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ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰ: 6/3-2018 ਵਜੀਫਾ(2)

ਮਿਤੀ:- 30-7-18

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ 2018-19 ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰੀ-ਮੈਟ੍ਰਿਕ ਸਕਾਲਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਸਕੀਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ
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ਉਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ 2018-19 ਲਈ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਦਰਸਾਈਆਂ ਪ੍ਰੀ-ਮੈਟ੍ਰਿਕ ਸਕੀਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ 3 ਸਕੀਮਾਂ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਡਿਊਲ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਦਰਸਾਏ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ। ਬਾਕੀ ਸਕੀਮਾਂ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਡਿਊਲ ਜਲਦ ਹੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਇਟ ਤੇ ਪਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

Sr.No.	Scholarship Scheme
1	Pre matric Scholarshi Scheme for the children whose parents are engaged in unclean occupation.
2	Pre matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students studying in 9th and 10th Class.
3	Pre matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC students.

Activity Schedule to apply in various pre matric Scholarship Scheme on epunjab portal for the academic session 2018-19

1.	Opening of Portal	01 August, 2018
2	The last date for submission of online applications	20 August, 2018
3.	Last date for the schools to approve and forward online data to district	31 August, 2018
4.	The last date for the schools to correct temporary rejections and forward online data to districts.	31 August, 2018
5.	Districts to approve and forward online data to State	21 August - 10 September, 2018

ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖਣਯੋਗ ਤੱਥ:-

- ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਆਪਣੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਸਮੂਹ ਸਕੂਲ ਮੁੱਖੀ/ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸੀਪਲਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 6/3-2018 ਵਜੀਫਾ(2) ਮਿਤੀ 03-07-2018 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖ ਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ ssapunjab.org→scholarship link ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਸਕੀਮ ਵਾਰ ਨਾਰਮਜ਼ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੋਰਟਲ ਤੇ ਲਾਗਇੰਨ ਆਈ.ਡੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਯੋਗ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਹੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇ। ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਡਾਟਾ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਤੋਂ ਧਿਆਨ ਨਾਲ ਦਰੁਸਤ ਭਰਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ।
 - ਨਿਰਧਾਰਿਤ ਸ਼ਡਿਊਲ ਕਿਸੇ ਜਿਲ੍ਹੇ/ਸਕੂਲ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਡਾਟਾ ਜਾਂ ਆਫਲਾਈਨ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਡਾਟਾ, ਪ੍ਰੋਜੈਕਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।
 - ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਡਾਟਾ ਅਪਰੂਵ ਕਰਨ ਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਈ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਭਰਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਡਾਟਾ ਦਰੁਸਤ ਹੈ।
 - ਸਮੂਹ ਜਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਡਾਟਾ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ/ਅਪਰੂਵ ਕਰਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਕੀਮ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖਦਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਲਗਾਏ ਗਏ checks ਤੋਂ filtered ਦਰੁਸਤ ਡਾਟਾ ਹੀ ਸਟੇਟ ਪੱਧਰ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ ਕਰਨ।
 - ਸਟੇਟ ਪੱਧਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ Permanent Data Rejection ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਸਟੇਟ ਪੱਧਰ ਤੇ ਰਿਜੈਕਟ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ Permanent Reject ਸਮਝੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਚਾਲੂ ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ ਲਈ ਵਜੀਫਾ ਸਕੀਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕੇਗਾ।
 - ਇਸ ਲਈ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪੱਧਰ ਤੇ Temporary Data Rejection ਅਤੇ ਸਟੇਟ ਪੱਧਰ ਤੇ Permanent Data Rejection ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ, ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਦੇ ਡਾਟੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਗਲਤੀ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਉਹ ਸਕੀਮ ਅਧੀਨ ਯੋਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪੱਧਰ ਤੇ ਹੀ ਡਿਸਅਪਰੂਵ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਦੀ ਲਾਗਇੰਨ ਆਈ.ਡੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਾਪਸ ਭੇਜ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ, ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਿਰ ਡਾਟਾ ਦਰੁਸਤ ਕਰਕੇ ਅੱਗੇ ਫਾਰਵਰਡ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ, ਅਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਜੋ ਸਕੀਮ ਦਾ ਲਾਭ ਲੈਣ ਦੇ ਯੋਗ ਹੈ, ਵਜੀਫੇ ਤੋਂ ਵਾਂਝਾ ਨਾ ਰਹਿ ਜਾਵੇ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਵਜੀਫਾ ਸਕੀਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਾਭ ਲੈਣ ਤੋਂ ਵਾਂਝਾ ਰਹਿ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਨਿਰੋਲ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਆਪ ਦੀ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ।
- ਉਕਤ ਤੱਥਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖਦਿਆਂ ਯੋਗ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਹੀ ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ 2018-19 ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰੀ-ਮੈਟ੍ਰਿਕ ਸਕਾਲਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਸਕੀਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ epunjabschool.gov.in ਤੇ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਪਿੱਠ ਅੰਕਣ ਨੰ: ਉਕਤ

ਮਿਤੀ: ਉਕਤ

ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਕਾਰਜ ਅਫਸਰ(ਵਜੀਫਾ)

ਉਕਤ ਦਾ ਉਤਾਰਾ ਡੀ.ਐਮ/ਐਮ.ਆਈ.ਐਸ ਵਿੰਗ , ਦ. ਡੀ.ਜੀ.ਐਸ.ਈ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: ਸਸਅ/2018/ਐਮ.ਆਈ.ਐਸ/ਈਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ/ 31066 ਮਿਤੀ ਜੁਲਾਈ, 2018 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਜੀ।

ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਕਾਰਜ ਅਫਸਰ(ਵਜੀਫਾ)

No.11014/03-2013-SCD-V

Government of India

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

Dated: 5th September 2013.

To Secretaries in charge of SC Welfare All States/UTs

Subject: Changes (effective from 19th August 2013) in the Centrally sponsored scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship to Children of those engaged in 'Unclean' occupations. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) compliant

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to say that the Scheme has been revised to make it **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) compliant**. The Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship to children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations aims to provide financial assistance for pre-matric education to children of the following target groups:

- i) scavengers
- ii) sweepers having traditional links with scavenging,
- iii) tanners, and
- iv) flayers.

A copy of the revised regulations of the Scheme, incorporating the above changes effective from 19th August 2013 is enclosed.

State Governments/ UT Administrations are requested to take necessary action to publicise the above changes urgently for the year 2013-14, under intimation to this Ministry

(Hindi version will follow)

Yours faithfully,

(Vayala Rungsung)

Under Secretary to Government of India

Encl: As above

Copy for information to:-

1. PS to Minister (SJ&E)
2. PS to Minister of State (SJ&E)
3. PS to Secretary (SJ&E)/ PS to Spl. Secretary (SJ&E)
4. Secretary, NCSC/NCSK
5. JS(SCD) & Parliament/JS(SD&Adm.)/JS(DD)/JS(BC)/JS&FA/DDC/EA
6. All Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India.
7. All DS/Directors, M/o SJ&E
8. All Sections of SCD Division.
9. B&C Section, M/o SJ&E/ PIO (SJ&E), PIB (M/o I&B)
10. NIC, M/o SJ&E to place on Ministry's website.
11. PIO, M/o SJ&E, PIB, M/o I&B, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

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Revised Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (w.e.f. 19.08.2013)

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF
PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CHILDREN OF THOSE ENGAGED IN
'UNCLEAN' OCCUPATIONS i.e. SCAVENGING, TANNING and FLAYING
APPLICABLE WITH EFFECT FROM 19th August, 2013**

1. Object

The object of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to children whose parents/guardian belongs to one of the following categories, to pursue Pre-matric education:-

- i. Persons who are either presently engaged in manual scavenging or were so engaged upto or after 1.1.97 or the date on which the "The Employment of manual scavengers and construction of Dry latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993" came into force in their State/UT, whichever is earlier;
- ii. Tanners
- iii. Flayers; and
- iv. Waste pickers

Note 1:-"Manual scavenging" in this Scheme will mean as defined in Sec. 2(j) of the "The Employment of manual scavengers and construction of Dry latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993".

Note 2:-"Presently engaged in manual scavenging" would include those who may be cleaning human excreta, on a regular basis, either from dry latrines or drains, sewers, septic tanks, manholes etc.

2. **Conditions of Eligibility**

- i. Scholarship will be admissible to the children/wards of Indian Nationals who irrespective of their religion are:
 - a. either presently engaged in manual scavenging or were so engaged upto or after 1.1.97 or the date on which the "The Employment of manual scavengers and construction of Dry latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993" came into force in their State/UT, whichever is earlier;
 - b. presently engaged in Tanning and/or Flaying/or waste picking.
- ii. Children who are born to parents who are not engaged in such occupations, but have been adopted by such person (**as mentioned in sub para 2(i) above**) will be eligible for scholarship only after a lapse of three years from the date of such adoption. provided that they have been living with the adopted parents since the date of such adoption. Such children will be eligible only if their parents furnish such certificates (such as proof of their occupation, date of adoption etc.) as may be required by the concerned State Government/Union Territory administration.
- iii. A certificate should be obtained from the eligible candidates as follows:
 - a. From Children/wards mentioned in sub- para 2(i)(a): **only once**, at the time of their first application/renewal, as the case may be, to the effect that at least one parent belongs to the relevant categories;
 - b. From Children/wards mentioned in sub- para 2(i)(b): **every year**, to the effect that at least one parent is currently engaged in tanning and/or flaying.

3. **Duration and Course of Studies**

The scholarships may be given to students enrolled in class I or any subsequent class or pre-matric stage in the case of day scholars, and class III or any subsequent class of pre-matric stage in case of hostellers. The scholarship will

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terminate at the end of mess. The duration of scholarship in an academic year is ten months.

4. Institution of Study

The scholarship will be tenable only in such institutions and for such pre matriculations courses, which have been duly recognized by the concerned State Government and Union Territory Administrations.

5. Definition of Hostel

Normally, the term 'Hostel' means a common residential building having a common mess for students. However, a residence run by R.K. Mission or and such other reputable organization approved by the Government of India may also be deemed as a Hostel.

6. Coverage, Value of Scholarship and Ad-Hoc Grant

I Hostellers

The students as hostellers will be covered from class III to X. The rates of scholarships are as under:-

Class III to X	Rs.700/- per month for 10 months
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II Day Scholars

The students as day scholars will be covered from Class I to Class X. The rates of scholarships are as under:-

Class I to X	Rs. 110/- per month for 10 months
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III Ad-Hoc Grant

An adhoc grant of Rs. 750/- per student per annum to all day scholars and Rs. 1000/- per student per annum to hostellers would be admissible.

IV. Additional Provisions for the Economically Weaker Target Groups with Disabilities

- a. Reader Allowance of Rs.100 per month for blind students in classes IX and X.
- b. Transport allowance of Rs.50 per month for the disabled students not residing in the hostel located within the premises of educational institution.
- c. Special pay of Rs.100 per month would be admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopedically handicapped student residing in a hostel managed by the educational institution or by the State Government/Union Territory Administration who may need the assistance of a helper.
- d. Escort allowance of Rs.50 per month for severely handicapped day scholars students with lower extremity disability.
- e. Allowance of Rs.100 per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students in classes IX and X.

The provisions proposed in (b) to (d) above also apply to leprosy cured students.

Note 1: The students amongst target groups with disabilities covered under this scheme can, however, also get such additional benefits from other schemes, which are not covered in the above provision.

Note 2: 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, which has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Government/Union Territory Administration.

The scholarship amount will be payable from the date of joining to the date of leaving the school, excluding the period of vacation, which will be about 10 months in a year except in the cases where the students enters or leaves early in the midst of academic year.

7. Administrative Authority

The scheme will be implemented and administered by the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in accordance with its regulations in force.

8. Selection

The concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations will lay down the detailed procedure for selection of students.

9. Authority Responsible for Providing Hostel Accommodation

The concerned State Government and Union Territory Administration will be responsible to provide hostel accommodation to the hostellers. The scheme covers provision for renting of building for such hostellers near the school if hostel facilities are not available in the school itself. Rent reasonability to be certified by competent authority of the State Government. Provisions is also there for appointment of full time paid hostel warden where the number of students are large, otherwise one of school teachers is to be appointed as hostel warden on an honorarium as extra remuneration for doing the work of hostel warden.

10. Other Conditions for Award

- i. The students may not be allowed to take up employment or render help to parents in their work during the course of studies.
- ii. The award will be discontinued if a student fails to secure annual promotion except in case of unavoidable reasons to be certified by the competent authority of the scheme.
- iii. Coaching facilities, especially to weak students may be provided.
- iv. If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or even cancelled, subject to the satisfaction of the competent school authority. The State Government/Union



Territory Administrations can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the Scheme

- v. Migration of students from one institution to another would not normally be allowed during the course of the academic year except under exceptional circumstances and in the interest of student's academic career.
- vi. The scholar obtaining benefits under this scheme is not allowed to avail of benefits under any other pre-matric scholarship scheme.
- vii. The students should be regular in attendance for which the yardstick is to be decided by the competent authority of the school.

11. Renewal of Scholarship

The scholarship, once awarded, may be renewed during next academic year also by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration unless the competent authority of the school recommends to the State Government/Union Territory Administration, to discontinue the award with reference to relevant clause of these regulations governing the scheme.

12. Announcement of Scheme

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

13. Mode of Applying

The concerned Department of the State Government/Union Territory Administration will supply the application forms, which should be received back by that Department alongwith prescribed certificate, by the last date.

14. Pattern of Financial Assistance

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 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.

All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the Scheme will furnish data of beneficiaries and expenditure under the Scheme, to Government of India, as and when required. Financial assistance given under the Scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose.

15 **MODE OF DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIP**

In order to ensure timely and correct payment of scholarship amount to the beneficiaries, State Governments/UT administrations should ensure payment of scholarship through their accounts in banks through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) as prescribed by the Govt. of India. All State Govts/UT Administrations will implement a computerized management system of scholarships, including 'e-payment' system.

16 **PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING AND RELEASE OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE (CA)**

CA will be released to the States/UTs, for meeting the 100% expenditure under the Scheme over and above their committed liability. Disbursement would be done in one of the following manner :-

(a) The States/UTs, would forward the digitized list of beneficiaries, as prescribed by the Central Govt., for claiming the Scholarship amount, to the extent of due Central Assistance. After the Ministry receives such list, duly authenticated by the nominated officer of the respective State/UT, it would:

- Transfer the Scholarship amount in the Bank A/cs of the beneficiaries,
- The information of such transfer having been made would be forwarded to the States/UTs; or

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- (b) Disburse the CA to the states/UTs for making payments in the Bank A/c of the beneficiaries upto the extent of due CA.

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MONITORING

State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the scheme will:

- i. prepare the data base of the beneficiaries which would be integrated with UIDAI by (a) embedding Aadhaar numbers (UID numbers) in it, (b) using the UIDAI enabled bank account (UEBA) for crediting the scholarships and (c) using the UIDAI authentication services for beneficiary identification.
- ii. furnish data of the beneficiaries and the expenditure under the scheme to the Government of India, regularly in form of the Quarterly Progress Reports. The forms for such reporting would be prescribed separately. Financial assistance given under the scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose.
- iii. ensure that an institution-wise list of awardees, with necessary particulars, for award of scholarships is displayed on the web-site of NIC at the District level.
- iv. designate Grievance Redressal Officers (GROs) at the State and District levels to redress scholarship-related grievances of the students.

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Administration of the Scheme

Upto 6 % of total B.E. towards Scholarship would be utilized on administrative expenditure, Management, Monitoring & Evaluation, Publicity and Awareness Generation etc. The funds would be utilized for this purpose by the Central Govt. or it could release a part of the funds (to the extent of 2% of total B.E.) to States/UTs, over and above the Scholarship amount, on the basis of proposals received from them in this regard. However, no new posts would be created under this component.

These funds could inter-alia be utilized for developing a secure, uniform and standard automatic system,, National Portal/National Data base and evolving a procedure for collection of applications and processing thereof. For this purpose outsourcing/ contractual hiring

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of people may also be resorted to.

19 Changes in the Scheme

These regulations governing the scheme and financial parameters may be changed with the approval of the competent authority on recommendations of a Steering Committee Chairmanship of Secretary/Addl.Secretary, D/o SJ&E with representation from Finance Ministry and Planning Commission as Members, at any time as and when considered necessary.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme

Of

**PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO OTHER
BACKWARD CLASSES (OBC) FOR STUDIES IN
INDIA**

GUIDELINES

(Revised w. e. f. 2017-18)

**Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Government of India**

SCHEME OF PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES FOR STUDIES IN INDIA

1. OBJECTIVE

Even after 51 years of independence and in spite of various measures taken to improve the level of education in the country, literacy levels among backward classes, particularly among women, continues to be extremely low. The number of steps have already been taken by the Government and considerable progress has been achieved in improving the level of literacy and education during the last 51 years, but there is still a long way to go before respectable levels of literacy are achieved. It has been recognized now that education and economic support for backward Classes has not been adequate and there is disparity between them and the non-backward sections of the population at every level. In view of the same, it is felt that earnest efforts are required to introduce various new schemes specifically for these target group i.e. backward classes to provide them a level playing field in comparison to non-backward sections of the population.

The position of women in terms of literacy among OBCs population is also a cause of concern. Considering the important role of women in shaping the size of the family and outlook of its members, investment in improving education among women of these communities will not only improve their social and economic status, but will also help in accelerating the socio-economic development of these communities and the nation as a whole.

Experience shows that children of OBCs from the poorer section do not go to schools as they often have to provide a helping hand to their parents in traditional occupation or otherwise supplement the family income. It is considered that a scheme of Pre-matric Scholarship would be helpful in spreading education amongst such children especially amongst the girl child of weaker sections. A scheme of Pre-matric Scholarship for the benefit of children belonging to Weaker Section amongst OBCs has been formulated with the object in view.

2. SCOPE

OBCs living below double the poverty line form a bigger chunk of a population and there are disparities amongst OBCs themselves to start with, it is proposed to award scholarship to school going children of poorer OBC parents whose annual income is below double the poverty line.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship award will be sanctioned in the case of students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs.2,50,000/- per annum.

Note 1: So long as either of the parents (or husband in the case of married unemployed girl student) are alive, only income of the parents/husband, as the case may be, from all sources will be taken into account and of no other members even though they may be earning. In the form of income declaration, income will 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 will have to be taken into consideration. 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 taken 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.

4. DURATION AND COURSE OF STUDIES

The scholarships may be given to the students enrolled in class I or any subsequent class of pre-matric stage in the case of day scholars, and class III or any subsequent class of pre-matric stage in the case of hostlers. The scholarship will terminate at the end of class X. The duration of scholarship in an academic year will be 10 months.

5. INSTITUTION OF STUDY

The scholarship will be tenable only in such institutions and for such pre-matriculation courses, which have been duly recognized by the concerned State Government and Union Territory Administrations.

6. COVERAGE VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP AND AD-HOC GRANT

I. Hostellers:

The students as hostlers will be covered from class III to X. The rates of scholarships will be as under:-

Class III to X Rs.500/- per month for 10 months

II. Day Scholars

The students as day scholars will be covered from Class I to Class X. The rates of scholarships will be as under:

Class I to X Rs.100/- per month for 10 months

III. Ad-Hoc Grant

An ad-hoc grant of Rs.500/- per student per annum to all students i.e. hostlers as well as day scholars will also be given.

IV. The scholarship amount will be payable from the date of joining to the date of leaving the school, excluding the period of vacation, which will be about 10 months in a year except in the cases where the students enters late or leaves early in the midst of academic year.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

The scheme will be implemented and administered in accordance with the procedure laid down by the State Govts./UT Administration in this regard.

8. SELECTION

The concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations will lay down the detailed procedure for selection of students.

9. OTHER CONDITIONS FOR AWARD:

- i. The students may not be allowed to take up employment or render help to parents in their work during the course of studies.
- ii. The award will be discontinued if a student fails to secure annual promotion except in case of unavoidable reasons to be certified by the competent authority of the scheme.
- iii. If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or even cancelled, subject to the satisfaction of the competent school authority. The State Government/ Union Territory Administrations can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme.
- iv. Migration of students from one institution to another would not normally be allowed during the course of academic year except under exceptional circumstances and in the interest of student's academic career.
- v. The scholar obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other pre-matric scholarship scheme.

- vi. Regular attendance record not less than 60% in the previous year should be pre-requisite for availing scholarship.
- vii. At least 5% students with disabilities should be covered for grant of the scholarships.
- viii. To avoid any duplication, bank accounts of the target beneficiaries should be Aadhar seeded.
- ix. 30% of the beneficiaries should be reserved for girl students.

10. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship, once awarded, may be renewed during next academic year also by the concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration unless the competent authority of the school recommends to the State Government/ Union Territory Administration, to discontinue the award with reference to relevant clause of these regulations governing the scheme.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEME

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

12. MODE OF APPLYING

The concerned Department of the State Government/ Union Territory Administration will supply the application forms, which should be received back by the Department along with prescribed certificate, by the last date.

12-A. 'FUNDS-LIMITED' NATURE OF THE SCHEME AND PROCEDURE FOR CAPPING

While it is the intention of the Government to provide assistance for giving scholarship to all eligible students, it has not always been possible for the Central Government to do so. Therefore, the budget allocated will be apportioned to States on pro-rata basis, based on OBC population and other such criteria. Accordingly, a notional allocation (NA) under the Scheme is being conveyed at the beginning of each financial year to States/UTs, with the request to send proposals within the NA. The broad procedure followed is as below:

- (i) At the beginning of each financial year, notional allocation(NA) of funds of States/UTs is 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 incur expenditure under the Scheme at least to the sum total of "Central Assistance or NA and matching State share", and should normally limit the number of scholarships accordingly.
- (iii) However, they would be free to allocate funds from the State-Plan, over and above the sum total of "Central Assistance or NA and matching State share" for funding additional scholarship under the Scheme. Any such additional expenditure will have to be borne by the State Government/UT Administration itself, and will generally not be eligible for reimbursement from the Centre. However, such additional expenditure incurred by a State/UT may be considered for reimbursement by the Central Government, to the extent of availability of savings (mainly from States which are not able to fully avail of their notional allocation, for any reason), towards the end of a financial year.

The guidelines and the above procedure lay down the broad principles for implementing the "Capping" feature. Each State Government/UT Administration may work out its State/UT-specific detailed modalities (within the broad guidelines of the Scheme) for implementation of the Scheme including this Capping feature. The States/UTs should send their respective modalities as formulated, to this Ministry, for its information and record.

13. PATTERN OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

50% central assistance will be provided to State Govt. The scholarship money will be paid to the selected students by the State Govt./UT Admn. to which they belong in accordance with the procedure laid down by the State Govt./UT Admn. in this regard. Remaining 50% will be borne by the State Govt. The conformed budget availability towards State Govt. share of assistance will have to be shown by concerned State Govt. while applying for the central assistance under the scheme. In case of UTs 100% central assistance will be provided.

14. MONITORING

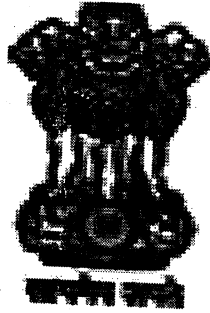
The monitoring of the financial and physical performance of the scheme will be done through seeking detailed information from the Agencies implementing the Scheme. On the physical aspects the Agencies implementing the scheme will be required to furnish quarterly progress report regarding the number of beneficiaries receiving award under the scheme, both class-wise and gender-wise. On the 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.

15. EVALUATION

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment may 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 centrally sponsored Scheme of Research and Training.

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1. BACKGROUND

Article 46 of Part IV ("Directive Principles of State Policy") of the Constitution enjoins upon the State to promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. Article 38(2) of the same Part also enjoins upon the State to minimize inequities in income and to endeavour to eliminate inequalities in status, facilities and opportunities, not only amongst individuals but also amongst groups of people residing in different areas or engaged in different vocations.

2. OBJECTIVES

Objectives of the scheme are:

- (a) To support parents of SC children for education of their wards studying in classes IX and X so that the incidence of drop-out, especially in the transition from the elementary to the secondary stage is minimized, and
- (b) To improve participation of SC children in classes IX and X of the pre-matric stage, so that they perform better and have a better chance of progressing to the post-matric stage of education.

3. SCOPE

Scholarship under the Scheme will be available for studies in India only and will be awarded by the Government of the State/Union Territory to which the applicant belongs i.e. where he is domiciled.

4. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Student should belong to Scheduled Caste.
- (ii) His/ her Parent/Guardian's income should not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum.
- (iii) He / she should not be getting any other Centrally-funded Pre Matric Scholarship. However benefit of National Means-cum- Merit scholarship scheme of D/o School

Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development can be availed by the beneficiaries of Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students.

(iv) In pursuance to the provision of Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act 2016, a student is required to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar or undergo Aadhaar Authentication. If not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, student is required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment.

(v) She/ he should be a regular, full time student studying in a Government School or in a School recognized by Govt. or a Central/State Board of Secondary Education.

(vi) Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, she / he would not get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent) year.

5. ANNUAL PARENTAL/GUARDIAN'S INCOME

Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2, 50,000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand only) per annum.

NOTE 1: So long as either of the parents is alive, only income of the parents, 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 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 the 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.

6. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

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

- (i) scholarship and other grant,
- (ii) additional allowance for students with disabilities studying in private un-aided recognized Schools.

The details are as follows:

Rates of scholarship and other grant will be as follows:

Item	Day Scholars	Hostellers
Scholarship (Rs. p.m.) (for 10 months)	225	525
Books and Ad hoc Grant (Rs. p.a.)	750	1000

- (iii) Additional Allowances for SC students with disabilities studying in private unaided Schools-

Under the Centrally-sponsored Scheme of 'Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage' (IEDSS) implemented by the M/o HRD, financial assistance is already being given under its "Student Oriented Component" to students with disabilities studying at the Secondary stage in Govt., local body and Govt. aided schools. However, students in un-aided schools are not covered under IEDSS.

Therefore, SC students with disabilities, studying in classes IX & X in private un-aided recognized schools, will be eligible for allowances under this Scheme, as follows:

Allowances for students with disabilities studying in Private un-aided Schools	Amount (In Rs.)
(i) Monthly Reader Allowance for Blind students	160
(ii) Monthly Transport Allowance for students with disabilities (as defined in the Persons with Disabilities Act 1995), if such students do not reside in the hostel which is within the premises of the Educational Institution.	160
(iii) Monthly Escort Allowance for Severely Disabled (i.e. with 80% or higher disability) Day Scholars/Students with low extremity disability.	160
(iv) Monthly Helper Allowance admissible to any of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopaedically handicapped student residing in the hostel of an Educational Institution who may need the assistance of a helper.	160

(v) Monthly Coaching Allowance to Mentally Retarded and Mentally ill Students.	240

Note: The disability as defined under the Persons with disabilities (equal opportunities, Protection of rights and full participation Act, 1995) Act has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration.

7. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

- (i) All eligible Scheduled Caste candidates will be given scholarships as prescribed in this Scheme.
- (ii) Candidates belonging to one State but studying in another State will be awarded scholarships by the State to which they belong and will submit their applications to the competent authority in that State.

8. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

- (i) The scholarship will be payable for 10 months in an academic year.
- (ii) The award once made will continue subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed for Class X after the student passes Class IX.

9. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

- (i) Scholarship 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 scholarship 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, it will be paid from the month following the month up to which scholarship was paid in the previous year.
- (iii) The Government of the State/Union Territory Administration, to which they belong, in accordance with the procedure laid down by them in this regard, will pay the scholarship money to the selected students.

10. CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUATION OF THE AWARD

- (i) The scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the student. If it is reported by the Head of the Institution/School at any time that a

student 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/ UT Administration. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.

(iii) A student is liable to refund the scholarship amount at the discretion of the State Government/ UT Administration, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued by him/her.

11. PUBLICITY OF THE SCHEME & INVITING APPLICATIONS

11.1 The Scheme will be implemented through State Governments/U.T. Administrations. All the State Governments/UT Administrations will, at the appropriate time, suitably publicise the Scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in local language, in the leading newspapers of the State and through their respective websites and other media outfits. The applicant should submit the completed application to the prescribed authority, as mentioned below before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications.

11.2 State Govt. would prescribe a suitable application form in the local language and place it on its websites. School authorities will get these forms filled by the eligible students and send them to Block / District level authorities. State Governments/UT Administrations will delegate powers to sanction scholarships under the scheme to appropriate Block/ District level authorities/ Heads of Institution, as appropriate.

12. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

(i) An application for scholarship can be made online on the respective State/ UT scholarship portal where available and in hard copy otherwise. Where applying on

line, 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 either online or in hard copy will compulsorily include:

- a. One copy of the application for scholarship in the prescribed form.
- b. One passport size photograph with signature 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) In pursuance to the provision of Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act 2016, a student is required to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar or undergo Aadhaar Authentication. If not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, student is required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment.
- g. Application for scholarship should be submitted by the student by 30th November of the academic year in which he/ she 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/School, being attended or last attended by the candidates and shall be forwarded by the Head of Institution, after scrutiny and with his recommendation, to the sanctioning authority, mentioned in para 11.2.

13. MODE OF DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

In order to ensure timely and correct payment of scholarship amount to the beneficiaries, State Governments/UT administrations should ensure payment of scholarship through their accounts in post offices/banks. All State Govts/UT Administrations will implement a computerized management system of scholarships,

including 'e-payment' system. 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.

14. PATTERN AND CONDITIONS OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE (CA)

14.1 The Scheme is Centrally Sponsored Scheme and implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which will receive 100% central assistance from Government of India for expenditure under the Scheme, over and above their 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 Cycle or the demand made by a State is lower than in any of the previous years of the plan period / Financial Cycle, in that case the highest demand made in any of the previous financial years of the Plan/ Finance Cycle will be considered as demand of the State on Centre for the purpose of computation of Committed Liability for the next Financial Cycle. The committed Liability so computed will be co-terminus with the FC cycle and will be required to be borne by them by making provision in their own budget.

14.2 Many States/UTs are presently implementing Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme of some kind for SC students, from their own resources. If a State Govt. is already giving pre-matric scholarship to SC students of classes IX-X, it will have to either:

- i) continue to provide scholarship at that rate, over and above the Scholarship under the proposed CSS, or
- ii) if it chooses to reduce its own expenditure on its Scheme, utilize the saving so effected only on other educational programmes for SCs.

14.3 Upto 1.5 % of total Central expenditure towards Scholarship, would, be utilized on administrative expenditure, Management, Monitoring & Evaluation etc. The funds would be utilized for this purpose, by the Central Govt. or it would be released to

States/UTs, over and above the Scholarship amount, on the basis of proposals received from them in this regard. However, no new posts would be created under this component.

15. TRANSFER OF COMMITTED LIABILITY TO STATES/UTs

Since this Scheme was introduced during the first year of XII Plan i.e. 2012-13, committed liability has been transferred, for the first time, to State Govts / UT Admns at the end of XII Five Year Plan i.e. w.e.f. 1.4.2017. Subsequently, committed liability in the Scheme will be transferred to the States/UTs during the first year of the succeeding plan period/ Finance Commission Cycle.

16. PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING AND RELEASE OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE (CA)

16.1 CA will be released to the States/UTs, in two installments. First installment of CA would be released on ad-hoc basis, as far as possible, during the second quarter of the year (April- June) subject to satisfactory utilization of Central assistance, released in the past, if any. State Governments/UT Administrations will be expected to submit their complete proposals for CA under the Scheme by 31st December each year, which would be released to them, subject to fulfillment of all the conditions. Next year's claim will have to be accompanied with a Utilization Certificate along with Audited Statements for the previous year's CA. Unspent or unaccounted for balance, if any, from the previous year's grant will be adjusted, while releasing the next year's grant.

- 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 Financial Year 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.

16.2 State Governments/ UT Administrations will be expected to ensure timely and regular disbursement of scholarships to students through Bank /Post office accounts, preferably on monthly basis. Pending release of CA, the scholarships would be expected to be paid out of the State Budget, against which reimbursement can be claimed. In no case the disbursement of the scholarship to students should be held up due to any delay in the release of CA.

17. MONITORING:

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 Progress Reports whose proforma would be separately prescribed. Financial assistance given under the scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose.

ii) make beneficiaries database which may be integrated with UIDAI by (a) embedding Aadhaar numbers (UID numbers) in it, (b) using the UIDAI enabled bank account (UEBA) for crediting the scholarships and (c) using the UIDAI authentication services for beneficiary identification.

iii) ensure that an institution-wise list of awardees, with necessary particulars, for award of scholarships is displayed on the web-site of NIC at District level.

iv) designate Grievance Redressal Officers (GROs) at the State and District levels to redress students' scholarship-related grievances.

18. CHANGE IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE SCHEME:

The provisions of this Scheme can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.

19. EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION/ ALTERATION OF MODALITIES

a. For the purposes of effective implementation of the Scheme, States/UTs 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.

20. 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.

21. TRANSITORY PROVISION FOR EXISTING BENEFICIARIES

Identified beneficiaries of scholarships under the existing Pre- Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs will also get the benefit of the revised rate of scholarship from effective date of revision of the scheme i.e. 19th September, 2017.
