

CONSOLIDATED STIPEND SCHEME & FREE BOOKS SCHEME FOR SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS PERUSING HIGHER EDUCATION

Hon'ble CM has announced on 01.07.2008 that SC students studying in Colleges will be provided an amount of Rs. 2000/- per student for purchase of books and a stipend of Rs. 1000/- per month.

The scheme is proposed to attract the SC towards higher education. The scheme will be implemented in all the Govt. Colleges of Haryana.

The students will be disbursed stipend bi-monthly on the basis of at least 60% attendance in the classes. The student with less than 60% attendance will not be paid stipend for that particular bi-monthly period in which his attendance is less than 60% but he can be considered for payment of with held stipend for this period if he/she fulfills the condition of attendance in next two months meaning thereby that he will be paid stipend for four months instead of two months. This condition has been proposed to make the students more regular in their classes.

This stipend will be treated as monetary help to meet the sundry charges of higher education so that the beneficiaries may not become ineligible for Post Matric Scholarships awarded by Govt. of India.

Eligibility Conditions For SC Students : -

The students belonging to the schedule castes must furnish the following documents to the principal of his/her college: -

1. Photocopy of SC certificate.
2. Photocopy of Haryana Domicile certificate.
3. Photocopy of previous examination passed on the basis of which he/she sought admission in the present class.
4. The students who failed in the last year university examination will not be eligible for the stipend.

Mode of Payment:-

Process for disbursement of stipend shall be as under:-

- (a) The stipend will be paid to students for twelve months in a year from July to June.
- (b) One account in the name of each college shall be opened in any nationalized bank. This account shall be operated by Principal/Nodal Officer of the college.

- (c) Account in the name of each scheduled caste student who takes admission in the college shall be opened in the nationalized bank located nearest to the college concerned. Principal of the college will decide the bank branch where the accounts are to be opened. However, the Principal should decide only the bank branch which is nearest to the college. The authorized person, who shall be either Principal/Nodal Officer of the same college, shall be responsible of opening of accounts on the basis of the admissions of scheduled caste students. The account to be opened in the name of students shall carry all the details about the student as well as his/her parent/guardian.
- (d) The amount of stipend shall be transferred in the college account in the bank through electronics transfer by the Directorate in the first week of the month in which stipend is due to be paid and further the college will transfer the amount into the accounts of students within one week but not later than 15th of the month.
- (e) From the said college account money can only be transferred to the account of the students and the Principal/Nodal Officer shall not be authorized to draw any cash from the college account.
- (f) The person authorized to operate the account for the purpose of transfer of funds from college account to the accounts of students, shall on the basis of attendance in the class write a letter to the bank conveying the names of all the eligible students and quantum of money to be transferred from the college account to the accounts of students in the months of September, November, January and March.
- (g) The stipend will be released to the students in four bi-monthly installments in the months of September, November, January and March. However, the amount in the month of March will be released for six months (January to June) being the closing month of the financial year and moreover, students are not required to attend regular classes in view of ensuing annual examinations.

New Mode of Payment:

- a) The amount of stipend shall be transferred through PFMS by Head Quarter in two half yearly installments in the first week of November and January. The Principals of the Colleges will forward the verified data of the students on Online Scholarship Portal, further Registration branch of the concerned universities will verify the data in second step on Online Scholarship Portal. Then it will be forwarded to the directorate for final

verification and disbursement under the process of PFMS to the beneficiary in their respective Aadhaar seeded bank account.

- b) The amount of books shall be transferred through PFMS by Head Quarter in yearly installment in October. The Principals of the Colleges will forward the verified data of the students on Online Scholarship Portal, further Registration branch of the concerned universities will verify the data in second step on Online Scholarship Portal. Then it will be forwarded to the directorate for final verification and disbursement under the process of PFMS to the beneficiary in their respective Aadhaar seeded bank account.
- c) The additional stipend amount of Rs. 500/- per month for 12 months to those SC students who are availing hostel facility shall also be transferred through PFMS by Head Quarter in two half yearly installment from July to December and January to June.
- d) The students will be disbursed stipend bi-monthly on the basis of at least 60% attendance in the classes. The student with less than 60% attendance will not be paid stipend for that particular bi-monthly period in which his/her attendance is less than 60% but he can be considered for payment of withheld stipend for this period if he/she fulfills the condition of attendance in next two months meaning thereby that he will be paid stipend for four months instead of two months. This condition has been proposed to make the students more regular in their classes.

Honorarium for authorized persons:-

The Nodal Officer and staff will be paid honorarium at the time of transfer of amount to the accounts of students four times in a year maximum of Rs.4000/- and Rs.2000/- respectively. That Nodal Officer and the clerk/assistant will be preferably from SC category. The Principal and Nodal Officers jointly shall be authorised to operate the said college account for the limited purpose of transfer of funds from college account to the accounts of students and drawl of honorarium only.

**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.	750	350
(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,		
(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 paramedial 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.

Rates and Eligibility under the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students

Eligibility: The parental income ceiling for eligibility is Rs.1.00 lakh per annum.

Rates:

Sl. No.	Item / Component	Rates (Amount in Rs.)		
a	Maintenance Allowance (per month)		Day Scholars	Hosteller
		Group A	350/-	750/-
		Group B	335/-	510/-
		Group C	210/-	400/-
		Group D	160/-	260/-
b	Other Allowances:			
(i)	Study Tour charges	900/- p.a. (subject to actual expenditure)		
(ii)	Thesis Typing & Printing charges	1000/- (Maximum)		
(iii)	Book Allowance for correspondence course	900/- p.a.		
(iv)	Reader charges for blind students (per month)	Group A, B	175/-	
		Group C	130/-	
		Group D	90/-	
(v)	Scholarship for CPL Course	Rs.5,000/- per flying hour in single/multiengine aircraft for 200 hours, as per DGCA approved rates. In addition, maintenance allowance at the rates applicable to Group ‘A’ courses will be provided (This will be subject to the candidate undergoing the CPL training in DGCA approved flying institutions and his confirmation to meet the balance of the cost on his own). The number of awards for CPL will be 20 per annum on first-cum-first serve basis.		

Group A	<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) 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.)</p> <p>(vi) L.L.M.</p>
Group B	<p>(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).</p> <p>(ii) Post Graduate courses not covered under Group A eg. MA/M Sc/M.Com/M Ed./M. Pharma etc.</p>
Group C	All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group A & B e.g. BA/B Sc/B Com etc.
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.

Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Dept. of Social Justice and Empowerment
BC Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
17/07/2020

To,

The Secretaries/Principal Secretaries
Social/OBC Welfare Department
States/UTs (as per standard list)

Subject: Revised income eligibility criteria in various scholarship schemes for OBC/EBC/DNT
- reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey Ministry's decision for change in income criteria for different scholarship schemes of OBC/EBC/DNT for the current FY 2020-21 as below.

S.No.	Scheme	Existing Income Criteria	New Income Criteria
1	Post Matric Scholarship for OBC	Rs. 1.50 lakh	Rs. 2.50 lakh
2	Dr. Ambedkar Post Matric Scholarship for EBC	Rs. 1.00 lakh	Rs. 2.50 lakh
3	Dr. Ambedkar Pre and Post Matric Scholarship for DNT	Rs. 2.00 lakh	Rs. 2.50 lakh

2. It is informed that no committed liability beyond the approved financial outlay would be made available to the States by Central Government. Further, existing scheme guideline shall be followed for its implementation. Due to funds-limited nature of the scheme, expenditure incurred while covering the additional beneficiaries due to revised in income criteria will be borne by State Government in each of the above scheme. **The matter has been concurred by Ministry of Finance.**

3. It is requested that new income criteria may be advertised for seeking application from beneficiaries under the above said schemes in 2020-21.

4. This has approval of Honorable Minister of Social Justice & Employment.

Yours sincerely,

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(Dayanand Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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2. Director, IFD, DoSJE, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. PPS to Secretary, SJE, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi.

Haryana State Meritorious Incentive Scheme for the Students who attain Merit Position in CBSE annual exams.

Object:- The object of the Scheme is to encourage the Meritorious Students who have attained Top position in CBSE annual exams by giving them a substantial amount as a motivating Incentive. It has been instituted in order to encourage excellence in academics and over all development of the students. Under this Scheme two students (one boy & one girl student) will be given annual Incentive based on their Top position/performance in annual CBSE 10th and 12th annual exams every year.

Condition of Eligibility:-

- i. This Scheme will be specific for Top Meritorious Students (one boy & one girl student) who stood first in 10th & 12th annual CBSE exams.
- ii. The award will be given only to those students who shall pursue their studies as a regular student. The amount of Incentive shall be equal to their School/College fee paid by them annually till the completion of their degrees upto Graduation Level.
- iii. This Incentive/Award shall be given only to those students who are Haryana Domicile.
- iv. The award holder under this scheme will not be eligible for any other scholarship/stipend from the State Govt. or any other source.
- v. There is no income limit for these awards.
- vi. The school Institution from where the examination has been passed should be situated in Haryana.
- vii. Failed/Compartment students shall not be considered for this award in future.

Criteria/ Mode of Selection

- i. The Incentive shall be made strictly on merit basis. In case more than one student secure equal marks/percentage of marks, the award will be given to all such students.
- ii. The regulation can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Govt.
- iii. **For 10th Class Toppers (one from boy & one from girl) at State Level.**
In order to determine the Top position applications will be called from students through Head of the Institution who got 92% marks or more in English, Science and Technology, Mathematic, Social Sciences and best one of the remaining subjects after the declaration of results of CBSE annual exam every year.
- iv. **For 12th Class Toppers (one from boy & one from girl) at State Level.**
In order to determine the Top position application will be called from students through Head of the Institution who got 90% marks and above in English and best four of the remaining subjects in Science (Medical & Non Medical) Commerce and humanities after the declaration of results of CBSE annual exam every year. The students studying in Vocational Courses shall not be eligible.

Pattern of Assistance/Award

Topper of 10th Class

Amount of Incentive to the CBSE Toppers (one boy & one girl) of the 10th class of Haryana State will be given to a student if he/she take higher studies at 10+2 Level and upto Degree level. His/her entire fees shall be paid by the State Govt. till the completion of his/her graduation in any stream. But this amount shall not exceeding more than 25,000/- in a year upto 10+2 Level per topper and not more than Rs. 1 lac per year per topper upto degree/graduation level in any stream.

Topper of 10+2 Level

This incentive shall be available to those students (one boy & one girl) of Haryana who has got Top position in the 10+2 annual exams conducted by CBSE if they pursue their higher studies in any stream. The amount of Incentive shall be equal to the fees paid by them to the institution annually but not exceeding Rs. 1 lac in a year per topper. This Incentive shall continue till the completion of their degree/Graduation in any stream.

Note: **Mode of Payment**

Payment will be made through DBT from 2021-22 after approval from Higher Authority.

Haryana State Meritorious Incentive Scheme for the students who attain merit position in Annual University Examinations.

1. Object:- The objective of the scheme is to encourage the meritorious students studying in the Government Colleges of the State by giving a substantial amount to them as a motivating incentive. It has been instituted in order to encourage excellence in academics and overall development of the students. Under the scheme the male students (General Category) female students (General Category) and S.C. students (both male and female) will be given fixed annual incentive, based on their position/performance in Annual University examination of main educational streams, such as Arts, Commerce, Science (Medical and Non-Medical) and Education in both undergraduate and post graduate classes.

Condition of Eligibility:-

- i) This scheme will be college-specific and for three meritorious students in each stream who stood first, second and third in the annual university examination will be given this incentive.
- ii) The award will be given only to the students pursuing general courses in the Govt. Colleges. Candidates from non-govt. colleges and those who pursue their studies through correspondence courses/open universities will not be eligible for the award.
- iii) The merit list will be prepared separately for the boys (general category) Girls (general category) and S.C. students (Combined list of girls and boys).
- iv) In case S.C. students qualifies in the general list, his/her name would be considered in general list and extra award would be given (on the merit basis only) to the students of S.C. category.
- v) The award holder under this scheme will hold any other scholarship/stipend from the State Govt. or any other source.
- vi) There is no income limit for these awards.

Value of Incentive

The incentive will be awarded separately for each stream i.e. Arts, Commerce, Science (Medical/Non-Medical) and Education. The students who stands first in the merit will be given Rs.5000/- p.a., second - Rs.3000/- p.a. and the student who stands third in the Merit will be given Rs.2000/- p.a..

Mode of Selection

- i) The incentive shall be made strictly on merit basis. In case more than one student secure equal marks/percentage of marks, the award will be given on the basis of marks obtained in the main subjects.
- ii) The regulation can be changed at any time at the discretion of the govt.

Note: **Mode of Payment**

Payment will be made through DBT from 2021-22 after approval from Higher Authority.

Scheme of Govt. of Haryana for Merit Scholarship to Under Graduate Girls Students

CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY :-

- I) This Scholarship will be given to the girl students who after passing 10+2 class with at least 60% marks are studying in any Govt. College.
- II) The awards will be given only to the students pursuing general degree courses.
- III) Candidates who pursue their studies through correspondence course/open universities will not be eligible for the award.
- IV) A Scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other Scholarship/Stipend. However, they may accept a grant of minority help from the State Govt. or any other source for the purchase of books, equipments or for meeting the expenses of boarding and lodging.
- V) There is no income limit for this scheme.

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP :-

- i) No. of fresh Scholarships to be awarded are for ten girl students per College.
- ii) The value of the Scholarship awarded will be Rs. 3000/- per student per annum.
- iii) The Scholarships are tenable for pursuing general academic course in the Govt. Colleges only.

DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS:-

- i) The awards will be tenable for three years. It will be renewed from year to year provided that the candidate secures at least 55% marks in the qualifying examination.
- ii) If a Candidate is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness, the awards may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of a Medical Certificate to the satisfaction of the Head of the Institution.

MODE OF SELECTION :-

- 1) The award shall be made strictly on merit basis. In case more than one student secure equal marks / percentage of the marks to be worked out upto three decimal places. The Candidate junior most in age shall get the first priority.
- 2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of the Head of the institution, forwarded with the complete documents on the prescribed Proforma. In respect of the eligible Candidate the awarding authority prescribed it before due/prescribed date every year.
- 3) The Scholarship shall be cancelled if the particulars furnished in the declaration/application form is found to be incomplete/incorrect.
- 4) If the Scholar is found to be ineligible at any stage due to any reason, the Scholarship renewal will not be given.
- 5) The Scholarship is depended on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the Candidate.
- 6) The Scholarship can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Govt.
- 7) The Principals will send the list of awardee students to the Directorate alongwith the receipt as a proof of amount paid.

Note: Mode of Payment

Payment will be made through DBT from 2021-22 after approval from Higher Authority.

State Merit Scholarship to UG/PG Students

In a large number of cases brilliant students are unable to pursue higher studies due to lack of financial resources. Not only this results in their own career being belighted but it also causes loss to the community at large which would ultimately have profited by their services had it been possible for their talent to flourish. In order that on really brilliant student is prevented on grounds of poverty alone from pursuing an academic career and with a view to giving them a sense of belonging as also an active awareness of their duty to the community, the State Govt. has formulated a scheme for the award of Merit-cum-Poverty Scholarships to the poor (Economically backward classes) but talented students in colleges for General University Education for Degree, Post-Graduate and Doctorate Courses.

1. **Title :** These merit-cum-poverty Scholarships which shall be known as Govt. Merit Scholarships in colleges for General University Education shall be further classified as follows:

- (a) Common Open Merit Scholarships for the urban and rural areas to be known as Open Merit Scholarships (Both for boys and girls) for post-Graduate Courses i.e. M.A./M.Sc./M.Com./Ph.D.
- (b) Open Merit Scholarships for boys and girls (for Degree Course).
- (c) Rural Area Merit Scholarships for boys and girls (for Degree Course).
- (d) Rural Area Merit Scholarships for boys and girls (for Prep./ Hr.Sec. Course).
- (e) Rural Area Merit Scholarships for boys and girls (for Prep./ Hr.Sec. Course).

The term rural area in this Scheme means such villages as fall within the limits of Panchayats (Established under the statutory legislation in the Haryana State) but bear distinct the name from these areas as are covered by a Small Town/Notified Area/Municipal Committee or Cantonment Board or Corporation or any other urban area declared as such by the awarding authority in consultation with any appropriate authority (if necessary).

ALLOCATION

2. Allocation, Kind, Number, Value and duration of scholarships

1	2					3	4
Name of Exam. on the basis of which scholarships are to be awarded	Kinds of Scholarships					Value per month	Duration
	Boys		Girls				
	Open	Rural	Open	Rural	Total		
(a) For Post Matric Courses							
(i) Matric	32	31	32	30	125	Rs. 50/-	year in Prep/ Hr.Sec. II
(ii) 10+2	15	10	15	10	50	Rs. 100/-	Minimum tenure is 3 academic years for B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./ B.Sc. Home Science Course (including Hon's) School Course.
(iii) 10+2	90	60	90	60	300	Rs. 100/-	--do--
(b) For Post Graduate Course							
(1) B.A./B.Sc. /B.Com.	(i) 100 (Common for all) 100					Rs. 150/-	Maximum tenure two academic years for M.A./M.Sc.Hons./ M.Sc./M.Com./M.Sc ./Home Science Course.
	(ii) 5 (Common for all) 5					Rs. 150/-	Maximum tenure one academic year for B.T./B.Ed. Course.
(2)M.A./M.Sc. /M.Com	5 (Common for all) 5					Rs. 300/-	One Scholarship is Tenable at Jawahar Lal Nehru University,

		Rs. 585/-	New Delhi for full duration of M.Phil./Ph.D. Course Minimum three years.
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Note-I This distribution shall be reviewed each year according to the number of examinees fall in the Pre-University Examination. A corresponding increase or decrease shall be made in the number of Scholarships to be awarded on the result of Higher Secondary (Final) Examination. This revision shall be made without making any change in the ceiling fixed for Open and Rural Area Merit Scholarships.

Revision in Scholarship rates and increase in the number of scholarship under State Merit Scholarship Scheme-S.N.E. (Non-Plan) 2007-2008. Revised Number and Rate w.e.f. vide No. U.O. 60/76/2007-2 F.D.II/2848 dated 4.02.2008.

1. MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP :-						
	Boys		Girls		Total	Rate P.M.
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural		
Number according to the Scheme	32	31	32	30	125	50/-
Number increases in 1996-1997	128	124	128	120	500	50/-
Number & rate increases in 2007-2008	175	175	175	175	700	150/-
2. 10+2 SCHOLARSHIP :-						
	Boys		Girls		Total	Rate P.M.
	Urban	Rural				
Number according to the Scheme	90	60	90	60	300	100/-
Number increases in 1996-1997	105	70	105	70	350	100/-
Number & rate increases in 2007-2008	150	100	150	100	500	300/-
3. DEGREE LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP :-						
	GROUP 'A'	GROUP 'B'	GROUP 'C'	Total	Rate P.M.	
Number according to the Scheme	56	44	--	100	150/-	
Number increases in 1996-1997	56	44	50	150	150/-	
Number & rate increases in 2007-2008	73	60	67	200	450/-	
4. B.Ed. / M.Phil / Ph.D. SCHOLARSHIP:-						
	B.Ed. Level	Rate P.M.	M.Phil / Ph.D.	Rate P.M.		
Number according to the Scheme	5	150	5	300		
Number increases in 1996-1997	5	150	5	300		
Number increases in 2007-2008	5	450	5	900		

Note-II The subject-wise allocation of 200 Scholarships for Master’s Degree will be as follows:-

Group ‘A’

Sr.No	Subject	Total of Existing Number of Scholarship	Revised Number of Scholarship
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1.	Physics	6	7
2.	Chemistry	6	7
3.	Zoology	6	7
4.	Botany	6	7
5.	Geology	4	5
6.	Mathematics	6	8
7.	English	6	9
8.	Micro-Biology	2	3
9.	Bio-Physics	2	3
10.	Bio-Chemistry	2	3
11.	Home Science	4	5
12.	Geography	4	5
13.	Bio-Science	1	2
14.	Earth Science	1	2
	Total	56	73

Group 'B'

Sr.No	Subject	Total of Existing Number of Scholarship	Revised Number of Scholarship
1.	Economics	6	8
2.	Psychology	4	5
3.	History	4	6
4.	Philosophy	2	3
5.	Pol. Science	4	5
6.	Public Administration	2	3
7.	Hindi	6	8
8.	Sanskrit	4	6
9.	Sociology	2	3
10.	Commerce	4	5
11.	Statistics	2	3
12.	Music	4	5
	Total	44	60

Group 'C'

Sr.No	Subject	Total of Existing Number of Scholarship	Revised Number of Scholarship
1.	Management (any specialisation)	6	9
2.	Computer Science	6	9
3.	Electronic Science	6	9
4.	Law (L.L.B)	6	7
5.	Punjabi	4	5
6.	Journalism & Mass Communication	4	5

7.	Library & Information Science	4	5
8.	Education / M.Ed.	6	7
9.	Fine Arts	4	5
10.	L.L.M.	2	3
11.	Tourism/Hotel Management	2	3
	Total	50	67

Note: Post graduation in Linguistics, Geo-Physics & Social work may also be allowed to be clubbed with English, Geography and Sociology respectively in Group A and B.

- (i) The break up of the Scholarships given above is provisional and the awarding authority may change it if and when necessary. In case of M.Sc. classes so long as two types of M.Sc. courses (one for 2 years duration and the other of one year's duration) are continued by the Panjab, Kurukshetra, Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak and H.A.U., Hissar one Scholarship per subject where different types of courses exist) will be earmarked in each subject for 2 years M.Sc. Course.
- (ii) Further in the case of Scholarships to be awarded for M.A./M.Sc. classes if no eligible candidate is available in any group, the Scholarship falling vacant in each group will be awarded on the basis of priority of subjects for the subject of the same group for which an eligible candidates is available. In case the eligible candidates are not available for all the subjects in one group, the vacant Scholarships will be utilised for the subject in the other group for which the eligible candidates are available.
- (iii) The Scholarships vacated by the students of Pre-Engineering/Pre-Medical on account of their migration to the Medical, Engineering and other Technical and Professional courses(where these Scholarships are not tenable) shall be awarded as Common Open Merit Scholarships on the result of Part I (T.D.C.) Examination. Similarly the students who, after passing T.D.C. (Part I) Examination migrate to B.Sc. (Hon. School) course, shall get the Scholarships for full duration of this course.
- (iv) In case the requisite number of candidates for the award of Rural Area Merit Scholarships are not forthcoming these Rural Area Scholarships may be made Open Scholarships.
- (v) One Scholarships meant for the Ph.D/M.Phil course is tenable only at the Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi and shall be Awarded by the Director of Public Instruction, Haryana on the recommendation of the Registrar of the University concerned. All other scholarships in various specified courses of study in the recognized institutions in Haryana State and at Chandigarh will be awarded by the Awarding Authority on the recommendations of Kurukshetra University/other Universities of the Haryana State and Panjab University, Chandigarh.
- (vi) The Scholarships on the result of Pre-University and T.D.C. Final examinations shall be awarded on the basis of combined merit list, to be prepared by the Awarding Authority on receipt of the recommendations of the Examining bodies concerned, from which the candidates passed their annual examination. In preparing such a combined merit list, the basic merit list will be that of Kurukshetra University and the merited candidates of the other Universities of the State as well as Panjab University, Chandigarh will be devotailed in that list.
- (vii) The merit shall be determined on the basis of the aggregate marks (including optional subject) obtained by the candidates. In order to ascertain merit in a particular subject taken in M.A./M.Sc. classes (except in the case of B.Sc. Honours Schools) the Highest marks obtained by the candidate in that subject (including the marks obtained in Honours in case of those who pass with an Honours subject) will be taken into account.

3. Coverage and Eligibility

The students who fulfill the following conditions shall be eligible for the award of these Scholarships:-

- (i) The students whose parents/guardians are the citizens of India and are domiciled in the Haryana State.
- (ii) The students who pass the specified Public Examination from the Punjab or Kurukshetra University or any other examining body, otherwise notified by the awarding authority.
- (iii) (a) Scholarships under the scheme for post-graduate study viz. M.A./M.Sc./M.Com./Ph.D. classes will be paid without any consideration of the income of the parents of the Candidates.
- (iv) (1) The candidates who pass the specific public examination recognised by the awarding authority, either in private capacity or as regular students and prosecute their studies in a recognised institution in Haryana/Chandigarh U.T. are eligible to apply for this scholarship. This will also apply to bonafied residents of Haryana and their sons and daughters residing in Chandigarh.
- (2) Haryana Government employee or their children/ward as the case may be who either pass the specified Examination from Chandigarh or join the specified course of studies at Chandigarh will also be eligible. Further the students of the B.Sc./M.Sc. and Ph.D. classes in the specified subjects of the Panjab University who either study at Chandigarh or pass their specified Examinations from Chandigarh, shall also be eligible provided their parents/guardians are practising a profession in the Haryana State.
- (v) The candidates who secure at least a Second Division in the specified Examinations subject to the further condition that in the case of scholarship meant for M.A./M.Sc. classes the candidates securing at least 2nd Division in the specified subject also.
- (vi) In case of rural area merit Scholarship, the students who secure at least 40% marks in the Matric/Higher Secondary (Final), Pre-University Examinations only shall be eligible to get the Scholarship.
- (vii) Except in the case of one Scholarship meant for Ph.D./M.Phil course all other Scholarships on the results of the various Examinations shall be awarded on the basis of preceding University Examination held in the years of Award. As far as may be the Ph.D/M.Phil Scholarship will also be awarded on the result of the Annual Examination held in that year.
- (viii) The Scholarship should be paid for the full academic year (i.e. 12 months) from the commencement of the year for period for which fees are ordinarily payable.
- (ix) The Scholars shall not be permitted to combine any other Merit, Merit-cum-Poverty or Merit-cum-Means Scholarship or stipend from any source (including University Scholarship) with these Scholarships except one awarded on poverty basis, including poverty Scholarships awarded by the Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Board and Scholarships amount for the Children of Defence Forces.
- (x) In the case of Rural Area Merit Scholarships the award shall be restricted only to those students whose parents (both father and mother) or guardian (husband and wife both) actually reside in and derive income from a profession practised by them in the specified areas or in the case of those who are not practising a profession actually reside permanently in the specified areas the candidates whose parents are in whole time Employment/Service in such areas for which the Scholarships have not been reserved shall not be eligible for the award of Rural Area Merit Scholarships.

Note:- Such students whose parents/guardians belong to a specified area or hold land or property etc. in the specified area but due to any reason, actually reside in other area for which Scholarships have not been reserved, shall also not be eligible for the Award of Rural Area Merit Scholarship.

4. Tenure

Academic year means a period of 12 months for which College dues are compulsory payable in the ordinary course. The scholarship shall be tenable for the full duration of the specified course or till the student remains on the roll of Instruction or till the date on which it stands cancelled, forfeited, whichever is earlier. In the courses where no fees are levied, the Scholarship shall be paid from the 1st of month of admission to the last day of month in which the annual Examination (including practical) at the end of the class takes place.

The Scholarship shall be renewed further for the full duration of the course, if a student after passing the Pre-Medical/Pre-Engineering in the first attempt joins the 3 years Degree course, or B.Sc. (Hon. School) Course. Similarly if a student, after passing T.D.C. (Part I) Examination joins B.Sc. Hons. School course, the scholarship shall be paid for the remaining term (i.e. full duration of the said course).

5. Cancellation of Scholarship

The Scholarship shall be cancelled for the following reasons:-

- (i) If the particulars furnished in the declaration or in the Application Form by the student or his parents/guardians are found to be incorrect, incomplete, evasive, ambiguous, or otherwise defective confusing and on the basis of correct particulars the students is found to be ineligible.
- (ii) If the student fails to pass his annual promotion Examination in the Ist attempt in a continuous course.
- (iii) If the student accept at any stage (with retrospective effect) such other stipend/scholarship financial assistance as cannot be combined with this scholarship. If the student becomes a member of any Political/Community Party or takes part directly or indirectly in any (a) Political Procession/Demonstration/Canvassing for votes for any candidate/Party (b) indulges in any unlawful or subversive activity against the State/Institutions (c) creates indiscipline, participates in strikes or is guilty of misconduct (d) incites other or is suspected of the activities of the kind mentioned herein.

The Scholarship once cancelled shall not be revived in respect of the same student. The awarding authority shall recover the entire amount already paid to the student wherever considered necessary. It shall also be competent to write off the entire or part of the recoverable amount if it is either not possible to recover the same without filing a Civil Suit or where it is otherwise deemed necessary.

- (iv) In case at a later stage it is found that a scholar to whom the scholarship is awarded, is ineligible for scholarship due to any reason, the scholarship awarded will be cancelled and the amount of the scholarship already paid to the scholar will be recovered through the means which are deemed by the competent authority.

6. Forfeiture of Scholarships

The scholarship shall be forfeited for the following reasons:-

- (i) If the award is not taken up by a student within three weeks.
- (ii) If the student dies.
- (iii) If the student is absent without leave for six consecutive working days.
- (iv) If the student remains on ordinary leave for more than a month at a time within the same academic year.
- (v) If the student remains on sick leave for more than 3 months at a time or within the same academic year.
- (vi) If the student shows unsatisfactory progress in studies or is negligent or is guilty of irregularity or laziness in attendance.
- (vii) If the student migrates to another Institution or course or subject without prior notice or permission of the Awarding Authority (to be sought under a Registered cover).
- (viii) If the scholar fails to join the New Institution within fourteen days of leaving the former Institution unless this period is extended by the Awarding Authority on a written request from the scholar forehead.
- (ix) If the student gives up a chosen course of study without completion.
- (x) If a student after passing Pre-Medical/Pre-Engineering, Examinations etc. follows up a course of general University Education instead of Engineering/Medical (where this scholarship is not admissible) his renewal claim should be referred to the Awarding Authority (through Head of the Institution as well as direct) within one month of the declaration of the result of the annual Examination or within one month of the commencement of the course or within a week of the joining class/course/Institution or by 30th September, whichever is later, failing which it would be forfeited.
- (xi) If the affidavit given by the parents/guardians of the scholar is found to be incorrect within the meaning of section 182-183 I.P.C.

N.B. It should be in the interest of the scholar to ensure that as soon as the result of the annual Examination is declared, the renewal application is got filled by the Head of the Institution and is dispatched (personally) by the scholar to the Administering Authority (i.e. the HEC Haryana) quoting the reference No. of the letter under which the award was initially communicated or his personal folder, if allotted, must be given.

2. The period of absence, leave etc. specified in this rule shall be reckoned from the date of admission.

Mode of Selection

All the awards shall be made strictly on merit to be determined on the basis of aggregate marks (including optional subjects) obtained by the candidates in the specified Examination held at the end of the preceding academic year only. If any Examination is conducted by more than one recognised Examining bodies, the percentage of the marks shall be worked upto three decimal places and combined merit list shall be prepared by the awarding authority. In case more than one student secure equal marks/percentage of marks to be worked upto three decimal places. The candidate junior most in age shall get the first priority.

The scholarship shall be awarded on the recommendations of the following authorities who will follow the procedure given in succeeding paragraphs and shall forward the completed documents (on the prescribed form) in respect of the eligible candidates to the awarding authority before the prescribed date, each year.

- (i) Registrar, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi, for Ph.D course in respect of one scholarship to be awarded in this Institution.
- (ii) The Examination Body concerned (e.g. Punjab and Kurukshetra University) from where a candidate passes his/her specified examination.
- (iii) The students shall send their completed documents (application forms) duly attested to Examining Bodies under Registered cover before the date notified for this purpose who will issue Entitlement Cards to the prospective candidates simultaneously with the announcement of the results and this can be done by sending the requisite No. of cards to the Heads of the Institutions from where the candidates appeared in the Examination on the residential addresses of the Scholars as may be deemed expedient and better. These cards may be sent to the 75% candidates of the total No. of Open Merit Scholarships/Rural Areas Scholarships fixed under the Scheme. Similar cards may be issued to another 40% candidates in order of merit but with a heading bearing "Candidates to be kept on the Waiting List" on receipt of the application forms, a Merit List setting forth full particulars of the candidates shall be drawn up and supplied to the Awarding Authority i.e. HEC, Haryana, by the Examining Body concerned.

N.B. In case Examining Bodies concerned do not receive the documents etc. they will after 15 days of the close of admission in the Institution in the State verify the position from the candidates sending him/her a Registered reminder at his residential address asking him to state within 20 days of the issue of letter, the Institution and the course joined and requisiting him to submit his/her application/documents to the university by him. If no reply is received from the candidates within the stipulated period, his case will be closed and reported to the Authority for non-award.

8. Stoppage of Payment

In the event of the occurrence of any of the contingencies enumerated in the Scheme or otherwise communicated, the Head of the Institution concerned shall stop the payment to the Scholar concerned and report the fact to the Awarding Authority on the prescribed application form.

9. Transfer/Renewal of Scholarships

In a Scholar migrates to another College where it is tenable and prosecutes his studies in the course for which it was granted/is available, this fact must be brought to the notice of the Awarding Authority, immediately on leaving the former Institution. The scholar shall inform his new Head of the Institution about the fact of being awarded, who will in consultation with the former Institution immediately take up Transfer/Renewal case with the Awarding Authority quoting the number and date of the previous sanction order etc.

N.B. It will be in the interest of the Scholarships Holders to be vigilant and get the Transfer/Renewal applications expedited through the Head of the institution, in the event of migration.

10. Other Implied Conditions of Award

- (i) The students shall devote themselves whole heartedly to their studies to the entire satisfaction of the Head of the Institution concerned.
- (ii) No Head of Institution shall receive in any form, from the scholars or their Parents/guardians any contribution, donation or subscription to a fund which a Scholarship Holder is not required to pay under the rules. No pressure directly or indirectly will be brought to bear on the Scholar harassed or compelled to discontinue his studies, attendance etc.
- (iii) As soon as the award i.e. announced it will be the duty cast upon the Head of the Institution to bring the contents of the sanction order/Scheme to the knowledge of the candidates concerned.
- (iv) The Head of the Institution may grant liberal fee concessions to the needy poor and brilliant students enjoying scholarships under this Scheme over and above the normal quota of full and half fee concessions allotted to them.
- (v) Any privately managed Institutions violating the conditions prescribed by the Awarding Authority in respect of these Govt. Scholarships shall be liable to forfeit, Govt. grants in the duration of the HEC, Haryana. In all matters concerning these awards (including power to interpret the provisions of the Scheme) the decision of HEC, Haryana, shall be final and binding.

11. Submission of Returns

The Heads of the Institutions shall send the following returns to the Awarding Authority.

- (i) A check-statement regarding the cancellation/forfeiture of Scholarships must be sent to the HEC, Haryana in the first week of August.
- (ii) Any other return/information which may be called for by the Awarding Authority.
- (iii) Disbursement Certificates S.T.R. and payee's receipts must be sent against the Bankdraft/R.T.R. after each disbursement.
- (iv) Refundable amount under this Scheme may be deposited in to Haryana Treasury under the Head "0202-Education, Sports Arts Culture-203-University & Higher Education other items"

On the basis of Matric Exam the Scholarships is being awarded by Director Secondary Education, Haryana.

Note: Mode of Payment

Payment will be made through DBT from 2021-22 after approval from Higher Authority.

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

(Applicable for academic year 2022-23 onwards)

1. Objective

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

2. Scope

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

3. Allocation of Scholarship

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

4. Eligibility for Scholarship

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

- ii. Pursuing regular degree courses and **not** correspondence or distance mode or pursuing Diploma courses;
- iii. Pursuing courses at colleges/institutions recognized by All India Council for Technical Education and respective Regulatory Bodies concerned;
- iv. Not availing benefit of any other scholarship schemes including State run scholarship schemes/ fee waiver & reimbursement scheme;
- v. Students with gross parental/family income upto **Rs. 4.5 lakh per annum** are eligible for scholarship under the scheme. Income certificate will be required only for the fresh applicants;
- vi. Student changing his/ her college/institute of study will be allowed to continue/renew the scholarship provided the course of study and the institution is having valid AISHE Code; The AISHE code can be checked in the portal <https://aishe.gov.in/aishe/aisheCode>
- vii. Students who missed to apply for renewal of application online on NSP will be allowed to apply for renewal of scholarship for subsequent year on NSP, if he/she fulfils eligibility condition for renewal;
- viii. For renewal of scholarship in each year of study, besides getting at least 50% marks in the Annual Examination, maintenance of adequate attendance of at least 75%, will also be the criteria. Complaints against the student regarding any in disciplined or criminal behaviour including any complaints of having indulged in ragging, will lead to forfeiture of scholarship;
- ix. Beneficiaries/ Applicants under the scheme must apply online in the National Scholarships Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in) for the fresh/ renewal scholarships. Fresh/Renewal applications sent directly to the Ministry of Education shall not be accepted.

5. Reservation

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

6. Procedure for Application

- i. The applications are received online only. Verification of credentials of the students like caste, educational qualifications etc. are done through DIGILOCKER facility of the MeITY, Govt. of India.
- ii. National Scholarships Portal (NSP) (www.scholarships.gov.in) will provide the timelines for opening & closing of the portal.
- iii. The Guidelines for application, verification, selection and disbursement of scholarship will be as per the NSP.
- iv. Selection list would be generated/displayed on NSP.
- v. Online applications will be verified at two levels i.e by the Institute, where the student is studying and thereafter by the concerned State Higher Education Department or any other Agency/ Official nominated by the State as State Nodal Agency (both for fresh and renewal applicants).
- vi. Latest guideline on Timelines will be made available on NSP.
- vii. Students will not be permanently debarred for scholarships due to delay to renew or verification. However, students will have to submit renewal applications within a cut-off date. Renewal for that year will not be allowed if an applicant misses this deadline.

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

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

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

8. Payment of Scholarship

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

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

9. For Colleges/Universities

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

10. For State Government/State Boards

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

11. Grievance Redressal

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

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

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

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