, purchase of computer, stationeries, books, equipments, softwares etc. No other additional grant will be payable in lieu of hostel charges and medical charges etc.

2) No documentary proof need to be attached for the above while availing benefits.

5.0 MODE OF PAYMENT:

After selection, the awardee will be paid scholarship through DBT mode on annual basis.

6.0 PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:

1) The candidate fulfilling the eligibility conditions is required to apply online on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) after initiation of application process and notice to be published on AICTE website.
2) The host institution where the candidate is studying, required to verify the online application.
3) Department of Technical Education (DTE) of respective State/ UT will verify these applications as second level of scrutiny.

7.0 CRITERIA OF SELECTION:

1) The selection of candidate will be carried out solely on the basis of merit of qualifying examination to peruse the Technical Degree course from any of the AICTE approved institutions i.e. in First year or Second year (through lateral entry only) on the basis of percentage of marks obtained in the 10+2/ equivalent examination.
2) State/ UT wise merit list will be prepared as per number of scholarships allotted in the point number 3.0 above.

8.0 METHODS OF RESOLVING TIES:

The procedure to be adopted for breaking ties (similar percentiles) shall be as under: -

1) **Percentage of Marks in 10th Examination:** In case qualifying examination percentile does not break ties, then higher percentage of marks in 10th examination will be ranked higher.

2) **Age:** In case 10th examination percentile does not break ties, then the candidate of elder age will be ranked higher.

9.0 RESERVATION:

As per Government of India norms.

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10.0 RENEWALS:

1) The scholarship will be renewed for the next year of study on receipt of renewal through National Scholarship Portal by submitting passing certificate/ marksheet along with letter from the Head of the Institution on the online portal.
2) Student failing to get promoted to the next class/ level would forfeit the scholarship.

11.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1) The gap period between the year of passing the qualifying examination and the session of admission in degree course should not be more than two years.

2) Applications will be invited once in a year through National e-Scholarship Portal of the Government of India.

3) If a student is in reserved category and also qualified in General Category merit list of scholarship, then she will be counted under the General Category.

4) Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. Only verified online applications will be considered for the award of scholarship.

5) If a candidate failed/ drop out in subsequent year, she will not be eligible for further scholarship.

6) The grant of scholarship is subject to the condition that the student does not receive any financial assistance in shape of scholarship/any emoluments, salary, stipend etc. from any other source during her course of study in the Institute. In case of receipt of any financial assistance from any other sources, the scholarship shall be discontinued and the entire amount of scholarship will have to be refunded to AICTE by D/Draft drawn in favour of "Member Secretary, AICTE" payable at New Delhi.

7) Scheme will be implemented and monitored by the AICTE.

8) For converting Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) to percentage, multiplying factor will be 9.5 i.e. to convert the CGPA into percentage; CGPA X 9.5 will give the percentage.

9) In case both CGPA & total marks are given in the mark sheet, total marks will be considered for determining percentage.

10) If grades are given like A1, A2, B1, B2 etc. in the mark sheet, first the grades will be converted into CGPA and then average CGPA will be calculated. This CGPA will be converted into percentage as given in point No. 8.

11) Provisional list of shortlisted candidates will be uploaded on the AICTE web portal. In case, candidate has any query about merit list of scholarship, they may raise their grievances within a month. No query regarding merit list will be entertained after one-month duration from the date of publishing of merit list on AICTE website.

12) Query regarding non-payment of the scholarship due to invalid/ wrong account number will be entertained only upto six months from the date of publishing of merit list on AICTE website.

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State-wise Distribution of No. of Scholarships in the Degree Course		
S. No.	**State/ UT**	**No. of Scholarships**
1	Andhra Pradesh	566
2	Bihar	52
3	Chandigarh (UT)	50
4	Chhattisgarh	62
5	Delhi (NCT)	50
6	Goa	50
7	Gujarat	219
8	Haryana	134
9	Himachal Pradesh	50
10	Jharkhand	50
11	Karnataka	398
12	Kerala	196
13	Madhya Pradesh	285
14	Maharashtra	553
15	Odisha	134
16	Puducherry (UT)	50
17	Punjab	124
18	Rajasthan	152
19	Tamil Nadu	800
20	Telangana	424
21	Uttar Pradesh	422
22	Uttarakhand	50
23	West Bengal	129
	Total	**5000**

S.No.	State/ UT	No. of Scholarships
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands (UT)	
2	Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu (UT)	
3	Jammu and Kashmir (UT)	
4	Ladakh (UT)	
5	Lakshadweep (UT)	
6	Arunachal Pradesh	
7	Assam	**All Eligible Applicants**
8	Manipur	
9	Meghalaya	
10	Mizoram	
11	Nagaland	
12	Sikkim	
13	Tripura	

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Note: State-wise distribution of scholarships is based upon proportionate share of allotted degree seats (in AICTE approved institutions) to that particular State/ UT with minimum 50 scholarships and maximum cap of 800 scholarships.

ABSTRACT

Higher Education - Providing 7.5% of seats on preferential basis to the seats under Government Quota to the Government School students in admission to Engineering / Agriculture/ Veterinary/ Fisheries/ Law Degree courses offered in Universities. Self financing colleges, Government Aided and Government Colleges from the academic year 2021-2022 – Guidelines – Issued.

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Read:

1. G.O. (Ms) No. 198, Higher Education (J1) Department, dated 30.5.2003.
2. G.O. (Ms) No. 145, Higher Education (J1) Department, dated 10.5.2008.
3. G.O. (Ms) No. 121, Higher Education (J1) Department, dated 03.07.2012.
4. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
5. G.O. (Ms) No. 222, Higher Education (J1) Department, dated 07.8.2017.
6. G.O.(Ms) No.438, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated. 29.10.2020
7. The Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate courses in Medicine, Dentistry, Indian Medicine and Homeopathy on preferential basis to students of Government Schools Act, 2020, (ACT No.34 of 2020).
8. The Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate professional courses on preferential basis to students of Government Schools Act, 2021 (ACT No. 14 of 2021).

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ORDER:

"The Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate professional courses on preferential basis to students of Government Schools Act, 2021", (Act No. 14 of 2021), eighth read above, provides 7.5% seats on preferential basis to the students who have studied from sixth to twelfth standard in the State Government Schools in admission to Engineering/ Agriculture/ Veterinary/ Fisheries/ Law Degree courses such as B.E./ B.Tech./ B.Arch. courses in Engineering discipline, B.Sc./ B.Sc. (Hons)/ B.Tech. courses in Agriculture discipline B.VSc. & AH./B.Tech. courses in Veterinary discipline, B.F.Sc./ B.Tech., courses in Fisheries discipline, B.A. L.L.B./ B.Com. L.L.B.(Hons)/B.A. L.L.B.(Hons)/ B.B.A., L.L.B., (Hons)/ B.C.A. L.L.B., (Hons) courses in Law discipline, offered in Universities, Self-Financing Colleges, Government aided and Government Colleges.

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ABSTRACT

Social Welfare and Women Empowerment - "Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme" in the place of Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Marriage Assistance Scheme – Implementation Guidelines - Orders - Issued.

Social Welfare and Women Empowerment [SW3(2)] Department

G.O. (Ms) No.46

Dated 02.08.2022
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திருவள்ளுவராண்டு 2053

Read:

Letter of Director of Social Welfare, No.5929/WW-1(1)/2022, Dated 06.07.2022.

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During the Budget Speech 2022, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resource Management has announced that "recognizing the low enrolment ratio of girl students from Government schools in higher education, the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Marriage Assistance Scheme is being transformed as Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme. All girl students who studied from Classes 6th to 12th in Government schools will be paid Rs.1,000/- per month directly into their bank account till the uninterrupted completion of their undergraduate degree, diploma and ITI courses. The students will be eligible for this in addition to other scholarships. Through this programme, approximately 6,00,000 girl students can potentially benefit each year. For this new scheme, an amount of Rs.698.00 crore has been allotted in this Budget. The existing schemes of EVR Maniammaiyar Memorial Widow's Daughter Marriage Assistance Scheme, Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Memorial Inter-Caste Marriage Assistance Scheme, Annai Teresa Orphan Girls Marriage Assistance Scheme and Dr. Dharmambal Ammaiyar Memorial Widow Remarriage Assistance Scheme will continue to be implemented without any change".

2. To implement the above announcement, in the letter read above, the Director of Social Welfare has sent proposal based on the various meetings held alongwith implementation modalities of Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme containing the salient features of the Scheme, Design, Mode of Direct Benefit Transfer, Eligibility criteria, Quantum of Amount, Implementation, Convergence, Budget allocation, Administrative cost, Setting up of Programme Management Unit, System Integrator, Roles and responsibilities of State Programme Management Unit/Departments, Banking sector, State/District level Committees, Single Window Service delivery and requested the Government to issue orders in this regard.

2.   The Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate Courses in Medicine, Dentistry, Indian Medicine and Homeopathy on preferential basis to students of Government Schools Act, 2020, (Act No.34 of 2020) seventh read above, provides 7.5% seats on preferential basis to students who studied in State Government schools and have qualified in NEET for getting admission to Undergraduate courses of MBBS/ BDS/ BSMS/ BAMS/ BUMS and BHMS courses from the academic year 2020-21.

3.   The ACT No. 14 of 2021, mentioned in the para one above provides 7.5% horizontal reservation in each category of vertical reservation followed in the State of Tamil Nadu, without affecting the existing 69% of rule of reservation in force, in the State from the academic year 2021-22.

4.   As per Section 32(1) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, fourth read above, "All Government Institutions of Higher Education and other Higher Education Institutions receiving aid from the Government shall reserve not less than 5% seats for persons with bench mark disabilities".

5.   In the Government Order first read above. orders were issued providing reservation to the four categories, viz., (i) differently abled, (ii) Eminent Sports Persons (iii) Children of Freedom Fighters (iv) Children of Ex-servicemen in Engineering Admissions to B.E./ B.Tech./ B.Arch., based on the orders of the Hon'ble High Court in W.A.No. 3221/2002. dated 1.11.2002.

6.   In the Government order second read above, orders were issued enhancing the seats in Engineering Colleges for the children of Ex-servicemen.

7.   In the Government third read above, orders were issued enhancing the seats under Eminent Sports Persons Category.

8.   In the Government Order fifth read above; orders were issued for removing special reservation for the category for children of Freedom Fighters from the categories followed so far, based on the orders of Hon'ble High Court, dated 10.10.2014 in W.P. No. 23104/2014.

9   The reservation for three categories mentioned in para 4,5,6,7 and 8 above viz., (i) differently abled, (ii) Eminent Sports Persons (iii) Children of Ex-servicemen has already been provided in Engineering Admissions in each category of vertical reservation followed in the State of Tamil Nadu, without affecting the existing 69% of rule of reservation in force, in the State.

10.   The 7.5 percentage seats on preferential basis for Government School students as prescribed under the Act will apply to all categories of reservation including the "General Category". An illustration of how this reservation will apply, is given below:

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A. Reservation Policy followed in the State of Tamil Nadu

Sl.No.	Class	Sub-class	% of Reservation	Total %
1.	Backward Class (BC)	Backward Class (BC)	26.5%	30%
		Backward Class Muslims (BCM)	3.5%	
2.	Most Backward Class (MBC)	Most Backward Class Vanniyar (MBCV)	10.5%	20%
		Most Backward Class & Denotified Class	7%	
		Most Backward Class	2.5%	
3.	Scheduled Caste (SC)	Scheduled Caste (SC)	15%	18%
		Scheduled Caste Arunthathiyars (SCA)	3%	
4.	Scheduled Tribes (ST)		1%	1%
Total				69%

B. Illustration for providing 7.5% seats on preferential basis to the Government school students within the 69% reservation followed in the State of Tamil Nadu

(i) Assuming there are 300 seats in a Engineering College, the 69% reservation is followed as below:-

	Branch I	Branch II	Branch III	Branch IV	Branch V	for 300 seats
General	19	19	19	18	18	93
BC	16	16	16	16	16	80
BC(M)	2	2	2	2	2	10
MBC(V)	6	6	6	7	7	32
MBC & DNC	5	4	4	4	4	21
MBC	1	2	1	2	1	7
SC	9	9	9	9	9	45
SC(A)	2	2	2	1	2	9
ST	0	0	1	1	1	3
Total	60	60	60	60	60	300

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(ii) **Assuming there are 300 seats in a Engineering College, the 7.5% seats on preferential basis to Government school students shall be followed as below:-**

	Branch I	Branch II	Branch III	Branch IV	Branch V	for 300 seats
General	2	2	1	1	1	7
BC	1	1	2	1	1	6
BC(M)	0	0	0	1	0	1
MBC(V)	1	0	0	0	1	2
MBC & DNC	0	1	0	0	0	1
MBC	0	0	1	0	0	1
SC	1	0	0	1	1	3
SC(A)	0	1	0	0	0	1
ST	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	5	5	5	4	4	23

11. Seats in the branches should be allocated on rotation by making a roster so that seats are spread through all communities over the years.

12. The concerned Departments implementing this provision of 7.5 percentage seats on preferential basis should scrupulously follow the above guidelines.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To
The Director of Technical Education, Chennai – 25
The Registrar, Anna University, Chennai – 25
The Secretary, Tamil Nadu Engineering Admissions, Directorate of Technical Education, Chennai – 25
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fisherman Welfare Department, Chennai – 9
The Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Chennai – 9
The Principal Secretary to Government. Health and Family Welfare Department, Chennai – 9
The Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Chennai – 9
The Secretary to Government, Law Department, Chennai – 9
The Principal of All Engineering Colleges (through the Director of Technical Education)
The Registrars of all Universities under the aegis of Higher Education Department

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The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai – 9
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Endt.No.Dis. 41100 / J1 / 2022, dated. 02.11.2022

Sub: Technical Education – Engineering Colleges- Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department – Pudhumai Penn Scheme (PHASE II)- Revamped web application for Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme (MRAHEAS) - Application ready for launch – Instructions to Principals/Nodal Officers– Communication – Sent – Regarding.

Ref: 1. Chennai – 600 009, Information Technology & Digital Services Dep, Principal Secretary to Government D.O. Letter No. 3384720/IT & DS(C1) 2022, Dated. 21.10.2022.

2. Guidelines – PPT file.

3. Puthumai Penn Scheme – Application Status as on 01.11.2022.

Copies communicated for your information and take necessary action.

for Commissioner of Technical Education

Encl : As above

To
The Principals of All Engineering Colleges.

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D.O. Letter No.3384720/IT&DS(C1)2022, dated 21.10.2022.

Dear   Meghanethu,

Sub: Information Technology and Digital Services Department –
Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency – Social Welfare and
Women Empowerment Department - Pudhumai Penn Scheme
(PHASE II) – Revamped web application for Moovalur
Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance
Scheme (MRAHEAS) –Application ready for launch -
Instructions to District Collectors – Communication - Sent -
Regarding.

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Pudhumai Penn Scheme was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 05th
September, 2022 that provides educational scholarship of Rs 1000 p.m. for girl
students (who have studied in Government schools) and who are currently
pursuing higher / technical education. In the months of August-September, across
the state, girl students (except 1st year students) who have studied in government
schools and entered technical education / higher education etc , applied
individually through an online portal based software application and nearly 1 13
lakh students were sanctioned Rs.1000 p.m. Disbursement was also made directly
to their bank accounts by getting their bank details through the portal.

Now, a revised online software application for Pudhumai Penn scheme (Phase II)
has been designed and developed by TNeGA with significant process
improvements. The application portal will be for first year girl students of this year
and will also be applicable for the girl students who are left out in the 1st Phase. I
wish to bring to your notice the most important of these changes below:

Applications will be filled up ONLY through institutional logins (Deemed University,
College, ITI, Polytechnic, etc.,) and each of these institutions have been provided
with login credentials. Hence, it is the responsibility of the educational institutions
and the nodal officers of the district administration to ensure all eligible girl students
apply through their institutions and get the benefit of the scheme The student must
be present during the filling of application forms to share their Aadhaar OTP and
confirm their personal and academic details with the respective educational
institutions.

Application forms will mandatorily seek Aadhaar and Educational Management
Information System (EMIS) number of the student After validation, most of the
other information will be pre-filled by the software application through API

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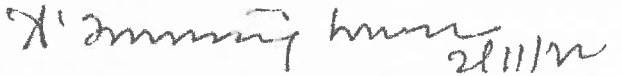integration to enable ease of transaction. An option of "Know your EMIS ID" is also made available in the portal to search the EMIS of the students

The earlier version had a mandatory eligibility verification to be done by school education department. This has been done away with in the new software and school verification is done by API integration with EMIS database.

In exceptional cases, where the student does not have an EMIS number because she is joining after a break of 1 or more years, the software provides a provision for accepting such applications also.

Payment will be made to the Aadhaar linked bank account of the student belonging to one of the four banks authorised by Social Welfare department (Indian Overseas Bank, Indian Bank, State Bank of India and Canara Bank). Hence, the following are essential:

Students MUST submit only their own Aadhaar numbers and not of their parents or any other family members, in which case will result in a failed transaction.

In the event of the student having a bank account in any other bank, the Lead Bank Manager must be instructed to make arrangements for opening the Bank account of the student in any one of the above mentioned 4 banks and also link their Aadhaar Number to these accounts.

If the Student has a bank account in any one of the above mentioned 4 banks but has not linked their Aadhaar number to that bank account, the student must be directed to link their Aadhaar Number to the bank account by visiting the concerned bank branch. The LDMs must be instructed to ensure that the request for linkage by such students is completed within 48 hours. For this purpose, the software application has been programmed to intimate the student about their Aadhaar-Bank linkage status as soon as they enter and validate their Aadhaar number while the application is being filled.

As District Collectors, you are hereby requested to diligently undertake the following measures to implement the scheme successfully:

a) Nominate both e-District Managers (e-DMs) and one additional computer operator from education / any other department as Master Trainers (total 3 people per district). Training of Master Trainers will be conducted in person at TNeGA Head Quarters in Chennai on 26.10.22, 10.00 am (Wednesday). All 3 Master Trainers must be instructed to attend this training without fail

b) Each Institution should nominate a Nodal Officer for this scheme District Collector must conduct a meeting of Nodal Officers of all Higher

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Educational institutions (Deemed Universities, Colleges, ITIs, Polytechnics, Teacher Training Institutes etc.) and Lead Bank Managers before 28.10.22. Master List of institutions for each district (as obtained from respective HoDs) is attached.

c. In the meeting, the participants from higher education institutions must be explained about the eligibility norms of the scheme (as per GO) and the Master Trainers (5(b)) must conduct a Demo of the online portal to them. For this purpose, each institution shall be instructed to bring their System Analyst / IT Person incharge also to the meeting. The meeting must be conducted before 28.10.22. Ensuring participation of all institutions in this meeting is of **utmost importance** and hence the District Social Welfare Officer, Regional Joint Director (Collegiate Education), Chief Educational Officer, Deputy Director (Health) and any other district level officer as you may deem fit may be enlisted through your proceedings to coordinate this meeting and the processes thereafter.

d. All the Institutions must be instructed to conduct the first Camp for students on mutually convenient dates before 11.11.22 and the second mop-up camp before 18.11.22. All Applications must be filled in before 19.11.22 and no later. The Portal will be closed after 19.11.22. It is desirable to assign a responsible senior nodal officer from the district to coordinate with various institutions to ensure the camps are conducted and no eligible student is denied the opportunity to apply. The District Collectors may issue proceedings under their name in this regard.

e. It is expected that only first year girl students will apply for this scheme since all the 2nd year and other senior students have already applied and their applications have either been accepted or rejected already. However, if for any genuine reason, if any student did not apply earlier, they may be allowed by the institution to apply again, albeit only as an exception.

In addition to the above, a Call Centre at State level at Social Welfare Directorate can be contacted by the students or the Institutes from 10 am to 5 pm on all working days. *(Ph No : 9150056809, 9150056805 , : 9150056801 , 9150056810)*

For any technical issue related to the website, the e-DMs will act as the nodal point of contact to coordinate with TNeGA. A Plan of Action has been enclosed for ready reference (Annexure I). A model press release (English & Tamil) has also been prepared and enclosed herewith (Annexure II)

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I hope that with these detailed instructions, you will be able to plan logistics further downstream and successfully roll-out the second phase of Pudhumai Penn Scheme for 1st year girl students.

with regards

Yours sincerely,

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Pudhumai Penn Scheme - Application Status as on 01.11.2022

SI No	Institution Type	Total No of Institutions	No of Institutions logged in	No of Institutions not logged in	Total Application Received	Application auto-approved for all stages	Total Pending	Application Pending details		
								Only School Pending	Only Bank Pending	Both School and Bank pending
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)=(6)-(7)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1	Agriculture	57	5	52	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arts & Science	978	388	590	612	248	364	47	277	40
3	Diploma in Elementary Education	80	8	72	5	0	5	4	0	1
4	Engineering	518	153	365	22	4	18	10	2	6
5	Fisheries	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Indian Medicine	48	2	46	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	ITI	417	21	396	14	0	14	6	0	8
8	Law	17	10	7	3	1	2	0	2	0
9	Medical Science	684	140	544	58	9	49	13	23	13
10	Music and Fine Arts	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Polytechnic	503	108	395	39	0	39	21	0	18
12	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	79	15	64	2	0	2	1	0	1
13	Veterinary Science and Food Science	9	1	8	2	0	2	1	0	1
	Total	3408	851	2557	757	262	495	103	304	88

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