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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

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ACCOUNTY Sharm AUS(SJEM)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Date: 3rd January, 2025

The Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs (as per list attached)

Subject: National Entrance Test for SRHESTHA (NETS)- for the Academic Year 2025-26 – regarding.

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India is running a scheme namely 'Scheme of Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas' (SHRESHTA) from academic year 2022-23 to provide quality education for meritorious SC Boys and Girls selected through nationwide National Entrance Test for SRHESTHA (NETS) to study in the best private residential schools in the country.

- 2. As part of the scheme every year the best private residential schools are selected based on parameters such as: the school has been in existence for at least 5 years, having more than 75% pass percentage in Class 10 and 12 in the last 3 years, and having adequate infrastructure for admitting additional at least (10) SC students in 9th and 11th classes (together).
 - 3. The entry for student is in class 9 and 11 till the completion of education upto class 12. Every year, 3000 fresh students are selected under

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the scheme through a National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS) conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). Allocation of schools is done by web counseling process, allocating the seats as per merit and choices of the students.

- 4. The financial assistance is provided by directly transferring the money to the selected schools electronically towards' tuition and hostel fees of students as per actuals charged by the school or the prescribed limit mentioned in the scheme guidelines whichever is less. No fee or any other charges is chargeable from the beneficiary students by SHRESHTA Schools. Apart from this, there is a provision of grant upto 10% of annual fees for enhancing capacity of the admitted SC students so that they can catch up with the rest of the class.
- 5. For the year 2025-26, it is expected that NETS will be conducted in April 2025. It is, therefore, requested to arrange wide publicity of the scheme in all the schools through social media and other platforms so that meritorious SC Boys / Girls students may be benefited under the Scheme. A copy of the Scheme Guidelines is enclosed for ready reference.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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