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I. Object

The objective of the scheme is to provide/supplement financial assistance to the Scheduled Caste students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

II. Scope

These scholarships are available for studies in India only and are awarded by the Government of the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs i.e. permanently settled or domiciled, as per the terms of domicile decided by the State, will be eligible to avail PMS-SC from the domiciled State/UT. The domicile State/UT shall keep the parent State informed with all particulars.

III. Conditions of Eligibility of students

- (i) The scholarships are open to nationals of India.
- (ii) These scholarships will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognized Institutions/ Universities/ Colleges, where PMS-SC can be availed for intermediate, graduate, post graduate courses and include the following :
 - a. Institutions of National Importance;
 - b. Central University/ State University/ Autonomous colleges recognized by UGC and Universities /Colleges recognized under section 2(f) and 12(b) of UGC Act.;
 - c. Deemed Universities;
 - d. Private Universities recognized by State/Centre with 'A' level or equivalent accreditation by NAAC, NBA;

- e. Private Professional Institutions affiliated to a recognized Central/State University and covered by Fee Fixation Committee as mandated by Supreme Court;
 - f. Recognized schools/colleges for Classes XI and class XII;
 - g. Diploma granting Institutions as recognized by State/UT Governments;
 - h. Vocational Training Institute affiliated to National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT);
 - i. Institutions affiliated/ approved by the appropriate bodies like MCI/AICTE etc or any regulatory body established by State/ Centre. Provided that where a particular number of seats for a particular course have been recognized / authorized by the concerned regulatory authority. The admissions shall be restricted to those numbers and courses provided further that at each level only one course of study shall be allowed;
- iii. 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.
 - iv. The ceiling on age limit for admission as regular student in different classes should be decided by concerned Institutions
 - v. Candidates who after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in different subject e.g. I.Sc. after I.A. or B.Com. after B.A. in other subject will not be eligible.
 - vi. Students who, after having completed their educational career in one professional line, e.g. L.L.B. after B.T./B.Ed. will not be eligible.
 - vii. Students pursuing Post Graduate courses in medicine will be eligible if they are not allowed to practice during the period of their course.
 - viii. Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education for courses in

Central/ State Universities only. Non-refundable fee shall be paid directly to the Students account

- viii. All children of the same parents/guardians will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme.
- ix. 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 adhoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.
- x. Scholarship holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centers with financial assistance from the Central Government/ State Government will not be eligible for stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.

Note 1: It is mentioned under the item III (condition of eligibility) of this scheme that the scholarship will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognized institutions, the list of courses grouped (I to IV) is only illustrative and not exhaustive. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are, thus, themselves competent to decide the appropriate grouping of courses at their level.

IV. Conditions of Eligibility of Institutions/Universities/Colleges

1. The Institutions/Colleges at the time of submitting Scholarship applications of students studying will also submit/ upload details of their registration, affiliation and accreditation, courses being offered and number of seats approved for each course.
2. The college/Institution will ensure minimum 50% of renewal in respect of students availing post-matric scholarship for the academic year, before applying for Scholarship

for the next academic year provided where the institution is able to give good and sufficient reasons for not achieving minimum of 50% renewal; the above mentioned limit will not apply. The good and sufficient reasons imply natural calamities like flood/ drought/ unforeseen circumstances/ law and order problem etc.

V. Means Test

Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two lacs Fifty thousand only).

Note 1: So long as either of the parents (or husband in the case of married unemployed girl student) is alive, only income of the parents/husband, as the case may be, from all sources has to be taken into account only and of no other member even though they may be earning. In the form of income declaration, income is to be declared on this basis. Only in the case where both the parents (or husband in the case of married but unemployed girl student) have died, the income of the guardian who is supporting the student in his/her studies has to be taken. Such students whose parent's income is affected due to unfortunate death of one of earning parents and resultantly comes within the income ceiling prescribed under the scheme, shall become eligible for scholarship, subject to their fulfilling other conditions of eligibility, from the month in which such sad incidence takes place. Applications for scholarships from such students can be considered even after lapse of last date of receipt of applications, on compassionate grounds.

Note 2: House rent allowance received by the parents of a student shall be exempted from the computation of 'income' if the same has been permitted to be exempted for the purpose of Income tax.

Note 3: Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission to courses which are continuing for more than one year.

Note 4: Income Ceiling would be reviewed periodically.

VI. Components of the Scholarship

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

- i. maintenance allowance,
- ii. reimbursement of compulsory non- refundable fees,
- iii. study tour charges,
- iv. thesis typing,
- v. book allowance,
- vi. book bank facility,
- vii. additional allowances for SC students with disabilities for the complete duration of the course.

The details are as follows:

(i) Composite maintenance allowance

Group	Courses	Rate of Maintenance allowance (in Rs. per month) for 10 months / duration of course.	
		Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group I	<p>(i) Degree and Post Graduate level courses in Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications.</p> <p>(ii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of management & medicine.</p> <p>(iii) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc. (Applicable at day scholar rate only Rs 550 per month)</p> <p>(iv) M.Phil, Ph.D and Post-Doctoral Programmes (D.Lit., D.Sc. etc.), Group I, Group II and Group III courses.</p> <p>(vi.) L.L.B, Integrated L.L.B, L.L.M</p>	1200	550
Group II	Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma), Nursing(B Nursing), BFS, other para-medical branches like rehabilitation, diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel	820	530

	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 Vocational stream, ITI courses and Polytechnic where entrance qualification is Class XII or above.		
Group III	Graduate and Post Graduate courses not covered under Group I & Group II e.g. B.A / B.Sc / B.Com etc. M.A/ M. Sc/ M.Com/ M Ed. / M. Pharma etc.	570	300
Group IV	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.	380	230

Note1: Normally the term 'Hostel' is applicable to a common residential building and a common mess for the students runs under the supervision of the educational institution authorities. In case the college authorities are unable to provide accommodation in the college Hostel, an approved place of residence can also be treated as Hostel for the purpose of this scheme. The place will be approved by the Head of the Institution after due inspection and keeping in view the rules and regulations laid down by the University, if any. In such case, a certificate to the effect that the student is residing in an approved place of residence, as he is unable to get accommodation in the college hostel should be furnished by the Head of the Institution.

It is further clarified that such deemed hostels should consist of such accommodation as is hired at least by a group of 5(five) students living together, usually with common mess arrangements.

Note 2 : Scholars who are entitled to free board and/or lodging will be paid maintenance charge at 1/3rd at Hostellers' rate.

(ii) Additional Allowances for SC students with disabilities

a. Reader Allowance for blind Scholars

Level of Course	Reader Allowance (Rs. Per month)
Group I,II	240
Group III	200
Group IV	160

- b. Provision of transport allowance upto Rs.160/- per month for disabled students, if such students do not reside in the hostel, which is within the premises of educational institution. The disability as per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 is defined as blindness, low-vision, leprosy-cured, hearing impairment, locomotors disability, mental retardation and mental illness.
- c. Escort Allowance of Rs.160/- per month for severally handicapped day scholar students with low extremity disability.
- d. Special Pay of Rs.160/- per month is admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopedically handicapped student residing in hostel of an educational institution, who may need the assistance of a helper.
- e. Allowance of Rs.240/- per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students.

The provisions in (b) to (d) will also apply to such leprosy-cured students.

Note 1: The disabled students belonging to Scheduled Castes covered under the Scheme can also get such additional benefits from other Schemes, which are not covered under the scheme.

Note 2: The disability as defined under the said Act has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration

iii. Compulsory non-refundable fees but will not include one-time upfront payment fees for full course:

- a. Scholars will be paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board. Refundable deposits like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

Note: Payment of one time lump sum fees for full course in Government and Private Institutions shall not be eligible. The fees claimed against management quota seats, spot admission seat in any Institution /University will not be reimbursed.

- b. Every State shall constitute a Fee Rationalization Committee (FRC) for review and rationalization of fee structures for disciplines/courses/institutes which are not otherwise covered by the Fee Fixation Committee required to be constituted as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(iv) Study Tours

Study tour charges up to a maximum of Rs.1600 per annum, limited to the actual expenditure incurred by the student on transportation charges etc. will be paid to the scholars studying professional and technical courses, provided that the head of the institution certifies that the study tour is essential for the scholar for completion of his/her course of study.

(v) Thesis Typing/Printing Charges

Thesis typing/printing charges up to a maximum of Rs.1600 will be paid to research scholars on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.

(vi) Book Allowance for Students pursuing Correspondence /Distance Education Courses

The students pursuing such courses are also eligible for an annual allowance of Rs.1200/-for essential/prescribed books, besides reimbursement of course fees.

(vii) Book Banks

- I. Book Banks are to be set up in all the Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Law and Veterinary Degree Colleges and Institutes imparting Chartered Accountancy, MBA and alike Management courses and Polytechnics where Scheduled Caste students are in receipt of Post Matric Scholarship. The set of text books will be purchased for 2 such SC students at various stages except in respect of Post-graduate courses and Chartered Accountancy where it will be one set for each student. However, the ratio of sets and students will have to be adjusted to the total number of sets that could be procured within the total resources allocated to the State concerned.
- II. The details of courses covered for setting up of Book Banks, ceiling of admissible expenditure per set of books and sharing criteria are given below:

S.No.	Courses	Sharing criteria	Ceiling per set (or actual whichever is less) (In Rs.)
1.	Degree courses in Medical/ Engineering	1 set for 2 students	7500
2 .	Degree courses in Veterinary	-do-	5,000
3.	Degree courses in Agriculture	-do-	4,500
4.	Polytechnics	-do-	2,400
5.	i. Post Graduate courses in Medical, Engineering, Agriculture and veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as approved by the Universities/ institutes of higher learning. ii. Law courses, L.L.B. (3 years and 5years) LL.M. (2 years) iii. Chartered Accountancy (Intermediate and Final) iv. M.B.A. (2 years) and similar courses v. Bio-Sciences	1 set per student	5,000

For storage of books and contingencies etc., the cost of steel almirah for storing books of each Book Bank including contingencies like transportation etc. the following expenses are admissible:

- (i) Rs. 2000 or actual cost whichever is less.

(ii) 5% of the grant may be earmarked for expenses on binding, stitching etc.

Note: The said sets of books also include Braille Books, Talking Books, and Cassettes for the visually Handicapped students.

- III. The Book Banks are to be set up in all the recognized colleges/institutions where these courses are being offered as recognized courses.
- IV. Purchase of books for these Book Banks will be restricted to the prescribed text books for the entire courses.
- V. The State Governments may constitute Expert Groups consisting of members from selected colleges/educational institutions of different regions to decide the adequate number of text books in a set (not reference books) required for each course.
- VI. The life period of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years. Thereafter the books may be disposed of by the institutions in the same manner as the books in the library subject to the guidelines, if any, of the State Government/UT Administration in this regard.
- VII. These books are to be supplied to SC students in installments, depending on the course, semester structure etc.
- VIII. The following rules shall govern the distribution of books to the students:
 - (i) Each SC student will be provided with an identity card for this purpose.
 - (ii) Each SC student will be required to submit requisition for borrowing books from the Book Bank in a form to be provided for this purpose.
 - (iii) The books would be returned to the Book Bank at the end of each term. The Principal of the college/institution will make every effort to ensure that those students who complete their course or those who drop out in the middle return the books belonging to the Book Bank.
 - (iv) It is the responsibility of the student concerned to maintain the books supplied to them from the Book Bank, in good condition.
 - (v) Any case of loss or damage to the books would attract penalty. In case of serious damage or loss of books, the student concerned will have to bear the cost of the book.

VII. Selection of Candidates

1. All the eligible Scheduled Caste candidates will be given scholarships subject to the application of Means Test prescribed in this Scheme.
2. a) Candidates belonging to one State but studying in other State will be awarded scholarships by the State to which they belong or
b) Students domiciled in a State/UT but holding SC Certificate in other State/UT can avail scholarship in State/UT of domicile subject to verification of the SC certificate from State where it was issued. The conditions of domicile will be as determined by the State/UT as the case may be. The domicile State/UT shall keep the parent State informed with all particulars.

VIII. Duration and Renewal of Awards

1. The award once made will be payable from the stage at which it is given to the completion of course subject to good conduct and attendance of 75% in every academic year.
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.
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 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.

IX. Payment

1. Maintenance allowance is payable from 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year (including maintenance allowance during holidays), provided that

if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission for a period of ten months/ duration of the course.

2. In case of renewal of scholarships awarded in the previous years, maintenance allowance will be paid from the month following the month up to which scholarship was paid in the previous year, if the course of study is continuous.
3. The Government of the State/Union Territory Administration will pay the non-refundable fees and maintenance fees in to the account of the students. Incidental to above changes, Ministry's D.O No. 14012/2/2010-SCD-VI dated October 06,2010 addressed to Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries (SW) of all States/UTs regarding instructions to all private institutions not to charge any tuition fee from eligible SC students at the time of admission stands withdrawn. The State government / UT administration will frame modalities regarding periodical and timely release of Scholarship (including fees) to student's accounts; so that students can pay the fees to the institution on time and not be subjected to any penalties for late payment/ non-payment of fees.
4. 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.

X. Mode of Disbursal of Scholarship

1. Payment of scholarship/ maintenance and any other admissible allowances:

- (i) Payment of scholarship/ maintenance and any other admissible allowance should be made to beneficiaries through their accounts in post offices/banks. 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. The States henceforth will make provisions for capturing

details of Aadhaar, Aadhaar EID and other alternative documents as provided for in the said notification on their respective Scholarship portals or otherwise.

(ii) Non-refundable fee to students should be released in the following order of priority:

- i. Students studying in Government Educational Bodies including Central and State Universities.
- ii. Students studying in Government aided Schools/ Colleges/ Institutions.
- iii. Students studying in Private institutions affiliated to Central/State Universities.
- iv. Students studying in other institutions.

(iii) All States/UTs availing of benefits under post-matric scholarship scheme will migrate to online processing of disbursement of scholarships within one year of the revised scheme coming into effect. The scholarship portal should mandatorily have the following features:

- a. Every student should be assigned 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.
- b. The District Collector will nominate Group 'A' officers to inspect all private institutes offering courses at the level of graduation or above during the year preferably by the time of closure of admission.
- c. Online verification of eligibility credentials such as caste certificates, income certificates, mark-sheets etc. should be mandatorily provided.
- d. DBT to the students' account in respect of maintenance and non-refundable fees.
- e. Provision for application of renewal scholarships online.

2. Disbursement of arrears: Central Assistance towards arrear shall be disbursed in the following manner:

- a. Where the State Government has released the scholarship to Students after making due provision in the budget and claimed reimbursement of the same, the arrears due and admissible will be considered for release as per regulations of PMS (SC) Scheme.

- b. In case the State Government has not released scholarship to Students and have claimed the arrears towards pending past claims, in such cases the State govt. will follow procedure as given below:
- i. Where the Institutes have not charged the non-refundable fees from students; the state shall verify such claims with the concerned students and also furnish a complete list of such students, institute wise, while forwarding arrears claims to the ministry (in the context of pre-revised cases).
 - ii. Where Institute have charged non-refundable fees from students, the State shall furnish a complete list of such students, along with details of their bank accounts and Aadhaar number institution wise while forwarding arrear claims to the ministry. The arrears should be released invariably through DBT in to the accounts of students.

XI. Other Conditions for the Award

- i. 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 scholarships or stop or withhold further payment for such period as it may think fit.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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 them and stop payment of the

scholarship money. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the State Government.

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

XII. Announcement of the Scheme

All the State Governments/UT Administrations will announce in May-June, 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 mode of media. All requests for application forms and other particulars should be addressed to the Government of State/Union Territory Administration to which the scholars actually belong. The applicant should submit the completed application to the prescribed authority before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications.

XIII. Procedure for applying

- (i) An application for scholarship can be made online on scholarship portal where available and in hard copy otherwise. Where applying online, the documents may be scanned and uploaded. Hard copy of application uploaded will be submitted as per the requirement of portal where application has been made. Every application whether done online or in hard copy will at the minimum compulsorily include:
 - a. One copy of the application for scholarship in the prescribed form.
 - b. One copy of the passport size photograph with signatures of the student thereon (for fresh scholarship).
 - c. One self-attested copy of certificates, diploma, degree etc. in respect of all examinations passed.

- d. A certificate of Caste duly signed by an authorized Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.
- e. Income declaration of self-employed parents/guardian should be in the form of a certificate issued by Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer. Employed parents/ guardians should obtain consolidated certificate from Revenue officer for any other additional source of income.
- f. Application for scholarship should be submitted by student by 30th November of the academic year in which he is studying, provided that for valid reasons State authorities may extend the last date.

(Note: Where hard copy is submitted all copies should be self-attested)

- (ii) Application complete in all respects shall be submitted to the Head of the Institution, being attended or last attended by the candidates and shall be addressed to an officer specified for this purpose by the Government of State/Union Territory to which the student belongs, in accordance with the instructions issued by them from time to time.

XIV. Procedure for forwarding demand for release of Central Assistance (CA) for PMS-SC by State Government/Union Administration

- a. The aggregated demand of the State/UT to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment should be submitted in the prescribed format.
- b. Demand for CA submitted beyond 31st December will not be entertained.
- c. The demand for the current F/Y should be in respect of student's scholarship for the corresponding academic year. Arrears due to non-release of CA of previous years should be shown separately.

XV. Funding Pattern of the Scheme

The Scheme is implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which receive 100% central assistance from Government of India for the total expenditure

under the scheme, over and above their respective Committed Liability. "The level of Committed Liability of respective State Government / Union Territory administration in a New Finance Commission (FC) cycle annually will be equivalent to the total of the demand on the State as well as the Central Government in the terminal year of the previous Plan period/ Finance Commission (FC) cycle, provided that when a State has made no demand on the Centre in the terminal year of the Plan period/ Finance Commission cycle or the demand made by a State is lower than in any of the previous years of the plan period / Finance commission cycle, in that case the highest demand made in any of the previous financial years of the Plan/ Finance Commission cycle will be considered as demand of the State on Centre for the purpose of computation of Committed Liability for the next Finance Commission cycle is required to be borne by them for which they are required to make required provision in their own budget." The committed Liability so computed will be co-terminus with the FC cycle. The North Eastern States have, however, been exempted from making their own budgetary provisions towards Committee Liability from Ninth Plan Period (1997-2002) onwards and the entire expenditure under the Scheme in respect of them will be borne by Government of India.

All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the scheme will:

- i) Furnish data of beneficiaries and expenditure under the scheme, to Government of India, regularly in the Quarterly Reports prescribed for this purpose. Financial assistance given under the scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose.
- ii) DBT Monthly report as per proforma under DBT Bharat Portal.
- iii) Designate Grievance Redressal Officers (GROs) at the State and District levels to redress students' scholarship-related grievances.

XVI. Effective implementation/ alteration of modalities

- a. For the purposes of effective implementation of the Scheme, implementing States may formulate guidelines for assessing eligibility of beneficiaries & institutions and modalities for Direct benefit transfer, which shall be in accordance with the objectives

of the Scheme provided that the States shall not be at liberty to impose any guideline which enhances or has the effect of enhancing the liability of the Centre under the Scheme.

- b. The Centre may call for reports from time to time and issue guidelines for effective implementation. The guidelines and eligibility norms of the scheme may also be changed by Central government as deemed necessary.

XVI. Inspection and Monitoring of the scheme:

The States/ Union Territories implementing the scheme shall monitor physical and financial performance of the scheme at the States/ Union Territories level. For this purpose, an IT enabled monitoring mechanism shall be in place. The States/ Union Territories will be required to furnish quarterly financial and physical progress reports to the Ministry. The States/ Union Territories shall maintain year wise details of the students receiving scholarship, indicating school/ college/ institute, location of school/ college/ institute, government or private, class, gender and new or renewal. The States/ Union Territories shall place relevant physical and financial details in their official website. All the State/ UT governments will ensure that all private institutions are annually inspected by Group 'A' officer,

XVI. Evaluation

The performance of the scheme will be evaluated by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (GOI) at least once every three years, to begin with.

XVII. Administrative Charges

The Centre will have a budgetary provision of administrative cost, which will be equivalent to 1% of funds released by the Centre to States in the terminal year of the previous plan period. The States/UTs can seek administrative charges towards implementing, monitoring etc. the scheme, up to 1% of the funds released and stipulated above to that particular

State. Out of above Centre can also avail 10% budget for its own administrative and monitoring expenses.

XVIII. Transitory provision for existing beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of scholarships under the pre-revised Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs will continue to be governed by terms and conditions as prevailed before amendment of the scheme till completion of the course for which he/she is availing Scholarship. (However, redefined committed liability to State Govts/ UT administrations will be applicable from the year 2017-18.)



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NEW DELHI

GUIDELINES FOR “ISHAN UDAY” SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR NORTH EASTERN REGION

1. BACKGROUND

The Ministry of HRD and the University Grants Commission has taken special interest with regard to promotion of higher education in the NER. For improving the GER, promoting higher education and for encouraging children belonging to economically weaker section of the NE region, the UGC has decided to launch “IshanUday” Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region from academic session 2014-15. Before launching the scheme the UGC undertook wide ranging consultations with State Governments and Central & State Universities of the NE region, the Ministry of HRD, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, the North Eastern Council, Shillong and other stakeholders.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 1) To provide equal opportunities for higher studies in NE Region.
- 2) To increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in NE Region.
- 3) To focus more on professional education in NE Region.
- 4) Optimum utilization of NER Budgetary Allocation.

3. SCOPE

Ten thousand (10,000) fresh scholarships every year beginning from the academic year 2014-15 for general degree courses, technical and professional courses, including medical and para-medical courses as certified by the Registrar/ Principal/ Director of University/ College/ Institute.

- Students with domicile of NER, whose parental annual income does not exceed Rs.4.5 lakh per annum from all sources.

- Passed XII or equivalent in the preceding year of study i.e. 2017 for applications called for during year 2017-18.
- Secured admission in first year of any degree course, either general degree course of technical/professional/ medical/ paramedical course (Integrated courses included) in any of the following University/ College/ Institute :-
 - Universities/Institutions/Colleges included under Section 2(f) and 12 (B) of UGC Act.
 - Deemed to be Universities included under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and eligible to receive grants-in-aid from UGC.
 - Universities/Institutions/Colleges funded by Central / State Government.
 - Institutes of National Importance.
 - Institutions recognized by other Statutory councils within as well as outside
 - The admission should have been made in University/ Institution/ College with AISHE code.

Note: 1) For students of integrated degree courses, scholarship will be tenable for the complete duration of the course.

2) For dual degree course, the scholarship will only be tenable for the tenure of first degree.

➤ For availing scholarship under this scheme, the income of the parents of the student should not exceed Rs.4.5 lakh per annum.

➤ Transgender candidates are eligible to apply under the scheme. The reservation shall be followed as per Government of India norms.

5. EXCLUSIONS

The following shall not be eligible under this scheme-

- 1) Students pursuing courses/programs through Open Universities.
- 2) Students already availing scholarship for pursuing the Undergraduate programme under any other scheme(s).
- 3) Students gaining admission through 'management quota'.
- 4) Students pursuing courses, such as Diploma Courses, not leading to award of a Degree.
- 5) Students whose parents' income exceeds Rs.4.5 lakh per annum pursuing courses, such as Diploma Courses, not leading to award of degree.

6. SLOTS

- UGC will award 10,000 (ten thousand) fresh scholarships per year.
- Allocation of slots for each State shall be done based upon the population (latest census report) of the respective State. If the slots remain vacant in any particular State, the unfilled slots shall be distributed equitably among other States.
- There shall be three Percent horizontal reservation for differently-abled persons.

7. AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Rs.5400/- per month for general degree course and Rs.7800/- per month for technical/medical/professional/paramedical courses.

8. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR THE SCHEME

- Applications will be invited once in a year on the National e-Scholarship Portal of the Government of India. Short notification will also be uploaded on the UGC website.
- At the time of applying, the course will be classified as general degree or professional by the concerned University/ Institution/College.
- Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. Only verified online applications will be considered for award of scholarship.

9. SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 10,000 (ten thousand) fresh scholarships will be awarded every year.
- Distribution of slots amongst the states of NER will be done on the basis of population census(last).
- If slots in a particular state remain vacant due to non-availability of eligible candidates, the unfilled slots will be distributed equitably amongst other states.
- Reservation for Persons with Disability (PwD) will be made as per Government of India norms.

10. JOINING

The scholar would be awarded from the date of joining the course as certified by the University/ Institution/ College.

11. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

- After selection, the awardees will be paid scholarship on DBT mode.
- The list of awardees will be pushed to Public Financial Management System (PFMS) by the NIC.

- PFMS will generate payment files on the basis of the nomenclature of course being pursued by the awardee (general degree/ technical/ medical/ professional/ paramedical). Payments will be generated on annual basis.

12. RENEWALS

- Scholarship granted under the scheme will be kept renewed during the period of first degree course, subject to good conduct and maintenance of prescribed attendance.
- The scholarship will be renewed for the next year of study on receipt of a annual progress report to be granted by the administrative head of the University/ Institution/ College.(E.g. Registrar of a University/ Director of the Institution/ Principal of the College or any other officer designated by them).
- Students failing to get promoted to the next class/ level would forfeit the scholarship.
- Change in course of study will not be permitted. If the awardee changes the course of study, the scholarship will stand forfeited from the date of such a change.
- Scheme will be implemented and monitored by the UGC.
- The awardees of previous years will continue to follow the UGC pattern of assistance through the designated bank branches of Canara Bank.

13. PROCEDURE FOR DISBURSEMENT

Scholarship (as certified by the institutions identified under this scheme) will be paid to the selected students by the UGC through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) Mode and will be transferred to the Bank account of the beneficiaries. This procedure will be completed through the PFMS.

14. DOCUMENTS

The following documents will be uploaded at the time of applying under the scheme on the NeSP.

- 1.Domicile certificate to be issued by the competent authority.
- 2.Proof of annual income to be issued by the competent authority.
- 3.For renewals, the annual progress report and continuation of studies will be required to be uploaded/ verified by the concerned Univeristy/ Institution/ College.

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

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

	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 allowance will 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

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.

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.

**Centrally Sponsored Scheme of
Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students for studying in India**

(Revised w.e.f. September 2018)

Scheme Guidelines:

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

II. SCOPE

These scholarships shall be available for studies in India only and will be awarded by the Government of State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs, i.e. permanently settled.

III. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- i. The scholarships will be open to Indian nationals belonging to OBCs, as notified by the Central Govt./State Govt./ UT Admn.;
- ii. These scholarships will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognized institutions as specified in para IV(i).
- iii. Only those candidates who belong to OBCs so specified in relation to the State/UT to which the applicant actually belongs, i.e. permanently settled 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.
- iv. Candidates who, after passing one stage of education, are studying in the same stage of education in different subject e.g. I. Sc. after I.A or B.Com. after B.A. or M.A. in a subject after M.A in another subject will not be eligible.
- v. Students who, after having completed their educational career in one professional line, e.g., LLB after B.T/B. Ed will not be eligible.
- vi. Students studying in XI Class of the Higher Secondary School courses or the XII class of the Multipurpose High School will not be eligible for it being a continuous school course. However, in cases, where tenth class examination of such courses is treated as equivalent to Matriculation and students who after passing tenth class join other courses, such students will be treated as post-matric students and will be eligible for the award of scholarships.
- vii. Students pursuing Post-graduate courses in medicine will be eligible only if they are not allowed to practice during the period of their course.
- viii. Students who after failing or passing the Under Graduate/Post-Graduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognized professional or Technical certificate/diploma/degree courses will be awarded scholarships if otherwise eligible. No subsequent failure will be condoned except for courses in Group 'A' and no further change in the course will be allowed thereafter.
- ix. Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses will be eligible towards reimbursement of non-refundable fee. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education. Besides reimbursement of non-refundable fee, such students will also be eligible for an annual allowance of Rs. 900/- for essential/prescribed books, as applicable.

- x. Scholarships should be restricted upto two boys of the same parents/guardian. This restriction will, however, not apply to girls.
- xi. A scholarship holder under this Scheme will not hold any other scholarship/stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the students 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 any other scholarships/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 books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging, in addition to the scholarship amount paid under the Scheme.
- xii. Scholarship holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centers with financial assistance from the Central Government/State Government will not be eligible for stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.
- xiii. Employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/guardians does not exceed Rs. 1.50 lakh per annum shall be eligible for post-matric scholarship to the extent of reimbursement of all compulsorily payable non-refundable fee.
- xiv. Unemployed students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1.50 lakh per annum will be entitled for the scholarship under the Scheme.

Note 1: So long as either of the parents (or husband in the case of married unemployed girl students) are alive, only income of the parents/husband, as the case may be, from all sources has to be taken into account and of no other members even though they may be earning. In the form of income declaration, income is to be declared on this basis. Only in the case where both the parents or husband in the case of married but unemployed girl student have died, the income of the guardian who is supporting the student in his/her studies has to be taken into consideration. Such students whose parent's income is affected due to death of one of earning parents and resultantly comes within the income ceiling prescribed under the scheme, shall become eligible for scholarship, subject to their fulfilling other conditions of eligibility, from the month in which such death takes place. The applications for the scholarship from such students can be considered even after lapse of last date of receipt of applications, on compassionate grounds.

Note 2: House Rent Allowance received by the parents of a student be exempted from the computation of 'income' if the same has been permitted to be exempted for purpose of Income-Tax.

Note 3: Income Certificate is required to be taken once only, i.e. at the time of admission of courses, which are continuing for more than one year.

IV. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of scholarship will include Maintenance Allowance, Reader Charges for blind students, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fee, Study Tour Charges/thesis typing/printing charges and book allowance for students pursuing correspondence course, for complete duration of the course as per details given below:-

i) Maintenance Allowance

Course of (1)	(Rs. Per Month) Rate of Maintenance Allowance	
	Hostellers (2)	Day Scholars (3)
Group-A		
(i) Degree and Post Graduate level courses including M.Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral research in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance/ Administration, Computer Science/Applications.		
(ii) Commercial Pilot License courses from GOI Institutes (including helicopter pilot and multiengine rating) (Maximum 20 slots per annum) - In addition to maintenance allowance, an amount of Rs.5,000/- per flying hour for maximum 200 hours will be paid by the State Govt./UT with the approval of the Government of India,	750	350
(iii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of management & medicine.		
(iv) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc.		
(v) M. Phil., Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Programmes (D. Litt., D.Sc. etc.)		
(vi) L.L.M.		
Group-B		
(i) Graduate/Post/Graduate courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B. Pharma), Nursing (B Nursing), LLB, BFS, other paramedical 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).	510	335
(ii) Post Graduate courses not covered under Group A e.g. MA/M.Sc./M.Com/ M.Ed./M.Pharma etc.		
Group-C		
All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group A & B e.g. BA/B.Sc./B.Com etc.	400	210

Group-D

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.

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Note : Scholars who are entitled to free boarding and/or lodging will be paid maintenance chargers at 1/3rd of hostellers' rate.

ii) Reader Charges for blind students (Blind Scholars)

The blind scholars will be given additional amount as 'Readers Charges' as mentioned below:-

Group	Reader Allowance (Rs. P.m.)
Group A,B	175
Group C	130
Group D	90

iii) Fees

Scholars will be paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, union, library, magazine, medical examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board. Refundable deposit-like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

iv) Study Tours

Study tour charges upto a maximum of Rs. 900/- per annum limited to the actual expenditure incurred by the student on transportation charges etc., will be paid to the scholars studying professional and technical courses, provided that the head of the institution certifies that the study tour is essential for the scholar for completion of his/her course of study.

v) Thesis Typing /Printing charges

Thesis typing/printing charges upto a maximum of Rs. 1000 will be paid to research scholars on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.

V. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

All the eligible Other Backward Classes candidates will be given scholarships subject to the condition of eligibility prescribed in para III of this Scheme. Candidates belonging to one State, but studying in another State, will be awarded scholarship by the State to which they belong and will submit their applications to the competent authorities in that State. In the matter of exemption from fee or other concessions also, they will be treated as studying in their own State.

VI. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

- i. The award once made will be tenable from the stage at which it is given to the completion of course subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed from year to year if the course is continuing for a number of years, the scholar secures promotion to the next higher class irrespective of the fact whether such examinations are conducted by a University or the Institution.
- ii. If an OBC scholar is pursuing Group A course fails in the examination for the first time, the award may be renewed. For second and subsequent failures in any class the student shall bear his/her own expenses until he/she secures promotion to the next higher class.
- iii. If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and or on account of any other unforeseeable event, the award may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and/or other required sufficient proof to the satisfaction of the Head of the Institution and his/her certifying that the scholar would have passed had he appeared in the examination.
- iv. 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 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.

VII. PAYMENT

- i. Maintenance charges shall be payable from 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examination are completed at the end of the academic year (including maintenance during holidays) provided that the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be made from the month following the month of admission.
- ii. In case of renewal of scholarships awarded in the previous years, maintenance charges will be paid from the month following the month up to which scholarship was paid in the previous year, if the course of study is continuous.
- iii. All scholars are expected to purchase the necessary text books, stationary etc., out of the maintenance allowance sanctioned. If it is reported by the Head of the concerned Institution that a scholar is without text-books stationary etc., the value of the scholarship may be reduced at the discretion of the authority sanctioning the scholarship.
- iv. The scholarship money will be paid to the selected students by the government of the State/Union Territory's Administration to which they belong in accordance with the procedure laid down by them in this regard.
- v. 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.
- vi. 30% of the funds allocated earmarked for girl students and 5% for students with disabilities.

- vii. Depending on availability of funds, first preference in disbursement of scholarships would be given to students of Government institutions and then to students of Government aided institutions and thereafter disbursement will be made to the students of unaided private institutions.

VIII. MODE OF DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

In order to ensure timely payment of scholarship amount to the beneficiaries, the State Government/UT administrations are requested to avoid cash payment of scholarship amount and are required to issue instructions to all concerned that payment of scholarship should be made to beneficiaries through their accounts in post offices/banks. DBT mode should be followed by the States/UTs. Disbursement of Scholarship through Aadhaar seeded bank accounts should be ensured by the States/UTs.

IX. OTHER CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD

- i. The scholarship is provided on the basis of satisfactory progress and conduct of the scholars. If it is reported by the Head of the Institution at any time that a scholar has, by reasons of his/her own act or 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 scholarships may either cancel the scholarship or stop or withhold further payment of scholarship for such period as it may think fit.
- ii. 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, at the discretion of the concerned State Government. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship under any schemes forever.
- iii. A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the scholar changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship were originally awarded or changes the institution of study, without prior approval of the State Government. The Head of the Institution shall inform such cases to the scholar and stop payment of the scholarship money. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the State Government.
- iv. 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.
- v. The provisions of the scheme can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEME

All the State Governments/UT Admns. will announce in the month of May-June, the details of the Scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers of the State and through other media outfits. All requests for application forms and other particulars should be addressed to the concerned State/UT to which students actually belong. The applicant should submit the completed application to the prescribed authority before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications.

XI. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING

- i) An application for scholarship to the prescribed authority should comprise:
 - a. One copy of the application for scholarship in the prescribed form (separate application form may be prescribed by concerned State Government/UT for 'fresh' and 'renewal' scholarship).
 - b. One copy of the passport size photograph with signatures of the student thereon (for fresh scholarship)
 - c. One attested copy each of certificates/diploma/degree etc., in respect of all examination passed.
 - d. A certificate (in original) of Caste signed by an authorized Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.
 - e. An income declaration by the parents/guardians, stating definite income from all sources by way of income certification from employer along with the affidavit on non-Judicial Stamp Paper.
 - f. A receipt in acknowledgement of the scholarship in the previous year on the form attached to the application duly countersigned by the Head of the Institution concerned, if the applicant was in receipt of a scholarship under this Scheme in the preceding year.
- ii) In case of online mode of application, the procedure of application may vary as the application is required to be filled online and the documents needs to be uploaded on the website as notified by the prescribed authority of the concerned State/UT.
- iii) Application complete in all respect shall be submitted to the Head of the Institution being attended or last attended by the candidates and shall be addressed to an officer specified for this purpose by the State Government /Union Territory Administration to which the student belongs in accordance with the instructions issued by them from time to time.

XII. 'FUNDS-LIMITED' NATURE OF THE REVISED SCHEME

Due to budgetary constraint and 'funds limited' nature of the existing PMS-OBC Scheme, it is not possible for the Central Government to meet the entire demand of the States/UTs. Therefore, a Notional Allocation (NA) under the Scheme is being conveyed at the beginning of the financial year since 2008-09 to States/UTs having OBC population, in proportion to their total population as per census and they are being requested to send proposals within the notional allocation, as per the procedure outlined below:-

- i. At the beginning of the financial year, notional allocation of funds of States/UTs will be made by this Ministry, from the overall annual outlay of the Scheme, on the basis of population of each State/UT, excluding States/UTs having no notified list of OBCs (viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Lakshadweep).
- ii. States/UTs will sub-allocate their NA, district-wise and group-wise, for all non-professional courses. Such sub-allocation would not be necessary for professional courses, as institutions of professional education tend to be concentrated in major cities/centres. However, the State Government is expected to lay down criteria for selection for award of scholarship under both types of courses, professional and non-professional, to the extent of available funds, based on merit-cum-means.
- iii. States will earmark at least 25% of the total outlay under the Scheme for Group D courses which include Class-XI and XII and all other post-matriculation level non-

degree courses, diploma courses in polytechnics etc. Such earmarking would encourage more OBC students to join entry-level courses of tertiary education which would enable them subsequently to take up courses leading to higher qualifications.

- iv. Central assistance given to a State/UT would have to be first utilized to cover renewal cases (i.e. students already awarded scholarships during the previous years against Central Assistance), and only the balance amount left may be utilized to cover new cases.
- v. The proposal for Central Assistance should be accompanied with the details of physical and financial progress in the prescribed performa.
- vi. As the total demand of the States/UTs cannot be covered under the Central Assistance, the States/UTs shall provide remaining scholarship grants to the eligible students from their own budget.

XIII. FUNDING PATTERN OF THE SCHEME

The Scheme is being implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which receive central assistance from Government of India under the Scheme. The concept of Committed Liability will not apply to States/UTs from the year 2018-19 onwards. States/UTs are liable to make provisions for funds over and above Central Assistance to cover all eligible students.

XIV. MONITORING

The monitoring of the financial and physical performance of the Scheme will be done through seeking detailed information from the agencies implementing the Scheme and for the physical aspects the agencies implementing will be required to furnish Quarterly Progress Reports regarding the number of beneficiaries receiving award under the Scheme, both class-wise and gender-wise. On the financial side, details of actual expenditure incurred during the last financial year and expenditure proposed for the present financial year will be submitted by the agencies concerned. The agencies implementing the scheme will also be insisted upon to submit the latest audited accounts.

XV. EVALAUTION

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment will get the scheme evaluated by entrusting a research study to reputed institutions/agencies, on the performance of the Scheme in different parts of the country, under this Ministry's Scheme of Research and Training.

No.20014/5/2002-Education.
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Education Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 23rd May, 2013

To
The Principal Secretary/Secretaries,
Tribal Development Department,
All States/UTs
(Except Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi and Pondicherry)

Subject: Upward revision of the annual parental income ceiling under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students w.e.f. academic session 2013-14.

Sir,

Kindly refer to my D.O. letter No.20014/33/2012-Education dated 9.4.2013 seeking proposal from your Department for Central Assistance under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students for the financial year 2013-14. In this context, I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to say that as per the above scheme, the income ceiling would be revised once in every two years linking it with the consumer price index for industrial workers for the month of October of the year, preceding the year of revision and will be made effective from April.

2. Accordingly, it has been decided, with the approval of the Competent Authority, to increase the annual parental income ceiling under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students from Rs.2.00 lakh to Rs.2.50 lakh per annum w.e.f the academic session 2013-14 (to be effective from 1.4.2013).

3. You are requested to send your proposals for Central Assistance keeping in view the above income ceiling. The proposals, complete in all respects in the proforma prescribed under the scheme and already sent to you vide the D.O. letter mentioned in Para 1 above may please be sent along with the following documents:-

- The utilization certificate of the previous year's released grants.
- Details of the Committed Liability on the State Government/UT Administrations (a proforma attached for ready reference).
- Physical progress achieved during the last financial year.
- Details of preparedness of the States to roll out DBT across the country.

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4. I am also directed to invite your attention to the deliberations that took place during the course of consultation with State's Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries/Commissioner-in-Charge/Directors of Tribal Development/Welfare Departments held in New Delhi on May 16-17, 2013 in which compliance of the following key tasks in connection with DBT roll out was discussed:-

➤ **Digitization of data base**

States/UTs must digitize the beneficiary database and covert data in excel sheets to standardized formats developed by the NIC (details available on <http://dbtapp.gov.in>). The digitization of databases should begin in all districts irrespective of the rollout of DBT and States are to report in the meeting complete action on digitization.

➤ **Obtaining of Digital Signature Certificates of designated officers at District and State level**

Obtaining of Digital Signature Certificates (D.S.C.s) for designated offices at district and State level is necessary for verification and authorization of beneficiary list and a necessary condition for the excel sheet to be an authorized data base on which payment decisions will rest. States/UTs were required to urgently designate officials at District and State levels and the designated officials were to apply for Digital Signature Certificate to respective NIC State Unit and contact local NIC officials for training in <http://dbtapp.gov.in>. Compliance of these instructions was to be completed by 30th April, 2013. States may be updated in the meeting.

➤ **Opening of bank accounts of the beneficiaries**

States/UTs may ensure that all ST beneficiaries of the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for STs have bank accounts. They may urgently pursue with lead banks for speedy opening of bank accounts in respect of beneficiaries which do not yet have accounts in banks with Core Banking System so as to enable payment of scholarship amount into the bank a/c of the beneficiaries.

➤ **Enrolment of beneficiaries for generation of Aadhaar numbers and seeding of bank accounts with Aadhaar numbers.**

The States may in cooperation with UIDAI organize special Aadhaar Enrolment Camps in war-footing for the ST beneficiaries in each district at appropriate location(s) to ensure that all have Aadhaar numbers at the earliest. The existing status may be reported in the meeting. After Aadhaar enrolment of beneficiaries, the States are required to pursue with the lead banks for expediting the Aadhaar seeding of their bank accounts so that payment of scholarships into bank accounts of the beneficiaries can be made through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB).

➤ **Re-engineering of Fund Flow**

The DBT system seeks to ensure that the flow of funds to the beneficiaries under the various schemes is made more efficient by removing such redundant layers which do not contribute value to decision making. There are redundant layers of procedure and sometimes only aggregate data leading to delay and inefficiency. Process re-engineering of the scheme and its architecture is therefore necessary at State level as well as at levels below. This must be in both decision making as well as funds flow. In order to ensure that the State share of the scholarship amount is paid into the bank account of the beneficiary speedily by passing through the minimum number of layers possible, the manner of deciding which levels in government will be part of selection/ authorization process and which levels participate in the fund flow route of the Post Matric Scholarships for STs in each State is to be urgently re-engineered and the Ministry informed of the completion of the exercise.

➤ **Training**

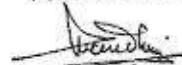
NIC to coordinate training of state/ district level functionaries. State and district teams of trainers to get ready through training by NIC in the next two weeks. Progress on arranging this tie up be reported.

➤ **Monitoring Rollout and reporting of progress in I & II Phase.**

A robust monitoring system for monitoring the rollout should be put in place by the State/UTs and intimated to this Ministry. The States may formulate an Action Plan with timelines for completing the above mentioned preparatory work so as to ensure successful rollout of DBT in the Phase II districts w.e.f. 17.3.2013. Weekly progress report in prescribed format must be provided to the nodal officer DBT in the Ministry by every Thursday.

5. It is requested that your compliance report in respect of the above mentioned key issues may also please be sent immediately to Ms. Shyla Titus, Deputy Secretary (DBT) in this Ministry under intimation to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,



(Roopak Chaudhuri)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
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Proforma

Proforma of the Committed Liability of the State Governments/UT Administrations for every year of the 12th Five Year Plan period under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST students

The **Committed Liability** of the State Governments/UT Administrations for every year of the 12th Five Year Plan is calculated as the total actual expenditure (**State Share + Central Share**) incurred for the year 2011-12 **minus** additional actual expenditure for the years 2010-11 & 2011-12 paid in during 2011-12, if any, on account of the revision of the Scheme w.e.f. 01-07-2010.

The details may please be furnished as follows:-

[Rs. in lakh]

Total Expenditure incurred (State Share + Central Share) during 2011-12	Rs.
Minus: Additional actual expenditure for the years 2010-11 paid in during 2011-12, if any, on account of the revision of the Scheme w.e.f. 01-07-2010	Rs.
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Thus, Committed Liability of the State Government for every year of the 12th Five Year Plan	Rs.

**SCHEME OF POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO
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I.

OBJECT

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Tribe students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

II.

SCOPE

These scholarships are available for studies in India only and are awarded by the Government of the State/Union Territory Administration to which the applicant actually belongs i.e. where permanently settled.

III.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- (i) The scholarships are open to nationals of India.
- (ii) These scholarships will be given for the study of all recognised post-matriculation for post-secondary courses pursued in recognised institutions with the following exceptions :

"Scholarships are not awarded for training courses like Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Courses and Private Pilot Licence courses, courses at Training – Ship Dufferin (Now Rajendra), courses of training at the Military College, Dehradun and courses at pre-examination training centres of all India and State levels."
- (iii) Only those candidates who belong to Scheduled Tribes so specified in relation to the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs (i.e. permanently settled) 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.

- (iv) Candidates who after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in a different subject e.g. I.Sc after I.A. or B.Com after B.A. or M.A. in other subject will not be eligible.
- (v) Students who, after having completed their educational career in one professional line, wish to study for another profession e.g. LLB after B.T./B.Ed. will not be eligible. From the academic year 1980-81, however, studies in two professional courses are allowed.
- (vi) Students studying in Class XI of Higher Secondary Schools which have a continues school course of 12th class will not be eligible. However, in cases where the X class examination of such courses is treated as equivalent to Matriculation and students after passing tenth class can join other courses, such students will be treated as post-matric students and will be eligible for the award of scholarships.
- (vii) Students pursuing post-graduate courses in medicine will be eligible if they are not allowed to practice during the period of their course.
- (viii) Students who after failing or passing the under graduate/post-graduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognised professional or technical certificate/diploma/degree courses will be awarded scholarships if otherwise eligible. No subsequent failure will be condoned except courses in *Group 'I'*, and no further change in the course will be allowed.
- (ix) Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education.
- (x) Employed students who take leave without pay for the entire duration of the course and study as full time students will be eligible for scholarships.

From the academic year 1980-81, employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/guardians does not exceed the maximum prescribed income ceiling are made eligible to post-matric scholarships to the extent of reimbursement of all compulsorily payable non-refundable fees.

- (xi) All children of the same parents/guardians will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme.
- (xii) 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 adhoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.
- (xiii) Students who have already received coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Government will not be eligible.

NOTE 1 : Since it is clearly mentioned under the item III (condition of eligibility) of these regulations that the scholarship will be given for the study of all recognised post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognised institutions, the list of courses grouped (I to IV) is, thus, only illustrative and not exhaustive. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are, thus, themselves competent to decide the appropriate grouping of courses at their level as advised vide Ministry of SJ & E's letter No.11017/13/88-Sch.Cell, dated 3.8.1989.

IV.

MEANS TEST

Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed **Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rs. two lakh only) per annum.**

NOTE 1: So long as either of the parents (or husband in the case of married unemployed girl student) is alive, only income of the parents/husband, as the case may be, from all sources has to be taken into account and of no other member even

though they may be earning. In the form of income declaration, income is to be declared on this basis. Only in the case where both the parents (or husband in the case of married but unemployed girl student) have died, the income of the guardian who is supporting the student in his/her studies has to be taken. Such students whose parents' income is affected due to unfortunate death of one of earning parents and resultantly comes within the income ceiling prescribed under the scheme, shall become eligible for scholarship, subject to their fulfilling other conditions of eligibility, from the month in which such sad incidence takes place. Applications for scholarships from such students can be considered even after lapse of last date of receipt of applications, on compassionate grounds.

NOTE 2: House rent allowance received by the parents of a student shall be exempted from the computation of 'income' if the same has been permitted to be exempted for purpose of Income-tax.

NOTE 3: Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission to courses which are continuing for more than one year.

NOTE 4: The revised income ceilings account for Consumer Price Index for Industrial workers *upto October, 2009*. Income Ceiling would be revised once in every two years linking it with Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers *for the month of October of the year, preceding the year of revision and will be made effective from April.*

V.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of scholarship includes maintenance allowance, provision for students with disabilities, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees, Study Tour Charges, thesis typing/printing charges and book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses, for complete duration of the course.

The details are given below:-

(i) **Maintenance Allowance:**

Group	Courses	Rate of Maintenance Allowance (in Rupees per month)	
		Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group I	<p>(i) Degree and Post Graduate level courses including M. Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral research in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications.</p> <p>(ii) Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and multiengine rating) course.</p> <p>(iii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of management & medicine.</p> <p>(iv) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc.</p> <p>(v) M. Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral Programmes (D. Litt., D.Sc. etc.) :- a) In existing Group II courses b) In existing Group III courses</p> <p>(vi) L.L.M.</p>	1200	550

Group II	(i) Graduate/ Post Graduate courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma), Nursing (B Nursing), LLB, 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). (ii) Post Graduate courses not covered under Group-I e.g. M.A./M.Sc./M.Com./M. Ed./M. Pharma etc.	820	530
Group III	All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I & II e.g. BA/B Sc/B Com etc.	570	300
Group IV	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.	380	230

NOTE 1: Commercial Pilot License Course (CPL): CPL course is covered under Group 'I'. The number of awards for CPL will be 10 per annum. The selection of 10 ST students for CPL course will be made through Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Applications for CPL course will be invited through advertisement. Interested ST students may apply for selection for grant of scholarship for pursuing

CPL course. Selected candidates shall be provided a maintenance allowance at rates applicable to *Group 'I'* courses i.e. **Rs.1200/- per month** for hostelers and **Rs.550/- per month** for day scholars. In addition all compulsory fees, including flight charges are to be provided as fee.

NOTE 2 : M.Phil and Ph.D courses are post-graduation courses. Scholarship to such students may be paid at the rates of maintenance allowance for *Group 'I'* or *'II'* depending on the course under these groups.

NOTE 3 : Normally the term 'Hostel' is applicable to a common residential building and a common mess for the students run under the supervision of the educational institution authorities. In case the college authorities are unable to provide accommodation in the college Hostel, an approved place of residence can also be treated as Hostel for the purpose of this scheme. The place will be approved by the Head of the Institution after due inspection and keeping in view the rules and regulations laid down by the University, if any. In such case, a certificate to the effect that the student is residing in an approved place of residence as he is unable to get accommodation in the college hostel should be furnished by the Head of Institution.

It is further clarified that such deemed hostels should consist of such accommodation as is hired at least by a group of 5 (five) students living together, usually with common mess arrangements.

NOTE 4. Scholars who are entitled to free board and/or lodging will be paid maintenance charge at $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the rate for Hostellers

(ii) **Additional Provision for ST students with disabilities**

(A) Reader Allowance for blind Scholars

<u>Level of Course</u>	<u>Reader Allowance (Rs. Per month)</u>
Group I, II	240
Group III	200
Group IV	160

(B) Provision of transport allowance upto **Rs.160/- per month** for disabled students, if such student does not reside in the hostel, which is within the premises of educational institution. The disability as per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal

Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act,1995 is defined as blindness, low-vision, leprosy-cured, hearing impairment, locomotor disability, mental retardation and mental illness.

(C) Escort Allowance of **Rs.160/- per month** for severally handicapped day scholar students with low extremity disability.

(D) Special Pay of **Rs.160/- per month** is admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopaedically handicapped student residing in hostel of an educational institution, who may need the assistance of a helper.

(E) Allowance of **Rs. 240/- per month** towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students.

The provisions in (B) to (D) will also apply to leprosy -cured students.

Note 1: The disabled students belonging to Scheduled Tribes covered under the Scheme can also get such additional benefits from other Schemes, which are not covered under the scheme.

Note 2: The disability as defined under the said Act has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration.

(iii) Fees

Scholars will be paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board. Refundable deposit like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

NOTE: Compulsory non-refundable fee charged by recognized institutions against free and paid seats of recognized courses can be fully reimbursed as per the fee structure approved by the competent State/Central Government authority. However, while sanctioning scholarship against paid seat, State Governments would make the income verification compulsory.

(iv) Study Tours

Study tour charges upto a maximum of **Rs.1600/- per annum**, limited to the actual expenditure incurred by the student on transportation charges etc. will be paid to the scholars studying professional and technical courses, provided that the head of the institution certifies that the study tour is essential for the scholar for completion of his/her course of study.

(v) Thesis Typing/Printing Charges

Thesis typing/printing charges upto a maximum of **Rs.1600/-** will be paid to research scholars on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.

(vi) Correspondence courses including distance and continuing education

The students pursuing such courses are also eligible for an annual allowance of **Rs.1200/-** for essential/prescribed books, besides reimbursement of course fees.

VI.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

- (i) All the eligible Scheduled Tribes candidates will be given scholarships subject to the application of Means Test prescribed in these Regulations.
- (ii) Candidates belonging to one State but studying in other State will be awarded scholarships by the State to which they belong and will submit their applications to the competent authorities in that State. In the matter of exemption from fees or other concessions also they will be treated as if they were studying in their own State.

VII.

DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

- (i) The award once made will be tenable from the stage at which it is given to the completion of course subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed from year to year provided that within a course which is continuous for a number of years, the scholar secures promotion to the next higher class irrespective of the fact whether such examinations are conducted by a University or the Institution.
- (ii) If a Scheduled Tribe scholar pursuing *Group I* course fails in the examination for the first time, the award may be renewed. For second and subsequent

failure in any class, the student shall bear his/her own expenses until he/she secures promotion to the next higher class.

- (iii) If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and/or on account of any other unforeseeable event, the award may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and/or other required sufficient proof to the satisfaction of the Head of the Institution and his/her certifying that the scholar would have passed had he/she appeared in the examination.
- (iv) 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 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.

VIII.

PAYMENT

- (i) Maintenance allowance is payable from 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year (including maintenance allowance during holidays), provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.
- (ii) In case of renewal of scholarship awarded in the previous years, maintenance allowance will be paid from the month following the month upto which scholarship was paid in the previous year, if the course of study is continuous.
- (iii) The Government of the State/Union Territory Administration, to which the student belongs, in accordance with the procedure laid down by them in this regard, will pay the scholarship money to the selected students.
- (iv) 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.

IX.

OTHER CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD

- (i) The scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the scholars. 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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 them and stop payment of the scholarship money. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the State Government.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) The regulations can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.

X.

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All the State Governments will announce in May-June, the details of the scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers of the State and through other media outfits. All requests for application forms and other particulars should be addressed to the Government of State/Union

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- (i) An application for scholarship should comprise:
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XII.

FUNDING PATTERN OF THE SCHEME

The Scheme is implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which receive 100% central assistance from Government of India, over and above their respective Committed Liability. The level of Committed Liability of respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for a year is equivalent to the level of actual expenditure incurred by them under the Scheme during the terminal year of the last Five Year Plan Period and is required to be borne by them for which they are required to make required provision in their own budget. The North Eastern States have, however, been exempted from making their own budgetary provisions towards Committed Liability from Ninth Plan Period (1997-2002) onwards and the entire expenditure under the Scheme in respect of them will be borne by Government of India.

NOTE : Additional Committed Liability on account of the revision of the Scheme w.e.f. 01-07-2010 shall be passed on to State Governments/U.T. Administrations at the end of the XII Five - Year Plan period (w.e.f. 01-04-2017), and not after the XI Plan period.

All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the Scheme will:-

- (i) *furnish data of beneficiaries and expenditure under the scheme, to Government of India, regularly in the Quarterly Reports prescribed for this purpose. **Financial assistance given under the Scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose.***
- (ii) *designation Grievance Redressal Officers (GROs) at the State and District levels to redress students' scholarship-related grievances.*

XIII. BOOK BANK FOR SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS

OBJECT

The object behind the Scheme is to establish Book Banks in each Medical (including Indian systems of Medicine and Homeopathy), Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnics, Law Course, Chartered Accountancy, MBA and Bio-Sciences to Scheduled Tribe students who can not afford expensive education but for adequate state support. The inability of these students to buy costly text books, results in large number of failures and drop outs which retards the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes.

SCOPE

These 'Book Banks' are to be set up in all the Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Law and Veterinary Degree Colleges and Institutes imparting Chartered Accountancy, MBA and alike Management Courses and Polytechnics where Scheduled Tribe students receiving Post Matric Scholarship under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to Scheduled Tribes for studies in India belonging to the parent state or from other state, are studying. Purchase of books for these 'Book Banks' will be restricted to the prescribed text books for the entire courses for recognized Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Law Courses, Chartered Accountancy, MBA, Bio-Sciences and Polytechnic courses being pursued by ST students therein. The set of text books will be purchased for 2 such ST students at various stages except in respect of Post-graduate courses and Chartered Accountancy where it will be one set for each student. However, the ratio of sets and students will have to be adjusted to the total number of sets that could be procured within the total resources allocated to the State concerned. The State Government may constitute an expert group consisting of members from selected colleges of different regions to decide the adequate number of text books in a set (not reference books) required for each course. Thereafter estimate may be worked out keeping in view the price of cheap Indian editions. The State Government may

constitute a set within the total cost of text books. The life period of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years.

XIV. COURSE-WISE PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE

Central assistance to States/UTs for setting up of Book Banks is limited to the following ceiling or actual cost of a set, whichever is less:-

I. Degree Courses

Cost of one set

(1 set for 2 students)

1.	Medical	Rs. 7,500/-
2.	Engineering	Rs. 7,500/-
3.	Veterinary	Rs. 5,000/-
4.	Agriculture	Rs. 4,500/-
5.	Polytechnic	Rs. 2,400/-

II. Post-Graduate Course

(A). Post Graduate courses in Medical, Engineering, Agriculture and Veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as are approved by the Universities/Institutes of higher learning.	Rs. 5,000/- 1 set per student
(B). Law courses, L.L.B. (3 years and 5 years) L.L.M. (2 years)	Rs. 5,000/- 1 set per student
(C). Chartered Accountancy (inter-mediate and final)	Rs. 5,000/- 1 set per student
(D). M.B.A. (2 years) and similar courses	Rs. 5,000/- 1 set per student
(E). Bio-Science	Rs. 5,000/- 1 set per student

Note: The said sets of books will also include Braille Books, Talking Books, Cassettes for the visually Handicapped students.

The essential books purchased, limiting the amount to the ceilings indicated above are to be supplied to the ST students in instalments, depending on the course, semester structure etc.

The life span of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years so as to ensure that Book Banks beneficiaries have access to the latest books/editions. At the end of 3 years these books may be kept in the library of the concerned institution for loan to other ST students until such time as the books remain relevant and serviceable. Thereafter the books may be disposed off by the institution in the same manner as the books in the library subject to the guidelines, if any, of the State Government/UT Administration in this regard. Purchase of text books for these Book Banks is restricted to the prescribed text books for the entire course referred to above.

XV. PREFERENCE TO GIRL STUDENT AND HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

While selecting students for 'Book Bank' Scheme the State/UT should set a target to be implemented, wherever possible, that at least 30% of the beneficiaries are girl ST students and at least 3% disabled ST students.

XVI. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Central assistance for the setting up of 'Book Banks' will be given for the purchase of prescribed text books for Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary and Polytechnic courses and Post-Graduate courses in Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as are approved by the Universities/Institutions of higher learning, Law Courses, Chartered Accountancy (Inter-mediate and final), MBA and Bio-Sciences limited to the amount as indicated above or actual cost of a set, whichever is less.

For storage of books and contingencies etc., the cost of steel almirah for storing books of each 'Book Banks' including contingencies like transportation etc. the following expenses are admissible.

- (i) Rs. 2000/- or actual cost whichever is less.

- (ii) 5% of the grant may be earmarked for expenses on binding, stitching etc.

XVII. PLACEMENT OF FUNDS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEME

The total expenditure on the scheme of 'Book Banks' will be shared between the Central and the State Government on matching grant basis (50:50) (100% central assistance to the UT Administration). State Govt. may consider making the Heads of the Institutions responsible for the running of the Scheme and place funds at their disposal.

XVIII. SUBMISSION OF DATA

The State Governments UT Administrations will inform the Government of India about the amount allotted college-wise specifying the number of sets to be purchased for that college and the number of beneficiaries.

XIX. UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

Financial assistance given under the Scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose. If the college concerned fails to utilize the grant for the purpose for which it is given, the amount shall be refunded to the Central Government. The State Government/UT Administration should furnish statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificates.

XX. DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS TO STUDENTS

The following rules shall govern the distribution of books to the students:

- (i) Each ST student will be provided with an identity card for this purpose.
- (ii) Each ST student will be required to submit the requisition for borrowing books from the Book Bank in a form to be provided for this purpose.
- (iii) Books will be suitably distributed among the ST students keeping in view the norm that one set is meant for 2 students for the entire course, except in respect of Post-Graduate courses and other courses as stated in para XIV (I) & XIV (II) above.

- (iv) The books should be returned to the Book Bank at the end of each term. The Principal of the College/Institution will make every effort to ensure that those students who complete their course or those who drop out in the middle, return the books belonging to the Book Bank.
- (v) It is the responsibility of the student concerned to maintain the books supplied to them from the Book Bank, in good condition.
- (vi) Any case of loss or damage to the books would attract penalty. In case of serious damage or loss of books, the student concerned will have to bear the cost of the book.

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