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Joint Secretary to Government.

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Xavier University, Plot No.-12(A), Nijigada, Kurki, Harirajpur, Khordha-752050.

Sub:- Guidelines for award of scholarship under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Scheme.

The undersigned is directed to say that a copy of the Guidelines for selection of students for award of scholarships under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana" scheme under Higher Education Department is hereby circulated for general dissemination and necessary action.

The School & Mass Education Department / Skill Development & Technical Education Department / Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment Department / Fisheries & Animal Resources Department / Health & Family Welfare Department / ST & SC, M & OBC Welfare Department are requested to circulate the attached guidelines among the educational institutions coming under their administrative control.

All the Universities are requested to circulate the Guidelines among the educational institutions affiliated with them.

Yours faithfully,

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 526'83/HE Dated: 01.12:2023.

Copy along with the copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines' forwarded to the P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education / P.S. to Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Odisha, for information of the Hon'ble Minister and the Commissioner-cum-Secretary respectively.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. <u>52684</u>/HE Dated: 01122023

Copy along with the copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to the Director of Higher Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar / General Manager(Admin), OCAC / All the Regional Directors of Education for information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 52685/HE Dated: 01 12-2023

Copy along with the soft copy of "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to the Program Manager, CSM Technology Pvt. Ltd., 6th Floor, OCAC Tower, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013 with a request to float the 'Guidelines' in the State Scholarship Portal.

They are requested to make necessary modification in the Odisha State Scholarship Joint Secretary to Government Portal as per the revised guidelines.

#### Memo. No. 52686/HE Dated: 0112.2023.

Copy along with the soft copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to all the Officers of Higher Education Department for information.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 52687/HE Dated: 01. 12:2023.

Copy along with the soft copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to the Administrative Officer, Odisha State AIDS control society, 2nd Floor, Oil Odisha Building, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751012 for information.

Joint Secretary to Governmen

# <u>Guidelines for Scholarship under Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra</u> <u>Protsahan Yojana - Higher Education</u>

### PART-I

### 1. Introduction

Scheduled to commence from the Academic Year 2023-24, the Government of Odisha hereby promulgates the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana - Higher Education", a consolidated framework designed to encapsulate erstwhile scholarship initiatives, namely the e-Medhabruti, Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti (VFMB), and the Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana (GSSY). This overarching mechanism aims to streamline the provision of scholarship awards and related administrative processes for enhanced efficacy.

### 2. Objective

The cardinal objective of this unified scheme is to extend fiscal sponsorship to students of permanent resident of Odisha demonstrating scholastic aptitude, within the geographical jurisdiction of the state of Odisha and also outside state. The scheme envisages an upscaling the numeral count of scholarship beneficiaries as well as in the individual financial allocation, thereby bolstering the state's fundamental policy of propagating academic brilliance and democratizing educational accessibility.

#### 3. Modalities for Scheme Implementation

#### I. Unified Scholarship Application Platform

The Government has established a centralized digital interface, accessible via https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in, to serve as a one-stop portal for submission of applications from students meeting the eligibility criteria across various scholarship schemes.

#### **II. Disbursement Methodology**

Scholarship funds shall be appropriated to beneficiaries via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Funds will be electronically transmitted to the Aadhaar-linked Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible recipients.

### III. Financial Transaction Mechanism

Resource allocation will be executed via the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). Scholarship amount shall be credited to Aadhaar-connected Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible students in an automated manner through this system. It is imperative that the Savings Bank Accounts of the prospective awardees remain active and operational for the successful online transfer of funds.

# 4. Categories of Scholarships covered under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana"

- A. e-Medhabruti Scholarship
- B. Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti
- C. Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana

# A. e-Medhabruti Scholarship

#### A.1. Introduction

The Government of Odisha in Higher Education Department have been awarding a merit-cum-means based scholarship each year under the scholarship named "e-medhabruti" out of State Budget to provide financial assistance to meritorious students of permanent resident of Odisha studying within the geographical jurisdiction of the state of Odisha and also outside state, whose annual parental income does not exceed 8.00 lakhs.

It is envisaged to provide the following types of scholarships as mentioned below under this revised scheme:-

SI. No.	Category of Merit based scholarship	No. of Scholarship per annum (Nos.)	Rate of Scholarship Per Year (Rupees)	Amount of Scholarship to be paid in total during the course (Rs.)	Remarks
1.	U.G. Merit	10,000	10,000/-	30,000/-	
2.	P.G. Merit	5,000	15,000/-	30,000/-	
3.	Tech. & Prof.	10,000	20,000/-	As per course	The number of Scholarships under a particular category/

Merit	·····	duration	course may be
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			decreased by the
			Government
			depending on the
			number of eligible
			students applied and
			validated in other
			categories in an
			academic year.
Total	25,000		

# A.2. Eligibility Criteria for e-medhabruti Scholarship

# I. Residency Requirement

The applicant is mandated to possess permanent residency status within the geographical boundaries of the State of Odisha.

# **II. Family Income Parameters**

The aggregated annual income of the applicant's family, derived from all sources, must not exceed a sum of Rs.8.00 lakh.

# III. Academic Achievement Benchmark

For qualification under the various categories of merit-based scholarships, the applicant is required to have attained a minimum score of 55% in the relevant qualifying examinations.

Scholarship Type	Eligibility for e-Medhabruti
U.G Merit	Must have passed +2 of CHSE, Odisha / Class - XII or equivalent exam with 55% or more marks from an institution recognized by CBSE / ICSE and pursuing regular Degree Course / +3 course in any of the recognized Colleges / Institutions / Universities.
P.C. Monit	Must have passed +3 Degree or equivalent exam with 55% or more marks from a recognized Institute and pursuing regular PG course in one of the disciplines (where scholarship is offered) in any of the recognized Colleges / Institutions / Universities.
Technical Professional Merit	Must have passed +2 of CHSE / Class - Xll or equivalent exam from an institution recognized by CBSE / ICSE ( for graduation and integrated courses) or +3 Degree / equivalent course (only for Master courses) with 55% or more marks and pursuing regular Technical & Professional courses in the Colleges / Institutions recognized by respective regulatory authorities.

# **IV. Application Timing:**

Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria are permitted to submit their scholarship applications solely during the first year of their admission in the course. Nonetheless, if an exceptionally meritorious student, who was otherwise falls within the merit list of his/ her first year of admission, fails to apply during their first year of admission but subsequently submits an application in subsequent years, and there remains an unfulfilled quota from the initial year of admission, under such circumstances, the student's case may be reviewed and considered for the subsequent years only.

For instance, if a student enrolls in a +3 Arts program during the academic year 2022-23 but fails to apply for the Undergraduate Merit scholarship during their first year, his/her application may be entertained in the second year or any subsequent year, provided there are available vacancies for the respective academic year (first year's admission). It is important to note that the student will be eligible for prospective scholarship disbursements only, and any missed scholarships from previous years will not be retrospectively considered or compensated.

# A.3. Criteria for District and Block-Wise Scholarship Allocation and Merit-Based Selection under e-medhabruti Scholarship

# I. Proportional Scholarship Distribution across Districts and Blocks

- The allocation targets for each category of merit-based scholarships will be apportioned among all Districts, commensurate with the student population data based on admissions within each District.
- Fifty percent of the designated district target will be fulfilled through a <u>district merit list</u>, assembled from authenticated data received from educational institutions. The merit list will be the list of eligible candidates of the districts in the order of their marks obtained as explained in point II below.
- The residual 50% of the district allocation will be sub-divided across the blocks within the District, predicated on student population data.
- Block-specific targets will be met based on a block merit list. The merit list will be the list of all eligible candidates of the block in the order of their marks obtained as explained in point II below.
- In the event of a deficit in eligible applicants within a block, the residual allocation will be redistributed among eligible students within that District.

• Left out scholarships numbers of a district will be first allocated to underprivileged districts. Any remaining undistributed scholarships will be considered for eligible students left out in the initial distribution.

# **II. Methodology for Final Merit-Based Selection**

The final lists of selected students will be collated according to the aggregate percentage of marks obtained in their last qualifying examinations. This will be done for each merit category, District-wise and Block-wise. The selection process will be executed in descending order of academic merit until the allocated scholarship quota is reached. For instance, a student with a 92% score would precede a student with a 91% score, and so on.

# **III. Tie-Breaker** Criteria

In instances where multiple students have identical percentage scores and not all can be accommodated within the scholarship quota, preference will be accorded to those with lower family income ceilings.

# **IV. Conversion of Alternate Grading Systems**

For students assessed under the CBSE/ICSE grading framework utilizing Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), conversion to percentage will be executed by applying a multiplication factor of 9.5.

# A.4. Duration and Scope of Scholarship

Eligible recipients applying in the first year of admission will be entitled to the scholarship for the complete duration of their respective courses (which will vary depending upon the year of application for Scholarship). For e.g. If the admission year of a +3 Arts student is 2022-23 but he/she has applied scholarship in the year 2023-24, then he/she is entitled to get the scholarship amount for  $2^{nd}$  year &  $3^{rd}$  year only.

# A.5.Categories of Eligible Courses under e-Medhabruti (Scholarship)

- U.G. Merit: Applicable to +3 Degree Courses such as B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. and specialized programs including BBA/BCA/BJMC with a course duration of 3 years.
- P.G. Merit: Covers Postgraduate courses in Arts, Science, and Commerce, as well as other non-professional courses. A representative list of such courses can be found in Appendix-I.

• Technical & Professional Merit: Encompasses Undergraduate and Postgraduate professional degree programs and integrated courses as detailed in the guidelines. These include B.E./B.Tech, MBBS, BDS, BHMS, BAMS, B.Pharm, B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Sc. (Agriculture), MBA, MCA, M.Tech, Integrated M.Sc., and others recognized by regulatory bodies like AICTE, MCI, DCI, CCIM, CCH, INC, UGC, etc. Additional details can be found in Appendix-II.

# A.6. Checklist of Essential Documentation for e-Medhabruti Scholarship Application

Applicants are required to upload the following documents in a readable format during the submission of their application under the scheme:

- 1. Residency Verification: An official residency certificate issued by a competent authority, specifically from the designated Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar. Alternatively, students whose parents are employed under the Odisha State Government may furnish residency confirmation from their respective employer.
- 2. Annual Income Verification: An authoritative annual income certificate for the current fiscal year, which must be issued by a Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar.
- 3. Academic Records: Transcripts or mark sheets pertinent to the qualifying examination, as delineated in the various eligibility categories for merit scholarships.
- 4. Bank Account Information: Details of the applicant's Aadhaar-linked bank account, preferably the first page of the bank passbook displaying the account number and IFSC code.
- 5. Educational Institution Identification: A valid college/institute ID card issued by the competent authority. If unavailable, a Letter of Undertaking duly authenticated by the concerned educational institution may suffice, provided it specifies the academic session, course name, course duration, and the student's roll or registration number.
- 6. Aadhaar Identification: A copy of the applicant's Aadhaar card.

# A.7. Conditions for Exclusion from e-Medhabruti Scholarship

The scholarship scheme set forth the following categories of students as ineligible for benefits:

- 1. Students enrolled in open universities or pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses.
- 2. Students already in receipt of scholarships under any other schemes administered by the State or Central Government.
- 3. Students enrolled in diploma courses are not eligible for Technical & Professional Merit Scholarships under e-Medhabruti.
- 4. Postgraduate (M.Phil and Ph.D.) students, as well as those pursuing B.Ed and M.Ed courses, are not entitled to e-Medhabruti scholarships under U.G., P.G., or Technical & Professional Merit categories.
- 5. Students admitted to educational institutions not recognized by the pertinent regulatory authorities such as AICTE, MCI, and UGC.
- 6. Students undertaking studies abroad.
- 7. Students who, upon completing one Technical/Professional course, embark on another course at the same level.
- 8. Students who fail to receive validation from their respective Principal or educational institution.

# A.8. Renewal Procedures for the Scholarship

Once awarded, the e-Medhabruti scholarship will be automatically renewed on an annual basis for the duration of the course. The system will facilitate this renewal by transferring the scholarship information to the educational institution for validation of the student's continued enrolment in subsequent years. During this renewal process, students will be prompted for Aadhaar reverification via a One-Time Password (OTP) sent to their registered mobile number.

# B.Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scholarship Scheme

### **B.1.** Introduction

The Government of Odisha has instituted the "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti" scholarship program with the objective of enhancing and preserving the Odia language. The scheme aims to encourage proficient students to undertake higher educational pursuits at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in the Odia language.

# B.2. Key Features and Eligibility Criteria for the Scheme:

- I. Scholarship Amount: A one-time financial grant of Rs.20,000 shall be awarded to each qualifying student.
- **II. State Residency:** The applicant must be a permanent resident of the State of Odisha.
- **III. Eligibility Criteria for U.G. Level:** Students who have enrolled in +3 Arts with Odia as the Honours subject in Degree Colleges, Autonomous Colleges or Universities within Odisha or outside State, and have obtained a minimum of 60% marks in aggregate in the +2 Examination conducted by the CHSE, Odisha, are eligible to apply for this scholarship at the undergraduate level.

**Eligibility Criteria for P.G. Level:** Similarly, students who have gained admission to M.A. (Odia) courses in any of the Universities, Degree Colleges or Autonomous Colleges in Odisha or outside State after attaining a minimum of 60% marks in Odia Honours during their +3 Arts course, are also eligible for this scholarship at the postgraduate level.

**IV. Allocation of Scholarships:** The distribution of scholarships across U.G. and P.G. categories is delineated below:

Categories of Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti	No of Beneficiaries
Students studying UG with Odia Honours	1200
Students studying PG in Odia	300

V. Concurrent Scholarships: In supersession of all guidelines on scholarship of any Department, students receiving other scholarships may also apply for the Bhasabruti scholarship over and above any other scholarship scheme. **VI. Selection Criteria:** Selection will be based on academic performance in the qualifying examinations. For instance, students enrolled in +3 Arts with Odia as an Honours subject will be evaluated based on their cumulative marks obtained in the +2 examinations administered by CHSE, Odisha. Likewise, students enrolled in M.A. (Odia) will be assessed based on their Odia Honours marks in the final examinations of their +3 Arts course. A comprehensive merit list will be drawn for both categories and beneficiaries will be selected accordingly if the number of eligible candidates surpasses the targeted quota.

VII.Exclusion Criteria: Students pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses are ineligible for this scholarship.

# B.3. Required Documentation for the Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scholarship

Applicants will need to upload clear and legible copies of the following documents when applying for the scholarship:

- I. **Proof of Residency:** A residence certificate from a qualified official, such as the Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar, is required. If the student's parents are employed by the Odisha State Government, they may instead provide a residence verification document from their employer.
- II. Qualifying Exam Mark Sheets: Applicants should upload their academic transcripts or mark sheets relevant to the scholarship eligibility criteria.
- III. Bank Account Details: Information for an Aadhaar-linked savings bank account is needed. This includes the first page of the bank passbook, which shows the account number and the bank's IFSC code.
- IV. College Identification: An official college ID card is required. In cases where this is not available, students can submit a Letter of Undertaking. This letter, properly validated by the college authorities, should detail the academic year, name of the course, duration of the course and the student's roll number or registration number.
  - V. Course Confirmation for U.G. Level: For undergraduate applicants, additional documentation confirming enrolment in +3 Arts with Odia Honours must be attached.

# C.GOPABANDHU SIKHYA SAHAYATA YOJANA

#### C.1. Program Aim:

The central aim of this program is to extend annual financial aid to students hailing from under-priviledged, economically disadvantaged and marginalized families, facilitating their pursuit of undergraduate and postgraduate courses within Odisha. The scheme seeks to supplement other existing scholarships, improving access to higher education and fostering social and economic upliftment.

#### C.2. Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. To apply for this financial aid program, the student must fall under one of the following categories:
  - a. Families impacted by HIV/AIDS.
  - b. Homeless households' family.
  - c. Begging or destitute families.
  - d. Manual scavenger families.
  - e. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.
  - f. Legally emancipated bonded labourers' family.
  - g. Families led by a single mother, be it through widowhood, divorce, or being unmarried.
  - h. Specially Cared Child (Orphan children without any biological or adoptive or legal parents)
  - i. Student belonging to Transgender community.
  - j. Girl student rescued from Child Marriage by W&CD Department and continues to stay in shelter home for rehabilitation or hostel.
- 2. Be a permanent resident of Odisha.
- 3. Be enrolled in either undergraduate, postgraduate courses or any other professional course offered by accredited institutions in Odisha.
- 4. Have a total household income less than Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum.

5. Students falling under category 'j' (girl student rescued from child marriage) will be eligible to receive support as long as she remains in the rehabilitation shelter or hostel for the major part of the academic year and till the academic year in which she either turns 21 years old or gets married, whichever comes first.

# C.3. Covered Courses:

Financial aid is available for all undergraduate, postgraduate courses, technical and non-technical, professional and non-professional courses offered by government recognized institutions or institutions set up by the statute of the Union or State Government.

# C.4. Financial Aid Amount:

Annual financial support of Rs.20,000/- is available for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies until the course is completed. This scheme is also available to students who are receiving other scholarships.

# C.5. Application Procedure:

- 1. Eligible students must submit their applications through the Odisha State Scholarship Portal.
- 2. Submitted applications will be forwarded to the respective educational institution for validation.
- 3. The institution will then confirm the eligibility based on documentation and send the validated applications to the District Collectors.
- 4. A committee formed by the District Collector will finalize the eligible applicants and send the list after duly filling and signing certificate in the prescribed format by the District Collector, clearly mentioning whether the applicant is eligible under the scheme or not and to upload the same through online mode to the Higher Education Department for disbursal of funds to the students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. The prescribed format is at Appendix-IV.

The hard copy of the proceeding of the committee constituted by the concerned District Collector along with the list of students recommended for Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana Scholarship will also be sent to the Department.

#### C.6. Required Documentation:

- I. Residence certification from a competent authority i.e. from the concerned TahasiIdar / Addl.TahasiIdar.
- II. Current financial year income certificate issued by the competent authority, i.e. the Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar or Addl. Tahasildar.
- III. HIV/AIDS medical certificate, from the concerned Medical Officer regarding suffering from HIV/AIDS, if applicable.
- IV. Homelessness certificate, from the competent Revenue Authority that the person is homeless.
- V. Single mother status certificate, from District Social Welfare Officer, if applicable.
- VI. Destitute status certificate, from the local Sarpanch/ Urban Local Body authority, if applicable.
- VII. Manual scavenger status certificate, from the competent authority, if applicable.
- VIII. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group certificate, from the District Welfare Officer, if applicable.
  - 1X. Legally released bonded labourer certificate, from the District Welfare Officer/ District Labour Officer/ any competent authority, if applicable.
  - X. Specially Cared Child certificate (orphan), from District Child Protection Officer, if applicable.
- XI. Transgender Certificate issued from National Portal of Transgender persons.
- XII. Copy of student's bank passbook showing the relevant account information.
- XIII. Certificate from District Social Welfare Officer regarding girl student rescued from child marriage and her stay in rehabilitation home as part of her rehabilitation.
- XIV. Any document in support of age proof, like Adhaar, birth certificate, metric certificate etc.

Commissioner-Secretary to Government Department of Higher Education

#### PART-II

#### **Responsibilities of Educational Institutions:**

- The Head of Institution / Principal has to constitute a Scholarship Cell and declare one senior faculty as the Nodal Officer of the Scholarship Cell.
- The Nodal Officer has to formulate plan and programme for better awareness of the students about the scholarships granted by Government of Odisha through the State Scholarship Portal.
- The Nodal Officer has to constitute a committee of three members.
- The Committee has to :
  - i. Download the list of students applied for scholarship (scheme wise), available in the report site of the portal.
  - ii. Scrutinize the applications received in the institute log in under different scheme basing on the eligibility criteria.
  - iii. The Committee has to ensure the genuineness of the student, i.e. he/she is studying in the College/Institution for the particular year.
  - iv. The Committee has to ensure that no student pursuing any Self-Financing Course in General U.G. / P.G. Merit.
  - v. Check correctness of data regarding parental income, marks secured, bank Account details, College ID card and residence.
  - vi. If any error is found, the Principal/Head of Institution will rectify/revert the applications to students for rectification and resubmission within seven days for consideration.
  - vii. Prepare the eligible/Ineligible list in the prescribed format (to be downloaded from the portal). Format has been detailed in Appendix III.
- viii. Sign the report and countersign the same by Head of Institution / Principal & upload the report in the portal.
- If all data are correct, the Head of Institution / Principal will authenticate the record of the student to be considered for scholarship by the Department.

• Merit or selection list for particular category of merit will be drawn only from the records authenticated by the Principal/Head of institutions within the timeline given for the purpose.

# Role of District Collectors: (Applicable only for GSSY scholarship)

• District Collectors will confirm eligible candidates for this scheme through a dedicated committee.

# **Role of Higher Education Department:**

- Advertise the program and invite applications.
- Prepare a merit list based on validated applications.
- Disburse financial aid through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

# **Role of OCAC and Service Providers:**

- Provide a smooth online application process.
- Offer technical support to all stakeholders.
- Online uploading of guidelines, instructions, letters and round-wise selection list (one time residual) which have been processed for payment.

# **Application Steps:**

- Follow the online application process at https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in/.
- Use a valid Aadhaar number for registration.
- Complete the application with accurate information.
- Download and print the completed application form for future reference.

# **General Limitations:**

- Scholarships will be distributed on a district/block level.
- Incorrect information will lead to application rejection.

# **Disbursement Method:**

• Funds will be transferred directly to students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts, following confirmation by the concerned educational institutions.

# Miscellaneous:

• For queries, contact the scholarship section at 0674-2396550 or email <u>scholarshiphedgov@gmail.com</u>.

23/11/23

Commissioner-Secretary to Government Department of Higher Education

# <u>APPENDIX – I</u> POST GRADUATE COURSES (P.G. MERIT)

Master of Arts (M.A.) Subject (Honours)	Master of Science (M.Sc.) Subject (Honours)	Master of Commerce (M.Com.) Subject (Honours)
Ancient History & Archaeology	Botany	Commerce
Economics	Chemistry	
English	Economics	
Geography	Geography	
Hindi	Information Technology	
History	Mathematics	
Home Science	Physics	
Linguistic	Statistics	
Odia	Zoology	
Philosophy	Applied Mathematics	
Political Science	Applied Physics	
Population Studies	Applied Physics & Ballistics	
Public Administration	Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	
Statistics	Biodiversity Natural resources	
Tourism Administration	Earth Science	
Urdu	Electronics	
	Forensics Science	
	Geography	
······,	Life Science	
	Material Science	
	Science & Technology	

# **APPENDIX II**

# LIST OF SUBJECTS COVERED UNDER TECHNICAL/ PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY UG COURSES

NAME OF THE DEGREE COURSE	NAME OF THE SUBJECT	DURATION OF
	Aeronautical Engineering	
	Aerospace Engineering	
	Agriculture Engineering	
	Aircraft Maintenance Engineering	
	Applied Electronics & Automobile Engineering	
	Biomedical Engineering	
	Biotechnology	
	Ceramic Engineering	
	Civil & Environmental Engineering	
	Civil Engineering	
	Computer Science & Engineering	
	Computer Science & IT	
	Computer Science & Systems Engineering	
	Dairy Technology	
	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	
	Electrical Engineering	
	Electronics & Communications Engineering	
BACHELOR OF	Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering	
TECHNOLOGY	Electronics & Telecommunications Engineering	
	Fashion Design	4 Years
BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING	Fashion Technology	
ENGINEERING	Food Engineering & Technology	
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	Information Technology	
	Instrumentation Engineering	
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	Mechanical Engineering	
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	Petrochemical & Petroleum Refinery	
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THERAPY)		WORLDS
B.P.O (BACHELOR IN PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS)	Prosthetics & Orthotics	4 Years & 6 Months
B.Sc. AGRICULTURE	Agriculture Science	4 Years
B.Sc. HORTICULTURE	Horticulture	4 Years
B.Sc. COMMUNITY SCIENCE	Community Science	4 Years
BACHELOR OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT	Hotel management	4 Years
BACHELOR OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT	Tourism & Hotel Management	4 Years
	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Technology	3 years
	Bachelor of Medical Radiation Technology (BMRT)	3 years
	Bachelor of Operation Theatre Technology (BOTT)	3 years
	Bachelor of Emergency Medicine Technology (BEMT)	3 years
	B.Sc. in Food Science and Nutrition	3 years
	B.Sc. in Food Technology	<u>3 years</u>
B.Sc. TECHNICAL/	B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel Administration	3 years
PROFESSIONAL	Bachelor of Anaesthesia and OT	3 years
	Radiology and Imagining Technology	<u>3 years</u>
	Bachelor of Clinical Microbiology Bachelor of Painting, Sculpture, Applied Art,	3 years
	Graphic Art, Fine Art, Visual Art	4 years
	Bachelor of Interior Design	3 years
	Bachelor of LLB	3 years
	Bachelor of Graphics Design	4 years
	Bachelor of Optometry	4 years
	Bachelor of Public Health (BPH)	4 years
INTEGRATED B.	B.Sc. B.Ed.	4 years
Ed	B.A. B.Ed.	4 years

# LIST OF SUBJECTS COVERED UNDER TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

PG CC	DURSES	
NAME OF THE DEGREE COURSE	NAME OF THE SUBJECT	DURATION OF THE COURSE
Master In Social Work (MSW)	Social Work	2 years
Master In Computer Application(MCA)	Computer Application	2 years
Master In Business Administration(MBA)	Business Administration	2 years
M.Sc. AGRICULTURE	Agriculture	2 Years
M.Sc. HORTICULTURE	Horticulture	2 years
Master In Financial Control (MFC)	Financial Control	2 years
Integrated MBA	Business Administration	5 years
Integrated MCA	Computer Application	5 years
Integrated LAW	B.A. LLB.	5 years
Homeopathy	PG (Homeopathy)	3 years
Integrated M. Com	Commerce	5 years
	Political science	
Integrated M.A.	English	5 years
-	Social Management	
	Physics	1
	Mathematics	
	Life Science	
	Chemistry	
	M.Sc.	
	Bio-Technology	
	Material Science &	
Integrated M.Sc.	Engineering	5 years
	Polymer Science	
	Applied Physics	
	Mathematics &	:
	Computing Bioinformatics	-
	ETC	
	Geology	
Master in Visual Arts	Visual Arts	2 years
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)	Occupational Therapy	2 years 2 years
M. Pharma	Pharmacy	2 years
Master of Physical Therapy (MPT)	Physiotherapy	2 years

Master of Prosthetics and Orthotics	Prosthetics and Orthotics	2 4 9 9 9
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Master in Public Health (MPH)	Public Health	2 years
Master in Tourism and Travel Management	Tourism/Travel Management	2 years
Law (LLM)	Law	2 years
Master in Journalism & Mass Communication(M.J.M.C)	Journalism & Mass Communication	2 years
B. Tech. and M. Tech. Dual Degree	Civil Engineering Chemical Engineering Ceramic Engineering Computer Science and Engineering Electronics and Communication Engineering Electrical Engineering Mechanical Engineering Metallurgical and MaterialsEngineering Mining Engineering	5 years
M. Tech.	Agriculture EngineeringApplied Electronics & InstrumentationArchitecture (AR)Automation & RoboticsAutomobile EngineeringBio-Medical EngineeringBio-TechnologyCeramic EngineeringChemical EngineeringCivil EngineeringCivil EngineeringComputer Science & EngineeringComputer Science & Information SecurityDesign & Dynamics	2 years

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	Industrial Engineering &	
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	System	
	Polymer Nanotechnology	
	Power Electronics and	
	Drives	
	Power System	
	Engineering	
	Power & Energy System	
	Engineering	

	Signal Processing	
	Thermal Engineering	
	Thermal Fluid	
	Engineering	
	Water Resources	
	Engineering	
	Soil Mechanics &	
M. Tech.	Foundation Engineering	2 years
	CAD/CAM	i
	Nano Technology	
	Structural Engineering	
	Mechatronics	
	Mechanical System	
	Design	
	Mechanical System	
	Design & Dynamics	
	Power System and Power	!
	Electronics	

# APPENDIX III

# Format in which Student wise Details of Scholarship applications are to be uploaded by the Institution Authorities in the State Scholarship portal

SI.	Name	Name Aadhaa Bank Name Name of the the		(Write 'Y for	Correctness of the Application ite 'Y' as Yes for valid documents and 'N' for No for invalid/incorrect/pending documents			% of marks	Remarks (Eligible/				
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# UNDERTAKING

t is hereby certified by all the Committee members that all information provided in this report is true and correct and is being provided after thorough scrutinization of the online scholarship applications of State Scholarship Portal.

It is also understood that if any eligible student gets debarred from scholarship or any ineligible student gets recommended for Scholarship, in either of the cases, the committee members will be held responsible.

Date: Place:

# Signature of the Committee Members

- 1. Name of the Nodal officer: Contact No. :
- 2. Name of the Member of the: Committee (1) Contact No. :
- 3. Name of the Member of the: Committee (2) Contact No. :

# Countersignature with Seal of the Principal/Head of the institution

Name of the Principal/Head of the institution: Contact no. :

### APPENDIX IV

Collector/ District Magistrate Declaration Certificate for GSSY scholarship This is to certify that the information & documents submitted by the applicants and forwarded by the Institutions are scrutinized at this level. On scrutiny, the students found eligible and not eligible are mentioned in the following table:

1. List of students eligible for GSSY scholarship:

SI. no.	Application no.	Aadhaar no.	Student Name	Gender	Institute Name	Category to which the student belongs to	Certificat <del>e</del> Uploaded	Eligible

# 2. List of students ineligible for GSSY scholarship:

SI. no.	Application no.	Aadhaar no.	Student Name	Gender	Institute Name	Course	Category to which the student belongs to	Ineligible

Place-Date-

Signature of Collector & District Magistrate (With official Seal)

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### GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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No. HE-SLR-MISC-0008-2023 52682

/HE, Dated 01-12-2023

From:

Smt. Prativa Sahu, OAS (S),

Joint Secretary to Government.

To:

All Departments of Government/

All Colleges/

All State Universities/

All Government Medical College & Hospital of Odisha/

All Private Medical College & Hospital of Odisha/

Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Chhend Colony, Rourkela, Odisha- 769015 /

Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Unit 8, Near Post Office, Surya Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha 751003 /

Central University of Odisha, Koraput, Central Silk Board Building, Landiguda, Koraput /

Centurion University, HIG-5, Phase-1, BDA Duplex, Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar-751020/

KIIT University, Bhubaneswar/

Siksha 'O' Anusandhan University, Bhubaneswar, Khandagiri Square, Bhubaneswar, Orissa/ Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University, Penthakata, Puri-752003/

Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha 768018/

NIT, Sector-1, Rourkela-769008/

IIT, Argul, Jatni Road, Kansapada, BBSR-752050/

IIIT Bhubaneswar, Gothapatana, Malipada, Bhubaneswar-751003/

AIIMS, Sijua, Patrapada, BBSR-751019/

NISER, At/Po. - Jatni, Khurda-752050/

IISER, GOVT. ITI Building, Eng. School Junction, Brahmpur-760010 /

Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Sanchar Marg, Dhenkanal-759001 /

IIM, Jyotivihar, Burla, Sambalpur-768019/

National Law University, Odisha, Naraj Road, Sector 13, Cuttack-753015/

Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management, Phase 5 Road, Dumduma, BBSR-751019/

Institute of Mathematics & Applications, Andharua, BBSR-751029 /

Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Veer Surendra Sai Nagar, BBSR-751007/

Xavier University, Plot No.-12(A), Nijigada, Kurki, Harirajpur, Khordha-752050.

Sub:- Guidelines for award of scholarship under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Scheme.

The undersigned is directed to say that a copy of the Guidelines for selection of students for award of scholarships under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana" scheme under Higher Education Department is hereby circulated for general dissemination and necessary action.

The School & Mass Education Department / Skill Development & Technical Education Department / Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment Department / Fisheries & Animal Resources Department / Health & Family Welfare Department / ST & SC, M & OBC Welfare Department are requested to circulate the attached guidelines among the educational institutions coming under their administrative control.

All the Universities are requested to circulate the Guidelines among the educational institutions affiliated with them.

Yours faithfully,

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 526'83/HE Dated: 01.12:2023.

Copy along with the copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines' forwarded to the P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education / P.S. to Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Odisha, for information of the Hon'ble Minister and the Commissioner-cum-Secretary respectively.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. <u>52684</u>/HE Dated: 01122023

Copy along with the copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to the Director of Higher Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar / General Manager(Admin), OCAC / All the Regional Directors of Education for information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 52685/HE Dated: 01 12-2023

Copy along with the soft copy of "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to the Program Manager, CSM Technology Pvt. Ltd., 6th Floor, OCAC Tower, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013 with a request to float the 'Guidelines' in the State Scholarship Portal.

They are requested to make necessary modification in the Odisha State Scholarship Joint Secretary to Government Portal as per the revised guidelines.

#### Memo. No. 52686/HE Dated: 0112.2023.

Copy along with the soft copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to all the Officers of Higher Education Department for information.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 52687/HE Dated: 01. 12:2023.

Copy along with the soft copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to the Administrative Officer, Odisha State AIDS control society, 2nd Floor, Oil Odisha Building, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751012 for information.

Joint Secretary to Governmen

# <u>Guidelines for Scholarship under Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra</u> <u>Protsahan Yojana - Higher Education</u>

### PART-I

### 1. Introduction

Scheduled to commence from the Academic Year 2023-24, the Government of Odisha hereby promulgates the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana - Higher Education", a consolidated framework designed to encapsulate erstwhile scholarship initiatives, namely the e-Medhabruti, Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti (VFMB), and the Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana (GSSY). This overarching mechanism aims to streamline the provision of scholarship awards and related administrative processes for enhanced efficacy.

### 2. Objective

The cardinal objective of this unified scheme is to extend fiscal sponsorship to students of permanent resident of Odisha demonstrating scholastic aptitude, within the geographical jurisdiction of the state of Odisha and also outside state. The scheme envisages an upscaling the numeral count of scholarship beneficiaries as well as in the individual financial allocation, thereby bolstering the state's fundamental policy of propagating academic brilliance and democratizing educational accessibility.

#### 3. Modalities for Scheme Implementation

#### I. Unified Scholarship Application Platform

The Government has established a centralized digital interface, accessible via https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in, to serve as a one-stop portal for submission of applications from students meeting the eligibility criteria across various scholarship schemes.

#### **II. Disbursement Methodology**

Scholarship funds shall be appropriated to beneficiaries via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Funds will be electronically transmitted to the Aadhaar-linked Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible recipients.

### III. Financial Transaction Mechanism

Resource allocation will be executed via the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). Scholarship amount shall be credited to Aadhaar-connected Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible students in an automated manner through this system. It is imperative that the Savings Bank Accounts of the prospective awardees remain active and operational for the successful online transfer of funds.

# 4. Categories of Scholarships covered under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana"

- A. e-Medhabruti Scholarship
- B. Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti
- C. Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana

# A. e-Medhabruti Scholarship

#### A.1. Introduction

The Government of Odisha in Higher Education Department have been awarding a merit-cum-means based scholarship each year under the scholarship named "e-medhabruti" out of State Budget to provide financial assistance to meritorious students of permanent resident of Odisha studying within the geographical jurisdiction of the state of Odisha and also outside state, whose annual parental income does not exceed 8.00 lakhs.

It is envisaged to provide the following types of scholarships as mentioned below under this revised scheme:-

SI. No.	Category of Merit based scholarship	No. of Scholarship per annum (Nos.)	Rate of Scholarship Per Year (Rupees)	Amount of Scholarship to be paid in total during the course (Rs.)	Remarks
1.	U.G. Merit	10,000	10,000/-	30,000/-	
2.	P.G. Merit	5,000	15,000/-	30,000/-	
3.	Tech. & Prof.	10,000	20,000/-	As per course	The number of Scholarships under a particular category/

Merit	·····	duration	course may be
IVICIT		Guiation	increased or
			decreased by the
			Government
			depending on the
			number of eligible
			students applied and
			validated in other
			categories in an
			academic year.
Total	25,000		

# A.2. Eligibility Criteria for e-medhabruti Scholarship

# I. Residency Requirement

The applicant is mandated to possess permanent residency status within the geographical boundaries of the State of Odisha.

# **II. Family Income Parameters**

The aggregated annual income of the applicant's family, derived from all sources, must not exceed a sum of Rs.8.00 lakh.

# III. Academic Achievement Benchmark

For qualification under the various categories of merit-based scholarships, the applicant is required to have attained a minimum score of 55% in the relevant qualifying examinations.

Scholarship Type	Eligibility for e-Medhabruti					
U.G Merit Wust have passed +2 of CHSE, Odisha / Class - Xll or e exam with 55% or more marks from an institution recog CBSE / ICSE and pursuing regular Degree Course / +3 cour of the recognized Colleges / Institutions / Universities.						
P.C. Monit	Must have passed +3 Degree or equivalent exam with 55% or more marks from a recognized Institute and pursuing regular PG course in one of the disciplines (where scholarship is offered) in any of the recognized Colleges / Institutions / Universities.					
Technical Professional Merit	Must have passed +2 of CHSE / Class - Xll or equivalent exam from an institution recognized by CBSE / ICSE ( for graduation and integrated courses) or +3 Degree / equivalent course (only for Master courses) with 55% or more marks and pursuing regular Technical & Professional courses in the Colleges / Institutions recognized by respective regulatory authorities.					

# **IV. Application Timing:**

Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria are permitted to submit their scholarship applications solely during the first year of their admission in the course. Nonetheless, if an exceptionally meritorious student, who was otherwise falls within the merit list of his/ her first year of admission, fails to apply during their first year of admission but subsequently submits an application in subsequent years, and there remains an unfulfilled quota from the initial year of admission, under such circumstances, the student's case may be reviewed and considered for the subsequent years only.

For instance, if a student enrolls in a +3 Arts program during the academic year 2022-23 but fails to apply for the Undergraduate Merit scholarship during their first year, his/her application may be entertained in the second year or any subsequent year, provided there are available vacancies for the respective academic year (first year's admission). It is important to note that the student will be eligible for prospective scholarship disbursements only, and any missed scholarships from previous years will not be retrospectively considered or compensated.

# A.3. Criteria for District and Block-Wise Scholarship Allocation and Merit-Based Selection under e-medhabruti Scholarship

# I. Proportional Scholarship Distribution across Districts and Blocks

- The allocation targets for each category of merit-based scholarships will be apportioned among all Districts, commensurate with the student population data based on admissions within each District.
- Fifty percent of the designated district target will be fulfilled through a <u>district merit list</u>, assembled from authenticated data received from educational institutions. The merit list will be the list of eligible candidates of the districts in the order of their marks obtained as explained in point II below.
- The residual 50% of the district allocation will be sub-divided across the blocks within the District, predicated on student population data.
- Block-specific targets will be met based on a block merit list. The merit list will be the list of all eligible candidates of the block in the order of their marks obtained as explained in point II below.
- In the event of a deficit in eligible applicants within a block, the residual allocation will be redistributed among eligible students within that District.

• Left out scholarships numbers of a district will be first allocated to underprivileged districts. Any remaining undistributed scholarships will be considered for eligible students left out in the initial distribution.

# **II. Methodology for Final Merit-Based Selection**

The final lists of selected students will be collated according to the aggregate percentage of marks obtained in their last qualifying examinations. This will be done for each merit category, District-wise and Block-wise. The selection process will be executed in descending order of academic merit until the allocated scholarship quota is reached. For instance, a student with a 92% score would precede a student with a 91% score, and so on.

# **III. Tie-Breaker** Criteria

In instances where multiple students have identical percentage scores and not all can be accommodated within the scholarship quota, preference will be accorded to those with lower family income ceilings.

# **IV. Conversion of Alternate Grading Systems**

For students assessed under the CBSE/ICSE grading framework utilizing Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), conversion to percentage will be executed by applying a multiplication factor of 9.5.

# A.4. Duration and Scope of Scholarship

Eligible recipients applying in the first year of admission will be entitled to the scholarship for the complete duration of their respective courses (which will vary depending upon the year of application for Scholarship). For e.g. If the admission year of a +3 Arts student is 2022-23 but he/she has applied scholarship in the year 2023-24, then he/she is entitled to get the scholarship amount for  $2^{nd}$  year &  $3^{rd}$  year only.

# A.5.Categories of Eligible Courses under e-Medhabruti (Scholarship)

- U.G. Merit: Applicable to +3 Degree Courses such as B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. and specialized programs including BBA/BCA/BJMC with a course duration of 3 years.
- P.G. Merit: Covers Postgraduate courses in Arts, Science, and Commerce, as well as other non-professional courses. A representative list of such courses can be found in Appendix-I.

• Technical & Professional Merit: Encompasses Undergraduate and Postgraduate professional degree programs and integrated courses as detailed in the guidelines. These include B.E./B.Tech, MBBS, BDS, BHMS, BAMS, B.Pharm, B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Sc. (Agriculture), MBA, MCA, M.Tech, Integrated M.Sc., and others recognized by regulatory bodies like AICTE, MCI, DCI, CCIM, CCH, INC, UGC, etc. Additional details can be found in Appendix-II.

# A.6. Checklist of Essential Documentation for e-Medhabruti Scholarship Application

Applicants are required to upload the following documents in a readable format during the submission of their application under the scheme:

- 1. Residency Verification: An official residency certificate issued by a competent authority, specifically from the designated Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar. Alternatively, students whose parents are employed under the Odisha State Government may furnish residency confirmation from their respective employer.
- 2. Annual Income Verification: An authoritative annual income certificate for the current fiscal year, which must be issued by a Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar.
- 3. Academic Records: Transcripts or mark sheets pertinent to the qualifying examination, as delineated in the various eligibility categories for merit scholarships.
- 4. Bank Account Information: Details of the applicant's Aadhaar-linked bank account, preferably the first page of the bank passbook displaying the account number and IFSC code.
- 5. Educational Institution Identification: A valid college/institute ID card issued by the competent authority. If unavailable, a Letter of Undertaking duly authenticated by the concerned educational institution may suffice, provided it specifies the academic session, course name, course duration, and the student's roll or registration number.
- 6. Aadhaar Identification: A copy of the applicant's Aadhaar card.

## A.7. Conditions for Exclusion from e-Medhabruti Scholarship

The scholarship scheme set forth the following categories of students as ineligible for benefits:

- 1. Students enrolled in open universities or pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses.
- 2. Students already in receipt of scholarships under any other schemes administered by the State or Central Government.
- 3. Students enrolled in diploma courses are not eligible for Technical & Professional Merit Scholarships under e-Medhabruti.
- 4. Postgraduate (M.Phil and Ph.D.) students, as well as those pursuing B.Ed and M.Ed courses, are not entitled to e-Medhabruti scholarships under U.G., P.G., or Technical & Professional Merit categories.
- 5. Students admitted to educational institutions not recognized by the pertinent regulatory authorities such as AICTE, MCI, and UGC.
- 6. Students undertaking studies abroad.
- 7. Students who, upon completing one Technical/Professional course, embark on another course at the same level.
- 8. Students who fail to receive validation from their respective Principal or educational institution.

#### A.8. Renewal Procedures for the Scholarship

Once awarded, the e-Medhabruti scholarship will be automatically renewed on an annual basis for the duration of the course. The system will facilitate this renewal by transferring the scholarship information to the educational institution for validation of the student's continued enrolment in subsequent years. During this renewal process, students will be prompted for Aadhaar reverification via a One-Time Password (OTP) sent to their registered mobile number.

## B.Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scholarship Scheme

#### **B.1.** Introduction

The Government of Odisha has instituted the "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti" scholarship program with the objective of enhancing and preserving the Odia language. The scheme aims to encourage proficient students to undertake higher educational pursuits at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in the Odia language.

#### B.2. Key Features and Eligibility Criteria for the Scheme:

- I. Scholarship Amount: A one-time financial grant of Rs.20,000 shall be awarded to each qualifying student.
- **II. State Residency:** The applicant must be a permanent resident of the State of Odisha.
- **III. Eligibility Criteria for U.G. Level:** Students who have enrolled in +3 Arts with Odia as the Honours subject in Degree Colleges, Autonomous Colleges or Universities within Odisha or outside State, and have obtained a minimum of 60% marks in aggregate in the +2 Examination conducted by the CHSE, Odisha, are eligible to apply for this scholarship at the undergraduate level.

**Eligibility Criteria for P.G. Level:** Similarly, students who have gained admission to M.A. (Odia) courses in any of the Universities, Degree Colleges or Autonomous Colleges in Odisha or outside State after attaining a minimum of 60% marks in Odia Honours during their +3 Arts course, are also eligible for this scholarship at the postgraduate level.

**IV. Allocation of Scholarships:** The distribution of scholarships across U.G. and P.G. categories is delineated below:

Categories of Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti	No of Beneficiaries
Students studying UG with Odia Honours	1200
Students studying PG in Odia	300

V. Concurrent Scholarships: In supersession of all guidelines on scholarship of any Department, students receiving other scholarships may also apply for the Bhasabruti scholarship over and above any other scholarship scheme. **VI. Selection Criteria:** Selection will be based on academic performance in the qualifying examinations. For instance, students enrolled in +3 Arts with Odia as an Honours subject will be evaluated based on their cumulative marks obtained in the +2 examinations administered by CHSE, Odisha. Likewise, students enrolled in M.A. (Odia) will be assessed based on their Odia Honours marks in the final examinations of their +3 Arts course. A comprehensive merit list will be drawn for both categories and beneficiaries will be selected accordingly if the number of eligible candidates surpasses the targeted quota.

VII.Exclusion Criteria: Students pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses are ineligible for this scholarship.

# B.3. Required Documentation for the Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scholarship

Applicants will need to upload clear and legible copies of the following documents when applying for the scholarship:

- I. **Proof of Residency:** A residence certificate from a qualified official, such as the Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar, is required. If the student's parents are employed by the Odisha State Government, they may instead provide a residence verification document from their employer.
- II. Qualifying Exam Mark Sheets: Applicants should upload their academic transcripts or mark sheets relevant to the scholarship eligibility criteria.
- III. Bank Account Details: Information for an Aadhaar-linked savings bank account is needed. This includes the first page of the bank passbook, which shows the account number and the bank's IFSC code.
- IV. College Identification: An official college ID card is required. In cases where this is not available, students can submit a Letter of Undertaking. This letter, properly validated by the college authorities, should detail the academic year, name of the course, duration of the course and the student's roll number or registration number.
  - V. Course Confirmation for U.G. Level: For undergraduate applicants, additional documentation confirming enrolment in +3 Arts with Odia Honours must be attached.

# C.GOPABANDHU SIKHYA SAHAYATA YOJANA

#### C.1. Program Aim:

The central aim of this program is to extend annual financial aid to students hailing from under-priviledged, economically disadvantaged and marginalized families, facilitating their pursuit of undergraduate and postgraduate courses within Odisha. The scheme seeks to supplement other existing scholarships, improving access to higher education and fostering social and economic upliftment.

#### C.2. Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. To apply for this financial aid program, the student must fall under one of the following categories:
  - a. Families impacted by HIV/AIDS.
  - b. Homeless households' family.
  - c. Begging or destitute families.
  - d. Manual scavenger families.
  - e. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.
  - f. Legally emancipated bonded labourers' family.
  - g. Families led by a single mother, be it through widowhood, divorce, or being unmarried.
  - h. Specially Cared Child (Orphan children without any biological or adoptive or legal parents)
  - i. Student belonging to Transgender community.
  - j. Girl student rescued from Child Marriage by W&CD Department and continues to stay in shelter home for rehabilitation or hostel.
- 2. Be a permanent resident of Odisha.
- 3. Be enrolled in either undergraduate, postgraduate courses or any other professional course offered by accredited institutions in Odisha.
- 4. Have a total household income less than Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum.

5. Students falling under category 'j' (girl student rescued from child marriage) will be eligible to receive support as long as she remains in the rehabilitation shelter or hostel for the major part of the academic year and till the academic year in which she either turns 21 years old or gets married, whichever comes first.

#### C.3. Covered Courses:

Financial aid is available for all undergraduate, postgraduate courses, technical and non-technical, professional and non-professional courses offered by government recognized institutions or institutions set up by the statute of the Union or State Government.

## C.4. Financial Aid Amount:

Annual financial support of Rs.20,000/- is available for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies until the course is completed. This scheme is also available to students who are receiving other scholarships.

## C.5. Application Procedure:

- 1. Eligible students must submit their applications through the Odisha State Scholarship Portal.
- 2. Submitted applications will be forwarded to the respective educational institution for validation.
- 3. The institution will then confirm the eligibility based on documentation and send the validated applications to the District Collectors.
- 4. A committee formed by the District Collector will finalize the eligible applicants and send the list after duly filling and signing certificate in the prescribed format by the District Collector, clearly mentioning whether the applicant is eligible under the scheme or not and to upload the same through online mode to the Higher Education Department for disbursal of funds to the students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. The prescribed format is at Appendix-IV.

The hard copy of the proceeding of the committee constituted by the concerned District Collector along with the list of students recommended for Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana Scholarship will also be sent to the Department.

#### C.6. Required Documentation:

- I. Residence certification from a competent authority i.e. from the concerned TahasiIdar / Addl.TahasiIdar.
- II. Current financial year income certificate issued by the competent authority, i.e. the Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar or Addl. Tahasildar.
- III. HIV/AIDS medical certificate, from the concerned Medical Officer regarding suffering from HIV/AIDS, if applicable.
- IV. Homelessness certificate, from the competent Revenue Authority that the person is homeless.
- V. Single mother status certificate, from District Social Welfare Officer, if applicable.
- VI. Destitute status certificate, from the local Sarpanch/ Urban Local Body authority, if applicable.
- VII. Manual scavenger status certificate, from the competent authority, if applicable.
- VIII. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group certificate, from the District Welfare Officer, if applicable.
  - 1X. Legally released bonded labourer certificate, from the District Welfare Officer/ District Labour Officer/ any competent authority, if applicable.
  - X. Specially Cared Child certificate (orphan), from District Child Protection Officer, if applicable.
- XI. Transgender Certificate issued from National Portal of Transgender persons.
- XII. Copy of student's bank passbook showing the relevant account information.
- XIII. Certificate from District Social Welfare Officer regarding girl student rescued from child marriage and her stay in rehabilitation home as part of her rehabilitation.
- XIV. Any document in support of age proof, like Adhaar, birth certificate, metric certificate etc.

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#### PART-II

#### **Responsibilities of Educational Institutions:**

- The Head of Institution / Principal has to constitute a Scholarship Cell and declare one senior faculty as the Nodal Officer of the Scholarship Cell.
- The Nodal Officer has to formulate plan and programme for better awareness of the students about the scholarships granted by Government of Odisha through the State Scholarship Portal.
- The Nodal Officer has to constitute a committee of three members.
- The Committee has to :
  - i. Download the list of students applied for scholarship (scheme wise), available in the report site of the portal.
  - ii. Scrutinize the applications received in the institute log in under different scheme basing on the eligibility criteria.
  - iii. The Committee has to ensure the genuineness of the student, i.e. he/she is studying in the College/Institution for the particular year.
  - iv. The Committee has to ensure that no student pursuing any Self-Financing Course in General U.G. / P.G. Merit.
  - v. Check correctness of data regarding parental income, marks secured, bank Account details, College ID card and residence.
  - vi. If any error is found, the Principal/Head of Institution will rectify/revert the applications to students for rectification and resubmission within seven days for consideration.
  - vii. Prepare the eligible/Ineligible list in the prescribed format (to be downloaded from the portal). Format has been detailed in Appendix III.
- viii. Sign the report and countersign the same by Head of Institution / Principal & upload the report in the portal.
- If all data are correct, the Head of Institution / Principal will authenticate the record of the student to be considered for scholarship by the Department.

• Merit or selection list for particular category of merit will be drawn only from the records authenticated by the Principal/Head of institutions within the timeline given for the purpose.

# Role of District Collectors: (Applicable only for GSSY scholarship)

• District Collectors will confirm eligible candidates for this scheme through a dedicated committee.

# **Role of Higher Education Department:**

- Advertise the program and invite applications.
- Prepare a merit list based on validated applications.
- Disburse financial aid through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

# **Role of OCAC and Service Providers:**

- Provide a smooth online application process.
- Offer technical support to all stakeholders.
- Online uploading of guidelines, instructions, letters and round-wise selection list (one time residual) which have been processed for payment.

# **Application Steps:**

- Follow the online application process at https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in/.
- Use a valid Aadhaar number for registration.
- Complete the application with accurate information.
- Download and print the completed application form for future reference.

# **General Limitations:**

- Scholarships will be distributed on a district/block level.
- Incorrect information will lead to application rejection.

# **Disbursement Method:**

• Funds will be transferred directly to students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts, following confirmation by the concerned educational institutions.

# Miscellaneous:

• For queries, contact the scholarship section at 0674-2396550 or email <u>scholarshiphedgov@gmail.com</u>.

23/11/23

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# <u>APPENDIX – I</u> POST GRADUATE COURSES (P.G. MERIT)

Master of Arts (M.A.) Subject (Honours)	Master of Science (M.Sc.) Subject (Honours)	Master of Commerce (M.Com.) Subject (Honours)
Ancient History & Archaeology	Botany	Commerce
Economics	Chemistry	
English	Economics	
Geography	Geography	
Hindi	Information Technology	
History	Mathematics	
Home Science	Physics	
Linguistic	Statistics	
Odia	Zoology	
Philosophy	Applied Mathematics	
Political Science	Applied Physics	
Population Studies	Applied Physics & Ballistics	
Public Administration	Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	
Statistics	Biodiversity Natural resources	
Tourism Administration	Earth Science	
Urdu	Electronics	
	Forensics Science	
	Geography	
······,	Life Science	
	Material Science	
	Science & Technology	

# **APPENDIX II**

### LIST OF SUBJECTS COVERED UNDER TECHNICAL/ PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY UG COURSES

NAME OF THE DEGREE COURSE	NAME OF THE SUBJECT	DURATION OF
	Aeronautical Engineering	
	Aerospace Engineering	
	Agriculture Engineering	
	Aircraft Maintenance Engineering	
	Applied Electronics & Automobile Engineering	
	Biomedical Engineering	
	Biotechnology	
	Ceramic Engineering	
	Civil & Environmental Engineering	
	Civil Engineering	
	Computer Science & Engineering	
	Computer Science & IT	
	Computer Science & Systems Engineering	
	Dairy Technology	
	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	
	Electrical Engineering	
	Electronics & Communications Engineering	
BACHELOR OF	Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering	
TECHNOLOGY	Electronics & Telecommunications Engineering	
	Fashion Design	4 Years
BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING	Fashion Technology	
ENGINEERING	Food Engineering & Technology	
	Food Process Engineering	
	Industrial Design	
	Information Technology	
	Instrumentation Engineering	
	Interior Design	
	Manufacturing Engineering & Technology	
	Marine Engineering	i .
	Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering	
	Mechanical Engineering	
	Metallurgical & Material Engineering	
	Metallurgical Engineering	
	Mineral Engineering	
	Mining Engineering	
	Petrochemical & Petroleum Refinery	
	Plastic Engineering	
	Production Engineering	
	Textile Engineering	

B. PLAN			
(BACHELOR OF		4	Years
PLANNING)			
B.ARCH	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
(BACHELOR OF	Architecture	5	Years
ARCHITECTURE)			
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TECHNOLOGY		1	
(B.TECH)/BACHEL	Lateral Entry in Engineering	3	Years
OROF			····
ENGINEERING			
M.B.B.S			
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MEDICINE &	Medical	4 Y	'ears & 6
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SURGERY)			
BDS (BACHELOR			
OF DENTAL	Dental		Vaara
	Dental	4	Years
SURGERY)			
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HOMEOPATHIC	Homeopathic		lonths
MEDICINE &			
SURGERY)			
BAMS (BACHELOR			
OF AYURVEDIC	Ayurvedic	4 Y	ears & 6
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SURGERY)			
B.PHARMA			
(BACHELOR OF	Pharmacy	4	Years
PHARMACY)	·		
B.PHARMA			
(BACHELOR OF	Lateral Entry in B.Pharma	3	Years
PHARMACY)			
B.Sc. NURSING	Nursing	<u> </u>	Years
B.PET			
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PHYSIOTHERAPY	Physiotherapy	- I i	onths
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ANIMAL	Veterinary Science	5	Years
HUSBANDRY			
B.Sc. FORESTRY			· · · · · ·
	Forestry	4	Years
	Fishery Science	4	Years
FISHERY			

SCIENCE		
B.O.T (BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL	Occupational Therapy	4 Years & 6 Months
THERAPY)		WORLDS
B.P.O (BACHELOR IN PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS)	Prosthetics & Orthotics	4 Years & 6 Months
B.Sc. AGRICULTURE	Agriculture Science	4 Years
B.Sc. HORTICULTURE	Horticulture	4 Years
B.Sc. COMMUNITY SCIENCE	Community Science	4 Years
BACHELOR OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT	Hotel management	4 Years
BACHELOR OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT	Tourism & Hotel Management	4 Years
	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Technology	3 years
	Bachelor of Medical Radiation Technology (BMRT)	3 years
	Bachelor of Operation Theatre Technology (BOTT)	3 years
	Bachelor of Emergency Medicine Technology (BEMT)	3 years
	B.Sc. in Food Science and Nutrition	3 years
	B.Sc. in Food Technology	<u>3 years</u>
B.Sc. TECHNICAL/	B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel Administration	3 years
PROFESSIONAL	Bachelor of Anaesthesia and OT	3 years
	Radiology and Imagining Technology	<u>3 years</u>
	Bachelor of Clinical Microbiology Bachelor of Painting, Sculpture, Applied Art,	3 years
	Graphic Art, Fine Art, Visual Art	4 years
	Bachelor of Interior Design	3 years
	Bachelor of LLB	3 years
	Bachelor of Graphics Design	4 years
	Bachelor of Optometry	4 years
	Bachelor of Public Health (BPH)	4 years
INTEGRATED B.	B.Sc. B.Ed.	4 years
Ed	B.A. B.Ed.	4 years

# LIST OF SUBJECTS COVERED UNDER TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

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NAME OF THE DEGREE COURSE	NAME OF THE SUBJECT	DURATION OF THE COURSE
Master In Social Work (MSW)	Social Work	2 years
Master In Computer Application(MCA)	Computer Application	2 years
Master In Business Administration(MBA)	Business Administration	2 years
M.Sc. AGRICULTURE	Agriculture	2 Years
M.Sc. HORTICULTURE	Horticulture	2 years
Master In Financial Control (MFC)	Financial Control	2 years
Integrated MBA	Business Administration	5 years
Integrated MCA	Computer Application	5 years
Integrated LAW	B.A. LLB.	5 years
Homeopathy	PG (Homeopathy)	3 years
Integrated M. Com	Commerce	5 years
	Political science	
Integrated M.A.	English	5 years
	Social Management	
	Physics	1
	Mathematics	
	Life Science	]
	Chemistry	
	M.Sc.	
	Bio-Technology	
	Material Science &	
Integrated M.Sc.	Engineering	5 years
	Polymer Science	
	Applied Physics	
	Mathematics &	:
	Computing Bioinformatics	-
	ETC	
	Geology	
Master in Visual Arts	Visual Arts	2 years
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)	Occupational Therapy	2 years 2 years
M. Pharma	Pharmacy	2 years
Master of Physical Therapy (MPT)	Physiotherapy	2 years

Master of Prosthetics and Orthotics	Prosthetics and Orthotics	2 4 9 9 9
	Trosticies and Orthotics	2 years
Master in Public Health (MPH)	Public Health	2 years
Master in Tourism and Travel Management	Tourism/Travel Management	2 years
Law (LLM)	Law	2 years
Master in Journalism & Mass Communication(M.J.M.C)	Journalism & Mass Communication	2 years
B. Tech. and M. Tech. Dual Degree	Civil Engineering Chemical Engineering Ceramic Engineering Computer Science and Engineering Electronics and Communication Engineering Electrical Engineering Mechanical Engineering Metallurgical and MaterialsEngineering Mining Engineering	5 years
M. Tech.	Agriculture EngineeringApplied Electronics & InstrumentationArchitecture (AR)Automation & RoboticsAutomobile EngineeringBio-Medical EngineeringBio-TechnologyCeramic EngineeringChemical EngineeringCivil EngineeringCivil EngineeringComputer Science & EngineeringComputer Science & Information SecurityDesign & Dynamics	2 years

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	Electronics & Tele	
	Communication	
	Electronics and	
	Communication	:
	Engineering	:
	Electronics and	
	Instrumentation	
	Engineering	!
	Energy System	
	Engineering	
	Environmental	:
	Engineering	:
	Food Science	
	Technology	
	Food Technology	
M. Tech.	Geo Technical	2 years
	Geospatial Technology	
	Industrial Engineering &	
	Management	
	Information Technology	
	Instrumentation & Control	
	Engineering	
	Instrumentation	i i
	Technology	
	Manufacturing	
	Engineering	
	Mechanical Engineering	
	Metallurgical Engineering	
	Metallurgical & Materilas	
	Engineering	
	Mining Engineering	
	Plastics Engineering &	
	Technology	I
	VLSI Design & embedded	
	System	
	Polymer Nanotechnology	
	Power Electronics and	
	Drives	
	Power System	
	Engineering	
	Power & Energy System	
	Engineering	

	Signal Processing	
	Thermal Engineering	
	Thermal Fluid	
	Engineering	
	Water Resources	
	Engineering	
	Soil Mechanics &	
M. Tech.	Foundation Engineering	2 years
	CAD/CAM	
	Nano Technology	
	Structural Engineering	
	Mechatronics	
	Mechanical System	
	Design	
	Mechanical System	
	Design & Dynamics	
	Power System and Power	!
	Electronics	

# APPENDIX III

# Format in which Student wise Details of Scholarship applications are to be uploaded by the Institution Authorities in the State Scholarship portal

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## UNDERTAKING

t is hereby certified by all the Committee members that all information provided in this report is true and correct and is being provided after thorough scrutinization of the online scholarship applications of State Scholarship Portal.

It is also understood that if any eligible student gets debarred from scholarship or any ineligible student gets recommended for Scholarship, in either of the cases, the committee members will be held responsible.

Date: Place:

# Signature of the Committee Members

- 1. Name of the Nodal officer: Contact No. :
- 2. Name of the Member of the: Committee (1) Contact No. :
- 3. Name of the Member of the: Committee (2) Contact No. :

# Countersignature with Seal of the Principal/Head of the institution

Name of the Principal/Head of the institution: Contact no. :

#### APPENDIX IV

Collector/ District Magistrate Declaration Certificate for GSSY scholarship This is to certify that the information & documents submitted by the applicants and forwarded by the Institutions are scrutinized at this level. On scrutiny, the students found eligible and not eligible are mentioned in the following table:

1. List of students eligible for GSSY scholarship:

SI. no.	Application no.	Aadhaar no.	Student Name	Gender	Institute Name	Category to which the student belongs to	Certificat <del>e</del> Uploaded	Eligible

# 2. List of students ineligible for GSSY scholarship:

SI. no.	Application no.	Aadhaar no.	Student Name	Gender	Institute Name	Course	Category to which the student belongs to	Ineligible

Place-Date-

Signature of Collector & District Magistrate (With official Seal)

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#### GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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No. HE-SLR-MISC-0008-2023 52682

/HE, Dated 01-12-2023

From:

Smt. Prativa Sahu, OAS (S),

Joint Secretary to Government.

To:

All Departments of Government/

All Colleges/

All State Universities/

All Government Medical College & Hospital of Odisha/

All Private Medical College & Hospital of Odisha/

Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Chhend Colony, Rourkela, Odisha- 769015 /

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Centurion University, HIG-5, Phase-1, BDA Duplex, Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar-751020/

KIIT University, Bhubaneswar/

Siksha 'O' Anusandhan University, Bhubaneswar, Khandagiri Square, Bhubaneswar, Orissa/ Shree Jagannath Sanskrit University, Penthakata, Puri-752003/

Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha 768018/

NIT, Sector-1, Rourkela-769008/

IIT, Argul, Jatni Road, Kansapada, BBSR-752050/

IIIT Bhubaneswar, Gothapatana, Malipada, Bhubaneswar-751003/

AIIMS, Sijua, Patrapada, BBSR-751019/

NISER, At/Po. - Jatni, Khurda-752050/

IISER, GOVT. ITI Building, Eng. School Junction, Brahmpur-760010 /

Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Sanchar Marg, Dhenkanal-759001 /

IIM, Jyotivihar, Burla, Sambalpur-768019/

National Law University, Odisha, Naraj Road, Sector 13, Cuttack-753015/

Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management, Phase 5 Road, Dumduma, BBSR-751019/

Institute of Mathematics & Applications, Andharua, BBSR-751029 /

Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, Veer Surendra Sai Nagar, BBSR-751007/

Xavier University, Plot No.-12(A), Nijigada, Kurki, Harirajpur, Khordha-752050.

Sub:- Guidelines for award of scholarship under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Scheme.

The undersigned is directed to say that a copy of the Guidelines for selection of students for award of scholarships under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana" scheme under Higher Education Department is hereby circulated for general dissemination and necessary action.

The School & Mass Education Department / Skill Development & Technical Education Department / Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment Department / Fisheries & Animal Resources Department / Health & Family Welfare Department / ST & SC, M & OBC Welfare Department are requested to circulate the attached guidelines among the educational institutions coming under their administrative control.

All the Universities are requested to circulate the Guidelines among the educational institutions affiliated with them.

Yours faithfully,

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 526'83/HE Dated: 01.12:2023.

Copy along with the copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines' forwarded to the P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education / P.S. to Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Odisha, for information of the Hon'ble Minister and the Commissioner-cum-Secretary respectively.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. <u>52684</u>/HE Dated: 01122023.

Copy along with the copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to the Director of Higher Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar / General Manager(Admin), OCAC / All the Regional Directors of Education for information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 52685/HE Dated: 01 12-2023

Copy along with the soft copy of "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to the Program Manager, CSM Technology Pvt. Ltd., 6th Floor, OCAC Tower, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013 with a request to float the 'Guidelines' in the State Scholarship Portal.

They are requested to make necessary modification in the Odisha State Scholarship Joint Secretary to Government Portal as per the revised guidelines.

#### Memo. No. 52686/HE Dated: 0112.2023.

Copy along with the soft copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to all the Officers of Higher Education Department for information.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 52687/HE Dated: 01. 12:2023.

Copy along with the soft copy of the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education Department" Guidelines forwarded to the Administrative Officer, Odisha State AIDS control society, 2nd Floor, Oil Odisha Building, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751012 for information.

Joint Secretary to Governmen

# <u>Guidelines for Scholarship under Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra</u> <u>Protsahan Yojana - Higher Education</u>

#### PART-I

#### 1. Introduction

Scheduled to commence from the Academic Year 2023-24, the Government of Odisha hereby promulgates the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana - Higher Education", a consolidated framework designed to encapsulate erstwhile scholarship initiatives, namely the e-Medhabruti, Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti (VFMB), and the Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana (GSSY). This overarching mechanism aims to streamline the provision of scholarship awards and related administrative processes for enhanced efficacy.

#### 2. Objective

The cardinal objective of this unified scheme is to extend fiscal sponsorship to students of permanent resident of Odisha demonstrating scholastic aptitude, within the geographical jurisdiction of the state of Odisha and also outside state. The scheme envisages an upscaling the numeral count of scholarship beneficiaries as well as in the individual financial allocation, thereby bolstering the state's fundamental policy of propagating academic brilliance and democratizing educational accessibility.

#### 3. Modalities for Scheme Implementation

#### I. Unified Scholarship Application Platform

The Government has established a centralized digital interface, accessible via https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in, to serve as a one-stop portal for submission of applications from students meeting the eligibility criteria across various scholarship schemes.

#### **II. Disbursement Methodology**

Scholarship funds shall be appropriated to beneficiaries via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Funds will be electronically transmitted to the Aadhaar-linked Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible recipients.

#### III. Financial Transaction Mechanism

Resource allocation will be executed via the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). Scholarship amount shall be credited to Aadhaar-connected Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible students in an automated manner through this system. It is imperative that the Savings Bank Accounts of the prospective awardees remain active and operational for the successful online transfer of funds.

## 4. Categories of Scholarships covered under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana"

- A. e-Medhabruti Scholarship
- B. Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti
- C. Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana

# A. e-Medhabruti Scholarship

#### A.1. Introduction

The Government of Odisha in Higher Education Department have been awarding a merit-cum-means based scholarship each year under the scholarship named "e-medhabruti" out of State Budget to provide financial assistance to meritorious students of permanent resident of Odisha studying within the geographical jurisdiction of the state of Odisha and also outside state, whose annual parental income does not exceed 8.00 lakhs.

It is envisaged to provide the following types of scholarships as mentioned below under this revised scheme:-

SI. No.	Category of Merit based scholarship	No. of Scholarship per annum (Nos.)	Rate of Scholarship Per Year (Rupees)	Amount of Scholarship to be paid in total during the course (Rs.)	Remarks
1.	U.G. Merit	10,000	10,000/-	30,000/-	
2.	P.G. Merit	5,000	15,000/-	30,000/-	
3.	Tech. & Prof.	10,000	20,000/-	As per course	The number of Scholarships under a particular category/

Merit	·····	duration	course may be
IVICIT		Guiation	increased or
			decreased by the
			Government
			depending on the
			number of eligible
			students applied and
			validated in other
			categories in an
			academic year.
Total	25,000		

### A.2. Eligibility Criteria for e-medhabruti Scholarship

#### I. Residency Requirement

The applicant is mandated to possess permanent residency status within the geographical boundaries of the State of Odisha.

## **II. Family Income Parameters**

The aggregated annual income of the applicant's family, derived from all sources, must not exceed a sum of Rs.8.00 lakh.

# III. Academic Achievement Benchmark

For qualification under the various categories of merit-based scholarships, the applicant is required to have attained a minimum score of 55% in the relevant qualifying examinations.

Scholarship Type	Eligibility for e-Medhabruti		
U.G Merit	Must have passed +2 of CHSE, Odisha / Class - XII or equivalent exam with 55% or more marks from an institution recognized by CBSE / ICSE and pursuing regular Degree Course / +3 course in any of the recognized Colleges / Institutions / Universities.		
P.C. Monit	Must have passed +3 Degree or equivalent exam with 55% or more marks from a recognized Institute and pursuing regular PG course in one of the disciplines (where scholarship is offered) in any of the recognized Colleges / Institutions / Universities.		
Technical Professional Merit	Must have passed +2 of CHSE / Class - Xll or equivalent exam from an institution recognized by CBSE / ICSE ( for graduation and integrated courses) or +3 Degree / equivalent course (only for Master courses) with 55% or more marks and pursuing regular Technical & Professional courses in the Colleges / Institutions recognized by respective regulatory authorities.		

## **IV. Application Timing:**

Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria are permitted to submit their scholarship applications solely during the first year of their admission in the course. Nonetheless, if an exceptionally meritorious student, who was otherwise falls within the merit list of his/ her first year of admission, fails to apply during their first year of admission but subsequently submits an application in subsequent years, and there remains an unfulfilled quota from the initial year of admission, under such circumstances, the student's case may be reviewed and considered for the subsequent years only.

For instance, if a student enrolls in a +3 Arts program during the academic year 2022-23 but fails to apply for the Undergraduate Merit scholarship during their first year, his/her application may be entertained in the second year or any subsequent year, provided there are available vacancies for the respective academic year (first year's admission). It is important to note that the student will be eligible for prospective scholarship disbursements only, and any missed scholarships from previous years will not be retrospectively considered or compensated.

### A.3. Criteria for District and Block-Wise Scholarship Allocation and Merit-Based Selection under e-medhabruti Scholarship

#### I. Proportional Scholarship Distribution across Districts and Blocks

- The allocation targets for each category of merit-based scholarships will be apportioned among all Districts, commensurate with the student population data based on admissions within each District.
- Fifty percent of the designated district target will be fulfilled through a <u>district merit list</u>, assembled from authenticated data received from educational institutions. The merit list will be the list of eligible candidates of the districts in the order of their marks obtained as explained in point II below.
- The residual 50% of the district allocation will be sub-divided across the blocks within the District, predicated on student population data.
- Block-specific targets will be met based on a block merit list. The merit list will be the list of all eligible candidates of the block in the order of their marks obtained as explained in point II below.
- In the event of a deficit in eligible applicants within a block, the residual allocation will be redistributed among eligible students within that District.

• Left out scholarships numbers of a district will be first allocated to underprivileged districts. Any remaining undistributed scholarships will be considered for eligible students left out in the initial distribution.

#### **II. Methodology for Final Merit-Based Selection**

The final lists of selected students will be collated according to the aggregate percentage of marks obtained in their last qualifying examinations. This will be done for each merit category, District-wise and Block-wise. The selection process will be executed in descending order of academic merit until the allocated scholarship quota is reached. For instance, a student with a 92% score would precede a student with a 91% score, and so on.

## **III. Tie-Breaker** Criteria

In instances where multiple students have identical percentage scores and not all can be accommodated within the scholarship quota, preference will be accorded to those with lower family income ceilings.

## **IV. Conversion of Alternate Grading Systems**

For students assessed under the CBSE/ICSE grading framework utilizing Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), conversion to percentage will be executed by applying a multiplication factor of 9.5.

#### A.4. Duration and Scope of Scholarship

Eligible recipients applying in the first year of admission will be entitled to the scholarship for the complete duration of their respective courses (which will vary depending upon the year of application for Scholarship). For e.g. If the admission year of a +3 Arts student is 2022-23 but he/she has applied scholarship in the year 2023-24, then he/she is entitled to get the scholarship amount for  $2^{nd}$  year &  $3^{rd}$  year only.

## A.5.Categories of Eligible Courses under e-Medhabruti (Scholarship)

- U.G. Merit: Applicable to +3 Degree Courses such as B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. and specialized programs including BBA/BCA/BJMC with a course duration of 3 years.
- P.G. Merit: Covers Postgraduate courses in Arts, Science, and Commerce, as well as other non-professional courses. A representative list of such courses can be found in Appendix-I.

• Technical & Professional Merit: Encompasses Undergraduate and Postgraduate professional degree programs and integrated courses as detailed in the guidelines. These include B.E./B.Tech, MBBS, BDS, BHMS, BAMS, B.Pharm, B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Sc. (Agriculture), MBA, MCA, M.Tech, Integrated M.Sc., and others recognized by regulatory bodies like AICTE, MCI, DCI, CCIM, CCH, INC, UGC, etc. Additional details can be found in Appendix-II.

# A.6. Checklist of Essential Documentation for e-Medhabruti Scholarship Application

Applicants are required to upload the following documents in a readable format during the submission of their application under the scheme:

- 1. Residency Verification: An official residency certificate issued by a competent authority, specifically from the designated Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar. Alternatively, students whose parents are employed under the Odisha State Government may furnish residency confirmation from their respective employer.
- 2. Annual Income Verification: An authoritative annual income certificate for the current fiscal year, which must be issued by a Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar.
- 3. Academic Records: Transcripts or mark sheets pertinent to the qualifying examination, as delineated in the various eligibility categories for merit scholarships.
- 4. Bank Account Information: Details of the applicant's Aadhaar-linked bank account, preferably the first page of the bank passbook displaying the account number and IFSC code.
- 5. Educational Institution Identification: A valid college/institute ID card issued by the competent authority. If unavailable, a Letter of Undertaking duly authenticated by the concerned educational institution may suffice, provided it specifies the academic session, course name, course duration, and the student's roll or registration number.
- 6. Aadhaar Identification: A copy of the applicant's Aadhaar card.

## A.7. Conditions for Exclusion from e-Medhabruti Scholarship

The scholarship scheme set forth the following categories of students as ineligible for benefits:

- 1. Students enrolled in open universities or pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses.
- 2. Students already in receipt of scholarships under any other schemes administered by the State or Central Government.
- 3. Students enrolled in diploma courses are not eligible for Technical & Professional Merit Scholarships under e-Medhabruti.
- 4. Postgraduate (M.Phil and Ph.D.) students, as well as those pursuing B.Ed and M.Ed courses, are not entitled to e-Medhabruti scholarships under U.G., P.G., or Technical & Professional Merit categories.
- 5. Students admitted to educational institutions not recognized by the pertinent regulatory authorities such as AICTE, MCI, and UGC.
- 6. Students undertaking studies abroad.
- 7. Students who, upon completing one Technical/Professional course, embark on another course at the same level.
- 8. Students who fail to receive validation from their respective Principal or educational institution.

#### A.8. Renewal Procedures for the Scholarship

Once awarded, the e-Medhabruti scholarship will be automatically renewed on an annual basis for the duration of the course. The system will facilitate this renewal by transferring the scholarship information to the educational institution for validation of the student's continued enrolment in subsequent years. During this renewal process, students will be prompted for Aadhaar reverification via a One-Time Password (OTP) sent to their registered mobile number.

## B.Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scholarship Scheme

#### **B.1.** Introduction

The Government of Odisha has instituted the "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti" scholarship program with the objective of enhancing and preserving the Odia language. The scheme aims to encourage proficient students to undertake higher educational pursuits at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in the Odia language.

#### B.2. Key Features and Eligibility Criteria for the Scheme:

- I. Scholarship Amount: A one-time financial grant of Rs.20,000 shall be awarded to each qualifying student.
- **II. State Residency:** The applicant must be a permanent resident of the State of Odisha.
- **III. Eligibility Criteria for U.G. Level:** Students who have enrolled in +3 Arts with Odia as the Honours subject in Degree Colleges, Autonomous Colleges or Universities within Odisha or outside State, and have obtained a minimum of 60% marks in aggregate in the +2 Examination conducted by the CHSE, Odisha, are eligible to apply for this scholarship at the undergraduate level.

**Eligibility Criteria for P.G. Level:** Similarly, students who have gained admission to M.A. (Odia) courses in any of the Universities, Degree Colleges or Autonomous Colleges in Odisha or outside State after attaining a minimum of 60% marks in Odia Honours during their +3 Arts course, are also eligible for this scholarship at the postgraduate level.

**IV. Allocation of Scholarships:** The distribution of scholarships across U.G. and P.G. categories is delineated below:

Categories of Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti	No of Beneficiaries
Students studying UG with Odia Honours	1200
Students studying PG in Odia	300

V. Concurrent Scholarships: In supersession of all guidelines on scholarship of any Department, students receiving other scholarships may also apply for the Bhasabruti scholarship over and above any other scholarship scheme. **VI. Selection Criteria:** Selection will be based on academic performance in the qualifying examinations. For instance, students enrolled in +3 Arts with Odia as an Honours subject will be evaluated based on their cumulative marks obtained in the +2 examinations administered by CHSE, Odisha. Likewise, students enrolled in M.A. (Odia) will be assessed based on their Odia Honours marks in the final examinations of their +3 Arts course. A comprehensive merit list will be drawn for both categories and beneficiaries will be selected accordingly if the number of eligible candidates surpasses the targeted quota.

VII.Exclusion Criteria: Students pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses are ineligible for this scholarship.

# B.3. Required Documentation for the Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scholarship

Applicants will need to upload clear and legible copies of the following documents when applying for the scholarship:

- I. **Proof of Residency:** A residence certificate from a qualified official, such as the Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar, is required. If the student's parents are employed by the Odisha State Government, they may instead provide a residence verification document from their employer.
- II. Qualifying Exam Mark Sheets: Applicants should upload their academic transcripts or mark sheets relevant to the scholarship eligibility criteria.
- III. Bank Account Details: Information for an Aadhaar-linked savings bank account is needed. This includes the first page of the bank passbook, which shows the account number and the bank's IFSC code.
- IV. College Identification: An official college ID card is required. In cases where this is not available, students can submit a Letter of Undertaking. This letter, properly validated by the college authorities, should detail the academic year, name of the course, duration of the course and the student's roll number or registration number.
  - V. Course Confirmation for U.G. Level: For undergraduate applicants, additional documentation confirming enrolment in +3 Arts with Odia Honours must be attached.

# C.GOPABANDHU SIKHYA SAHAYATA YOJANA

#### C.1. Program Aim:

The central aim of this program is to extend annual financial aid to students hailing from under-priviledged, economically disadvantaged and marginalized families, facilitating their pursuit of undergraduate and postgraduate courses within Odisha. The scheme seeks to supplement other existing scholarships, improving access to higher education and fostering social and economic upliftment.

#### C.2. Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. To apply for this financial aid program, the student must fall under one of the following categories:
  - a. Families impacted by HIV/AIDS.
  - b. Homeless households' family.
  - c. Begging or destitute families.
  - d. Manual scavenger families.
  - e. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.
  - f. Legally emancipated bonded labourers' family.
  - g. Families led by a single mother, be it through widowhood, divorce, or being unmarried.
  - h. Specially Cared Child (Orphan children without any biological or adoptive or legal parents)
  - i. Student belonging to Transgender community.
  - j. Girl student rescued from Child Marriage by W&CD Department and continues to stay in shelter home for rehabilitation or hostel.
- 2. Be a permanent resident of Odisha.
- 3. Be enrolled in either undergraduate, postgraduate courses or any other professional course offered by accredited institutions in Odisha.
- 4. Have a total household income less than Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum.

5. Students falling under category 'j' (girl student rescued from child marriage) will be eligible to receive support as long as she remains in the rehabilitation shelter or hostel for the major part of the academic year and till the academic year in which she either turns 21 years old or gets married, whichever comes first.

#### C.3. Covered Courses:

Financial aid is available for all undergraduate, postgraduate courses, technical and non-technical, professional and non-professional courses offered by government recognized institutions or institutions set up by the statute of the Union or State Government.

## C.4. Financial Aid Amount:

Annual financial support of Rs.20,000/- is available for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies until the course is completed. This scheme is also available to students who are receiving other scholarships.

## C.5. Application Procedure:

- 1. Eligible students must submit their applications through the Odisha State Scholarship Portal.
- 2. Submitted applications will be forwarded to the respective educational institution for validation.
- 3. The institution will then confirm the eligibility based on documentation and send the validated applications to the District Collectors.
- 4. A committee formed by the District Collector will finalize the eligible applicants and send the list after duly filling and signing certificate in the prescribed format by the District Collector, clearly mentioning whether the applicant is eligible under the scheme or not and to upload the same through online mode to the Higher Education Department for disbursal of funds to the students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. The prescribed format is at Appendix-IV.

The hard copy of the proceeding of the committee constituted by the concerned District Collector along with the list of students recommended for Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana Scholarship will also be sent to the Department.

#### C.6. Required Documentation:

- I. Residence certification from a competent authority i.e. from the concerned TahasiIdar / Addl.TahasiIdar.
- II. Current financial year income certificate issued by the competent authority, i.e. the Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar or Addl. Tahasildar.
- III. HIV/AIDS medical certificate, from the concerned Medical Officer regarding suffering from HIV/AIDS, if applicable.
- IV. Homelessness certificate, from the competent Revenue Authority that the person is homeless.
- V. Single mother status certificate, from District Social Welfare Officer, if applicable.
- VI. Destitute status certificate, from the local Sarpanch/ Urban Local Body authority, if applicable.
- VII. Manual scavenger status certificate, from the competent authority, if applicable.
- VIII. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group certificate, from the District Welfare Officer, if applicable.
  - 1X. Legally released bonded labourer certificate, from the District Welfare Officer/ District Labour Officer/ any competent authority, if applicable.
  - X. Specially Cared Child certificate (orphan), from District Child Protection Officer, if applicable.
- XI. Transgender Certificate issued from National Portal of Transgender persons.
- XII. Copy of student's bank passbook showing the relevant account information.
- XIII. Certificate from District Social Welfare Officer regarding girl student rescued from child marriage and her stay in rehabilitation home as part of her rehabilitation.
- XIV. Any document in support of age proof, like Adhaar, birth certificate, metric certificate etc.

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#### PART-II

#### **Responsibilities of Educational Institutions:**

- The Head of Institution / Principal has to constitute a Scholarship Cell and declare one senior faculty as the Nodal Officer of the Scholarship Cell.
- The Nodal Officer has to formulate plan and programme for better awareness of the students about the scholarships granted by Government of Odisha through the State Scholarship Portal.
- The Nodal Officer has to constitute a committee of three members.
- The Committee has to :
  - i. Download the list of students applied for scholarship (scheme wise), available in the report site of the portal.
  - ii. Scrutinize the applications received in the institute log in under different scheme basing on the eligibility criteria.
  - iii. The Committee has to ensure the genuineness of the student, i.e. he/she is studying in the College/Institution for the particular year.
  - iv. The Committee has to ensure that no student pursuing any Self-Financing Course in General U.G. / P.G. Merit.
  - v. Check correctness of data regarding parental income, marks secured, bank Account details, College ID card and residence.
  - vi. If any error is found, the Principal/Head of Institution will rectify/revert the applications to students for rectification and resubmission within seven days for consideration.
  - vii. Prepare the eligible/Ineligible list in the prescribed format (to be downloaded from the portal). Format has been detailed in Appendix III.
- viii. Sign the report and countersign the same by Head of Institution / Principal & upload the report in the portal.
- If all data are correct, the Head of Institution / Principal will authenticate the record of the student to be considered for scholarship by the Department.

• Merit or selection list for particular category of merit will be drawn only from the records authenticated by the Principal/Head of institutions within the timeline given for the purpose.

# Role of District Collectors: (Applicable only for GSSY scholarship)

• District Collectors will confirm eligible candidates for this scheme through a dedicated committee.

# **Role of Higher Education Department:**

- Advertise the program and invite applications.
- Prepare a merit list based on validated applications.
- Disburse financial aid through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

# **Role of OCAC and Service Providers:**

- Provide a smooth online application process.
- Offer technical support to all stakeholders.
- Online uploading of guidelines, instructions, letters and round-wise selection list (one time residual) which have been processed for payment.

# **Application Steps:**

- Follow the online application process at https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in/.
- Use a valid Aadhaar number for registration.
- Complete the application with accurate information.
- Download and print the completed application form for future reference.

# **General Limitations:**

- Scholarships will be distributed on a district/block level.
- Incorrect information will lead to application rejection.

# **Disbursement Method:**

• Funds will be transferred directly to students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts, following confirmation by the concerned educational institutions.

# Miscellaneous:

• For queries, contact the scholarship section at 0674-2396550 or email <u>scholarshiphedgov@gmail.com</u>.

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# <u>APPENDIX – I</u> POST GRADUATE COURSES (P.G. MERIT)

Master of Arts (M.A.) Subject (Honours)	Master of Science (M.Sc.) Subject (Honours)	Master of Commerce (M.Com.) Subject (Honours)
Ancient History & Archaeology	Botany	Commerce
Economics	Chemistry	
English	Economics	
Geography	Geography	
Hindi	Information Technology	
History	Mathematics	
Home Science	Physics	
Linguistic	Statistics	
Odia	Zoology	
Philosophy	Applied Mathematics	
Political Science	Applied Physics	
Population Studies	Applied Physics & Ballistics	
Public Administration	Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	
Statistics	Biodiversity Natural resources	
Tourism Administration	Earth Science	
Urdu	Electronics	
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···	Geography	
······,	Life Science	
	Material Science	
	Science & Technology	

# **APPENDIX II**

### LIST OF SUBJECTS COVERED UNDER TECHNICAL/ PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY UG COURSES

NAME OF THE DEGREE COURSE	NAME OF THE SUBJECT	DURATION OF
	Aeronautical Engineering	
	Aerospace Engineering	
	Agriculture Engineering	
	Aircraft Maintenance Engineering	
	Applied Electronics & Automobile Engineering	
	Biomedical Engineering	
	Biotechnology	
	Ceramic Engineering	
	Civil & Environmental Engineering	
	Civil Engineering	
	Computer Science & Engineering	
	Computer Science & IT	
	Computer Science & Systems Engineering	
	Dairy Technology	
	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	
	Electrical Engineering	
	Electronics & Communications Engineering	
BACHELOR OF	Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering	
TECHNOLOGY	GY Electronics & Telecommunications Engineering	
	Fashion Design	4 Years
BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING	Fashion Technology	
ENGINEERING	Food Engineering & Technology	
	Food Process Engineering	
	Industrial Design	
	Information Technology	
	Instrumentation Engineering	
	Interior Design	
	Manufacturing Engineering & Technology	
	Marine Engineering	i .
	Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering	
	Mechanical Engineering	
	Metallurgical & Material Engineering	
	Metallurgical Engineering	
	Mineral Engineering	
	Mining Engineering	
	Petrochemical & Petroleum Refinery	
	Plastic Engineering	
	Production Engineering	
	Textile Engineering	

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PHARMACY)			
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ANIMAL	Veterinary Science	5	Years
HUSBANDRY			
B.Sc. FORESTRY			· · · · · ·
	Forestry	4	Years
	Fishery Science	4	Years
FISHERY			

SCIENCE		
B.O.T (BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL	Occupational Therapy	4 Years & 6 Months
THERAPY)		WORLDS
B.P.O (BACHELOR IN PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS)	Prosthetics & Orthotics	4 Years & 6 Months
B.Sc. AGRICULTURE	Agriculture Science	4 Years
B.Sc. HORTICULTURE	Horticulture	4 Years
B.Sc. COMMUNITY SCIENCE	Community Science	4 Years
BACHELOR OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT	Hotel management	4 Years
BACHELOR OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT	Tourism & Hotel Management	4 Years
	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Technology	3 years
	Bachelor of Medical Radiation Technology (BMRT)	3 years
	Bachelor of Operation Theatre Technology (BOTT)	3 years
	Bachelor of Emergency Medicine Technology (BEMT)	3 years
	B.Sc. in Food Science and Nutrition	3 years
	B.Sc. in Food Technology	<u>3 years</u>
B.Sc. TECHNICAL/	B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel Administration	3 years
PROFESSIONAL	Bachelor of Anaesthesia and OT	3 years
	Radiology and Imagining Technology	<u>3 years</u>
	Bachelor of Clinical Microbiology Bachelor of Painting, Sculpture, Applied Art,	3 years
	Graphic Art, Fine Art, Visual Art	4 years
	Bachelor of Interior Design	3 years
	Bachelor of LLB	3 years
	Bachelor of Graphics Design	4 years
	Bachelor of Optometry	4 years
	Bachelor of Public Health (BPH)	4 years
INTEGRATED B.	B.Sc. B.Ed.	4 years
Ed	B.A. B.Ed.	4 years

# LIST OF SUBJECTS COVERED UNDER TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

PG CC	DURSES	
NAME OF THE DEGREE COURSE	NAME OF THE SUBJECT	DURATION OF THE COURSE
Master In Social Work (MSW)	Social Work	2 years
Master In Computer Application(MCA)	Computer Application	2 years
Master In Business Administration(MBA)	Business Administration	2 years
M.Sc. AGRICULTURE	Agriculture	2 Years
M.Sc. HORTICULTURE	Horticulture	2 years
Master In Financial Control (MFC)	Financial Control	2 years
Integrated MBA	Business Administration	5 years
Integrated MCA	Computer Application	5 years
Integrated LAW	B.A. LLB.	5 years
Homeopathy	PG (Homeopathy)	3 years
Integrated M. Com	Commerce	5 years
Integrated M.A.	Political science	
	English	5 years
-	Social Management	
	Physics	1
	Mathematics	
	Life Science	
	Chemistry	
	M.Sc.	
	Bio-Technology	
	Material Science &	
Integrated M.Sc.	Engineering	5 years
	Polymer Science	
	Applied Physics	
	Mathematics &	:
	Computing Bioinformatics	-
	ETC	
	Geology	
Master in Visual Arts	Visual Arts	2 years
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)	Occupational Therapy	2 years 2 years
M. Pharma	Pharmacy	2 years
Master of Physical Therapy (MPT)	Physiotherapy	2 years

Master of Prosthetics and Orthotics	Prosthetics and Orthotics	2 4 9 9 9
	Trosticies and Orthotics	2 years
Master in Public Health (MPH)	Public Health	2 years
Master in Tourism and Travel Management	Tourism/Travel Management	2 years
Law (LLM)	Law	2 years
Master in Journalism & Mass Communication(M.J.M.C)	Journalism & Mass Communication	2 years
B. Tech. and M. Tech. Dual Degree	Civil Engineering Chemical Engineering Ceramic Engineering Computer Science and Engineering Electronics and Communication Engineering Electrical Engineering Mechanical Engineering Metallurgical and MaterialsEngineering Mining Engineering	5 years
M. Tech.	Agriculture EngineeringApplied Electronics & InstrumentationArchitecture (AR)Automation & RoboticsAutomobile EngineeringBio-Medical EngineeringBio-TechnologyCeramic EngineeringChemical EngineeringCivil EngineeringCivil EngineeringComputer Science & EngineeringComputer Science & Information SecurityDesign & Dynamics	2 years

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	Energy System	
	Engineering	
	Environmental	:
	Engineering	:
	Food Science	
	Technology	
	Food Technology	
M. Tech.	Geo Technical	2 years
	Geospatial Technology	
	Industrial Engineering &	
	Management	
	Information Technology	
	Instrumentation & Control	
	Engineering	
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	Manufacturing	
	Engineering	
	Mechanical Engineering	
	Metallurgical Engineering	
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	VLSI Design & embedded	
	System	
	Polymer Nanotechnology	
	Power Electronics and	
	Drives	
	Power System	
	Engineering	
	Power & Energy System	
	Engineering	

	Signal Processing	
	Thermal Engineering	
	Thermal Fluid	
	Engineering	
	Water Resources	
	Engineering	
M. Tech.	Soil Mechanics &	
	Foundation Engineering	2 years
	CAD/CAM	i
	Nano Technology	
	Structural Engineering	
	Mechatronics	
	Mechanical System	
	Design	
	Mechanical System	
	Design & Dynamics	
	Power System and Power	!
	Electronics	

# APPENDIX III

# Format in which Student wise Details of Scholarship applications are to be uploaded by the Institution Authorities in the State Scholarship portal

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## UNDERTAKING

t is hereby certified by all the Committee members that all information provided in this report is true and correct and is being provided after thorough scrutinization of the online scholarship applications of State Scholarship Portal.

It is also understood that if any eligible student gets debarred from scholarship or any ineligible student gets recommended for Scholarship, in either of the cases, the committee members will be held responsible.

Date: Place:

# Signature of the Committee Members

- 1. Name of the Nodal officer: Contact No. :
- 2. Name of the Member of the: Committee (1) Contact No. :
- 3. Name of the Member of the: Committee (2) Contact No. :

# Countersignature with Seal of the Principal/Head of the institution

Name of the Principal/Head of the institution: Contact no. :

### APPENDIX IV

Collector/ District Magistrate Declaration Certificate for GSSY scholarship This is to certify that the information & documents submitted by the applicants and forwarded by the Institutions are scrutinized at this level. On scrutiny, the students found eligible and not eligible are mentioned in the following table:

1. List of students eligible for GSSY scholarship:

SI. no.	Application no.	Aadhaar no.	Student Name	Gender	Institute Name	Category to which the student belongs to	Certificat <del>e</del> Uploaded	Eligible

# 2. List of students ineligible for GSSY scholarship:

SI. no.	Application no.	Aadhaar no.	Student Name	Gender	Institute Name	Course	Category to which the student belongs to	Ineligible

Place-Date-

Signature of Collector & District Magistrate (With official Seal)

#### SCHEME OF

### SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

## (Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023)



# DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** 

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### CENTRAL SECTOR UMBRELLA SCHEME

### "SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES"

S1. No.	TOPICS	Page No.					
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3	Broad Features of Scholarship Schemes	5-6					
4	4 Pre-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities						
5	5 Post-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities						
6	6 Top Class Education Scholarship for Students with Disabilities						
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# SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

# 1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

**1.1.** Education plays a pivotal role in socio-economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Recognizing its crucial role, the Directive Principles of State Policy in the Constitution of India and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 have underlined the role of the State in realization of the Right to Education for Persons with Disabilities. Article 41 of Part IV (Directive Principles of State Policy) of the Constitution provides that the State shall make effective provisions for securing the right to work, to education and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement, and in other cases of undeserved want.

**1.2.** Article 46 of Part IV (Directive Principles of State Policy) of the Constitution enjoins upon the State to promote the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people. Article 38(2) of the same Part also enjoins upon the State to minimize inequalities in income and to endeavor 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.

**1.3.** Section 31 (I) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD) states that "Notwithstanding anything contained in the Rights of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, every child with benchmark disability between the age of six to eighteen years shall have the right to free education in a neighborhood school, or in a special school, of his choice".

**1.4.** Further, Section 32 (2) of the RPwD Act states that the appropriate Government and local authorities shall ensure that every child with benchmark disability has access to free education in an appropriate environment till he attains the age of eighteen years.

**1.5.** To fulfill these mandates, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India is implementing "Scheme of Scholarships for Students with Disabilities" with following six components:

- i. Pre-matric Scholarship (For Classes IX and X)
- ii. Post-matric Scholarship (For Class XI to Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma)
- iii. Top Class Education (For Graduate and Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education)
- iv. National Overseas Scholarship (For Master's Degree/Ph.D. in Institutions/Colleges/Universities abroad)
- v. National Fellowship (For M. Phil and Ph.D. in Indian Universities)
- vi. Free Coaching (For recruitment examinations for Group A, B and C posts and entrance examinations for admission to various technical and professional courses).

# The guidelines in respect of first five components of the Umbrella Scheme as mentioned above are delineated as under and the guidelines in respect of Free Coaching component will be brought out separately.

## 2. <u>GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY</u>

i. The scholarships are open only to Indian nationals.

ii. All the components of scholarships are open to students with benchmark disability i.e. 40% or more disability as defined in 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and having a valid certificate of disability issued by the competent authority as prescribed under Rules.

iii. Not more than two children with disabilities of the same parents will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme. In case the second child is a twin, the scholarship under the schemes will be admissible to the twin.

iv. 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 a subsequent) year.

v. A scholarship holder under this scheme will not avail any other scholarship/stipend. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts any other scholarship/stipend.

3.	<b>BROAD FEATURES</b>	<b>OF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES</b>	

Sr. No.	Scheme	Admissible for Classes/Courses	Slots *	Parental Income (per annum) Ceiling	Reservation of slots for female candidates **
1	Pre-Matric	IX and X	25,000 (including renewal cases)	Rs. 2.5 lakh	50%
2		XI, XII, Post- matriculation Diploma/ Certificates, Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in India, Master's Degree/ Diploma from any University recognized by UGC/AICTE.	renewal cases)	Rs. 2.5 lakh	50%
3	Education	Diploma in institutes notified by DEPwD	(including renewal cases)	Rs. 8 lakh	50%
4	Overseas	Master Degree and PhD in foreign universities/ institutes		Rs. 8 lakh	30%
5		M. Phil. / PhD in Indian universities	200+ ongoing cases	No income ceiling	-

\* Slots for Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Top Class schemes include fresh as well as renewal cases. Fresh cases will be considered only against the left over slots after processing all the renewal cases. Thus, mere fulfilling the

# eligibility criteria will not entitle grant of scholarship due to fixed number of slots in a year.

**\*\*** In case adequate number of female candidates are not available or not found eligible as per the terms and conditions of the scheme, the unutilized slots will be utilized by selecting suitable male candidates.

**NOTE 1**: Post-matric scholarships are not awarded for training courses like Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Courses and Private Pilot license Courses, Courses at Training at Ship Dufferin (Now Rajendra), Courses of training at the Military College, Dehradun, courses at Pre-examination Training Centres of all India and State levels.

**NOTE 2**: Income declaration of self-employed parents/guardian should be in the form of a certificate issued by Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tehsildar. Employed parents/guardians should obtain consolidated certificate from Revenue Officer for any other additional source of income.

# 3.1 REQUIREMENT OF AADHAAR AND UNIQUE DISABILITY IDENTITY CARD (UDID)

(i) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) has notified Aadhaar as an identity document under section 7 of Aadhaar Act, 2016 for all Scholarship Schemes vide Gazette Notification No. 4-2(32)/2016/DD-I dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017. **Applicants may have to undergo Aadhaar based biometric authentication to avail the Scholarship**.

(ii) UDID/UDID enrolment shall be mandatory for availing the benefits of the Scholarship scheme.

### 4. PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITES

## **4.1 ELIGIBILITY CONDITION:**

The candidate should be a regular, full time student studying in classes IX or X in a Government school or in a school recognized by the Govt. or by a Central/State Board of Secondary Education.

## 4.2 SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

Pre-matric scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:

- i. Maintenance allowance
- ii. Book grant
- iii. Disability Allowance

### 4.3 Rates of scholarship:

#### Amount in Rs.

Items	Day Scholar	Hosteller			
Maintenance allowance (Per month)	500	800			
Book Grant (per annum)	1000	1000			
Disability Allowance (per annum)					
Visually Impairment or Intellectual Disabilities	4000	4000			
All other types of disabilities	2000	2000			

### 5. <u>POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT WITH BENCHMARK</u> <u>DISABILITIES:</u>

### a. Eligibility conditions:

Post- Matric Scholarship will be given for study of all recognized postmatriculation or post-secondary courses (upto Master degree level) pursued in recognized institutions/Universities with the following exceptions:

i. Candidates who after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in different subject (e.g. B.Com. after B.A. in other subject) will not be eligible. However, students pursuing L.L.B/B.Ed/B.El.Ed. after passing B.A./B.Sc./B.E. etc. are eligible for Post-Matric Scholarship under this scheme.

- ii. Students who are pursuing two different courses of study simultaneously can avail the scholarship for any one course only provided pursuance of such courses are permissible under the rules/regulations of the Educational Authority concerned.
- Students who after failing or passing the under graduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognized professional or Technical Certificate/Diploma/Degree courses will be awarded scholarship, if otherwise eligible.
- iv. Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distance and continuing education.
- v. Employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/guardian does not exceed the maximum prescribed income ceiling are eligible for Post-Matric scholarship to the extent of reimbursement of all compulsorily payable non-refundable fees.

# b. SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

The amount of Post-Matric scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:-

i.Maintenance allowance

ii.Disability allowance

iii.Reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees

iv.Book allowance

## c. MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE:

(Amount in Rs.)

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group I All Bachelor's/Post-Graduate Degree courses in Medicine, Engineering/Technology, Planning/ Architecture, Fashion Technology, Management, Business/ Finance Administration, Computer Science/ Applications, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Sciences. All Post-Graduate Degree/Diploma courses	1600	750
recognized by UGC/AICTE in any discipline		

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
<b>Group II</b> Professional courses leading to Degree/ Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B. Pharma), LLB, BFS, other para-medical branches like Rehabilitation, Diagnostics, etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality, Interior Decoration, Nutrition & Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g., Banking, Insurance, Taxation, etc.)	1100	700
<b>Group III</b> All other courses leading to a Graduate degree not covered under Group I & II, e.g. ,BA/B.Sc/B.Com, etc.	950	650
<b>Group IV</b> All Post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. Senior Secondary Certificate (Classes XI and XII), both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3-year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.	900	550

**Note**: The list of courses grouped (I to IV) is only illustrative and not exhaustive. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are, thus, themselves competent to decide the appropriate grouping of courses at their level.

### d. DISABILITY ALLOWANCES:

Rates of Disability allowance admissible for different types of disabilities shall be payable as under:

		(Amount in Rs.)
S1.	Type of Disability	Disability Allowance
No.		(per annum)
1.	Visual Impairment or Intellectual Disabilities	4000
2.	All other types of disabilities	2000

### e. REIMBURSEMENT OF COMPULSORY NON-REFUNDABLE FEES

Students are paid enrolment/registration fees, tuition fees, games fee, union fee, library fees, magazine fees, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the Institution or University/Board. The maximum fee ceiling for reimbursement of 'Compulsory Non-refundable Fees' for Post-Matric scholarship is Rs.1.50 lakh per annum. Refundable deposits like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

- **NOTE:** Compulsory non-refundable fee charged by recognized institutions against free and paid seats of recognized courses can be fully reimbursed as per the fee structure approved by the competent State/Central Government authority upto maximum ceiling of Rs.1.50 lakh per annum.
- **f. Book Allowance**: Rs. 1500 per annum.

# 6. TOP CLASS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES

## 6.1. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

This is admissible only for pursuing Graduate and Post graduate Degree/Diploma courses in Institutes of Excellence in Education as notified by the Department. The list of such Premier Institutions covered under the Scheme is at **Annexure- I.** Any addition or deletion to this list shall be notified by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, as and when required. Scholarship under this scheme shall not be admissible for pursuing distance-learning/part-time/week-end courses under any stream. Further, the award under this component cannot be considered for second or subsequent times as the individual can be awarded only once.

S1. No.	<b>Components of Scholarship</b>	Financial Assistances
b)		Rs.3,000/- per month for hostellers, Rs. 1,500/- per month for day-scholars

S1. No.	<b>Components of Scholarship</b>	Financial Assistances
c)	Special Allowances (related to types of disabilities like reader allowance, escort allowance, helper allowance etc.)	Rs. 2,000/- per month
d)	Books & Stationery	Rs. 5,000/- per annum.
e)	Reimbursement of expenses for purchase of a computer/ laptop with accessories.	-
f)	Reimbursement of expenses for purchase of Aids and Assistive devices relating to the particular disability of the selected candidates.	Rs. 30,000/- as a one time grant in the first year of the

### 7. <u>PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION AND SELECTION for PRE MATRIC, POST</u> <u>MATRIC AND TOP CLASS SCHOLARSHIP</u>

- a. Applications will be called for through National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in).
- b. The applicants should submit their application through the on-line system within the last date prescribed for receipt of applications. All requisite documents like photograph, proof of age, disability certificate, income certificate of the parent, tuition fees receipt, last academic qualification certificate, etc. duly filled in the prescribed format are required to be uploaded in the on-line system.
- c. The institutions in which the candidate is studying shall also register themselves on the portal and verify the details provided by the candidates. The nodal officer nominated by the State shall oversee all the applications and process the same on behalf of the State Government who shall also

digitally sign the final list in Public Finance Management System (PFMS) for disbursal of scholarship amount to the beneficiaries.

- d. In case, a candidate is a permanent resident of one State but studying in another State, his/her application should be recommended by the Education/Welfare Department of the State of which he is a permanent resident.
- e. Based on the online verification by the concerned Department/Nodal officer of the State Government and considering the number of eligible applications received State wise and the percentage of State wise population of persons with disabilities, available slots will be distributed state wise for each of the scholarship to ensure that the benefit of the Scheme is available throughout the country. Number of eligible applications received State wise will be converted in percentage terms in relation to the total number of eligible applications and thereafter State wise slot will be decided based on average percentage of State wise population of persons with disabilities and State wise percentage of eligible applications.
- f. Merit Criteria for Selection will be Percentage of disability as indicated in the disability certificate,

For Specific Learning Disability, specific percentage of disability is not indicated in the disability certificate and it is indicated as 40% or above. For the purpose of Merit criteria for selection, disability percentage in all eligible cases of Specific Learning Disability will be taken as 40%.

- g. In case of tie, the age will be considered, i.e., the older candidate will get preference.
- h. Keeping in view the above merit criteria, final selection will be done through National Scholarship Portal as per slot distributed state wise.

## 8. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD

(i) The award once made will be effective from the stage at which it is given to the completion of the course subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed from year to year provided that, within the total duration of the course which is continuous for a number of years, the scholar secures promotion to the next higher class irrespective of the fact whether such examinations are conducted by a University or the Institution.

(ii) If a student with benchmark disabilities pursuing Group I courses in case of Post-Matric scholarship fails in the examination for the first time, the award may be renewed. For second and subsequent failure in any class, the student shall bear his/her own expenses until he/she secures promotion to the next higher class.

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

(iv) If according to the Regulations of a University/Institution, a student is promoted to the next higher class even though he/she may not have actually passed in lower class and is required to take examination of the junior class again after sometime, he/she will be entitled to scholarship for the class to which he/she is promoted if the student is otherwise eligible for scholarship.

# 9. OTHER CONDITIONS

(i) 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 Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Government of India. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.

(ii) A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the scholar changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship was originally awarded.

(iii) A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount at the discretion of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued by him/her.

(iv) Maintenance allowance is payable from 1<sup>st</sup> April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year (including maintenance allowance during holidays), provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20<sup>th</sup> day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.

(v) In case of renewal of scholarship awarded in the previous years, maintenance allowance will be paid from the month following the month up to which scholarship was paid in the previous year, if the course of study is continuous.

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

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

# 10. MODE OF DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The above three components of the Scholarship Scheme viz. Pre Matric, Post Matric and Top Class Education shall be implemented through the National Scholarship Portal and the amount will be directly credited into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries **linked with Aadhar** through DBT mode.

# 11. MONITORING

(i) Monitoring of the scheme will be done by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through the National Scholarship Portal.

(ii) The State Government shall ensure that lists of beneficiaries, with necessary particulars, are maintained district-wise, and category-wise.

(iii) In order to ensure proper accountability, physical verification at various levels viz. Blocks/District/State levels shall, as per the scheme design, be done covering at least 10% of the units, chosen randomly through an algorithm.

# 12. <u>NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK</u> <u>DISABILITIES (NFPwD)</u>

## 12.1. OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the scheme is to provide fellowships in the form of financial assistance to Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) to pursue higher studies leading to M.Phil/Ph.D in Science, Humanities or Social Science, in Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC).

# **12.2.** Institutions/Universities covered:

The scheme covers:

- a) All universities/institutions recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC);
- b) Central/State Universities (including constituent and affiliated institutions) included under Section 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956 and having valid accreditation from NAAC.
- c) Deemed Universities under Section 3 of UGC Act i.e. Institution for higher education notified by Central Government to be deemed University, in consultation with the UGC and having valid accreditation from NAAC.
- d) Institution fully funded by State/Central Government and empowered to award degrees.
- e) Institutions of National Importance as notified by Ministry of Education.

# **12.3 Number of Fellowships:**

The scheme provides for award of fellowships to 200 Fellows each year. Out of the total 200 slots available for the Students with Disabilities, 75% scholars (i.e. 150) will be selected based on National Eligibility Test-Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) of UGC and remaining 25% scholars (i.e. 50) will be selected based on UGC-Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (UGC-CSIR) NET-JRF joint test. However, the slot is transferable between UGC-NET and CSIR-NET to the extent of the total no. of slot, in case sufficient no. of eligible scholars is not available in one category.

## **12.4. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND DURATION:**

- i. Fellowship is open to students with benchmark disability (i.e 40% or more disability) as defined in 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and having a valid certificate of disability as prescribed under rules issued by the competent authority.
- ii. Fellowship holder under this scheme will not avail any other scholarship/stipend. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts any other scholarship/stipend.
- Fellowships shall be awarded to candidates for pursuing regular and full time M. Phil./Ph. D courses in Universities/Research Institutions as referred to above in para 12.2.

- iv. A scholar is eligible to receive only one fellowship at a time. The scholar is required to declare that he/she will not accept/receive any other monetary benefit/scholarship/fellowship from other sources. In other words, a scholar who is awarded fellowship under this scheme shall not accept any other fellowship/scholarship or hold any appointment, paid or otherwise, or receive any emoluments, salary, stipend etc. from any other source during the tenure of the award (except in case of 'academic leave' of one year). If a scholar is already in receipt of any scholarship/fellowship, he/she will have to relinquish either the previous scholarship/fellowship/any other monetary benefit or to forgo the selection under this scheme.
- v. A scholar who does not complete his/her research work during the period of fellowship shall not be eligible to apply again under this scheme. Similarly, a scholar who has completely or partially availed any of this fellowship for Ph.D. earlier shall also not be eligible for fellowship again under this scheme.
- vi. After two years of joining the fellowship on the pattern of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), if the progress in the research work of the fellow is found satisfactory, his/her tenure will be extended for a further period of three years on the pattern of Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) as per UGC Fellowship Guidelines issued from to time.
- vii. The fellowship shall be paid from 1<sup>st</sup> April of the year for which candidate is selected or from the date of Registration under M. Phil/Ph. D. or from the date of joining M. Phil/Ph. D programme, whichever is later.
- viii. In case of integrated M. Phil & Ph.D. or Ph.D., the maximum tenure is 5 years. For doing M.Phil., fellowship shall be granted for two years or upto the date of submission of M.Phil. Dissertation, whichever is earlier.
- ix. The maximum allowed gap period for continuation from M.Phil. to Ph.D. under this scheme shall be 2 years (from the date of declaration of result of M.Phil. to date of admission to Ph.D.). However, the total tenure of fellowship shall remain five years excluding the gap period. No fellowship shall be paid during the gap period.
- x. The fellowship shall be granted up to the date of submission of Ph.D. thesis or five years of tenure, whichever is earlier. No extension is permissible beyond the total period of five years of fellowship.

- xi. Employees of any University/ College/ Educational Institution/ Central/ State/ UT Government shall be excluded from availing Fellowship, even if they are on Study Leave or Extra Ordinary Leave to pursue the M. Phil./ Ph. D. course.
- xii. No fellow will not be considered for the award for second or subsequent times as the individual can be awarded the fellowship only once in a lifetime.

### 12.5 RATE OF FELLOWSHIP

The rates of fellowship will be at par with the UGC Fellowships. Presently these rates are as follow:

1	Fellowship (For All Subjects)	@ Rs. 31,000/- per month on the
		pattern/norm of JRF for in2 years.
		@ Rs. 35,000/- per month on the
		pattern/norm of SRF for subsequent
		period of maximum 3 years.
2	Contingency (For	@ Rs. 10,000/- p.a. for initial two years.
	Humanities, Social Sciences	@ Rs. 20,500/- p.a. for remaining
	and Commerce) (including	tenure.
	Arts/Fine Arts)	
3	Contingency for Science,	@ Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two years
	Engineering & Technology	a Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for remaining
		tenure.
4	Escort/Reader assistance	@ Rs. 2,000/- per month.
	(as per verification of the	
	respective Nodal Officer of	
	the University/Institute)	
5	House Rent Allowances	@ 9%, 18% and 27% to those students
	(HRA)	who are not provided with hostel
		accommodation, in accordance with
		Govt. of India norms as applicable in
		the research fellows are working.

### Note:

(i) Regarding HRA:

- a. In case, hostel accommodation is provided to the scholars by their institutions, the scholar is eligible to draw only the hostel fee excluding mess, electricity, water charges etc.
- b. In case hostel accommodation offered by the university/institution is refused by the candidate, he/she will forfeit his/her claim of HRA.
- c. In case of non-availability of hostel accommodation, the scholar may be provided with single accommodation by the host institution. In such cases, the rent paid by the scholar on actual basis shall be reimbursed, subject to the ceiling of HRA as per Govt. of India norms.
- d. If the scholar makes his/her own arrangements of accommodation, he/she shall be entitled to draw HRA as per ceiling and categorization of cities by the Government of India.
- e. In case the scholar wishes to draw HRA, he/she is required to claim HRA on monthly basis by submitting monthly confirmation Certificate in the prescribed format, to his/her institution.
- (ii) Other facilities such as medical facilities, leave including maternity leave will be governed as per the guidelines of UGC in case of their fellowship programme.

### **12.6 PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION:**

- i. The selection for the award of fellowship to students will be made on the basis of scores/merit obtained in UGC National Eligibility Test (UGC- NET) and UGC Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (UGC- CSIR) tests conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA). The merit list will be prepared by NTA on all India basis from amongst the eligible candidates belonging to the category of 'benchmark disability' who apply for both- JRF and NET, but qualify for NET only.
- ii. The qualified candidates under NFPwD, who have not secured admission at the time of application for Fellowship under the Scheme are required to take admission for regular and full time M. Phil./Ph. D. in a recognized research institution at the first available opportunity **but not later than three years from the date of award of fellowship**.
- iii. Genuineness of the PwD Certificate furnished by the candidate shall be verified by the concerned University/ Institution before allowing the fellow to avail fellowship under the scheme. After the documents of NFPwD awardees are verified by Nodal Officers of universities/

institutions, the same will be sent to the Department for final approval.

- iv. The decision of the Department with regard to awarding the Fellowship shall be final and no appeal would lie against any decision of the Department in regard thereof.
- v. The result shall be published on Department's website and Award letters will be issued to selected candidates.

## 12.7. Disbursement of Fellowship

- i. Confirmation for joining and continuation of the fellowship shall be given by the respective University/Institution. Based on this certification, the research scholars would be released fellowship every month. The Nodal Officer of the concerned University/ College/ Institution will, however, be responsible for updating on the Scholarship and Fellowship Management Portal in case any research scholar discontinues the course, or is/has been on inadmissible leave and thus not entitled for the fellowship during that period.
- ii. Payment files of the candidates will be digitally signed by the authorized signatory of the Department on PFMS and fellowship amount will be transferred to the respective bank accounts of the scholars through DBT mode.
- iii. In the event of discontinuation of the course or in case of inadmissible leave rendering him/her not entitled to the fellowship, the candidate will be responsible for intimating such position and he/she will be liable to refund the amount of over-payment, if any, of fellowship paid to him/her for the period beyond the date of such discontinuation, or for such period of inadmissible leave.
- iv. Payment of fellowship and any other admissible allowance shall be made to the beneficiaries through their bank accounts linked with Aadhar.

### **13. NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP**

### **13.1. OBJECTIVE:**

To provide financial assistance to students with benchmark disabilities for pursuing Master's level courses and Ph.D abroad in the specified fields of study: (a) Engineering & Management (b) Pure Sciences and Applied Sciences (c) Agricultural Science & Medicine (d) Commerce, Accounting and Finance and (e) Humanities, Social Science including Law& Fine Arts.

# **13.2. MINIMUM QUALIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY:**

(i) For Ph.D. - Fifty five per cent (55%) marks or equivalent grade in relevant Master's Degree.

(ii) For Masters' Degree: - Fifty five per cent (55%) marks or equivalent grade in relevant Bachelor's Degree.

(iii) In case of equivalent grade/credit points in Semester Grade Points (SGP)/ Cumulative Grade Point Index (CGPI) etc., conversion factor duly attested by the Institute/College/University concerned will be accepted.

(iv) Candidates already pursuing Masters degree or PhD or having completed Masters/PhD from Institute/College/University abroad by availing benefits of the Scholarship Scheme implemented by any of the Ministries/Departments of the Central Government/State Government/other agency/own funds, are not eligible to apply for the scheme. Further, Individual can be awarded National Overseas Scholarship only once in a lifetime.

(v) The candidate is also eligible for scholarship under this scheme to pursue the same level (Masters/Ph.D.) course but in a different stream (Science/Arts/Commerce etc.) other than for which he/she has already acquired the qualification from any University/Institution/College either in India or abroad, subject to the condition that the candidate has not availed scholarship from Central/State Government for that same level course.

### 13.3. AGE

Below 35 (Thirty -Five) years as on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year of application.

## **13.4. QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

Types of Assistance Tuition fee			tance	Rates	Purpose	
				As per actual		
Maintenance allowance						
For coun	US tries	&	Other	US\$15400 p.a	Annual Maintenance allowance will be admissible to students residing in	

For U.K	GBP 9900 p.a	countries at (a) and (b) to meet the miscellaneous expenditure incurred on Boarding/Lodging.
	<b>Contingency</b> a	allowance
For US & Other countries For U.K	US\$1500 p.a GBP 1100 p.a	Admissible for books/essential apparatus/study tour/travel cost for attending subject related conferences, workshops etc./ typing and binding of thesis, etc.
Incidental Journey Allowance	US \$ 20/-(US dollar twenty only) or its equivalent in Indian Rupees- One time	
Equipment Allowance	US \$20/-( US dollar twenty only)-One time	
Poll Tax	Actual will be paid, wherever applicable	
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Bank Transactional Charges	Conversion charges + Service charges + TCS + Exchange commission will be paid upon submission of bills.	
Visa Fees	Visa fees will be	

	paid as per actual		
	in Indian Rupees		
	in mulan Rupees		
Medical insurance	As per actual		
premium			
Cost of air passage	a) The awardees sha	all be allowed to purchase air tickets	
1 0		ort to Hometown in India to the	
	· -	educational institution and back to	
	-	nree authorized travel agents viz.	
	,	Company Limited (BLCL), Ashok	
		ATT), Indian Railways Catering and	
	· ·	on Ltd (IRCTC) with the condition	
	-	urchased 11 must be of economy	
	-	e on date of booking.	
		on date of booking.	
	b) The choice of t	the travel agent for booking of the	
	ticket is left oper	n to the awardees. No Booking	
	charges/excess bag	ggage/cancellation charges & other	
	add-ons will be reimbursed to awardees.		
	c) The awardees will claim reimbursement of airfare		
	from respective Indian Mission abroad after joining the		
	-	iding joining report from University.	
		ons will be effective from 1st April,	
	2022.	-	
	d) Peturn ticlate	will be booked by Indian Mission	
	abroad	will be booked by indian mission	
	abioau		
Examination fee for	One time examina	tion fee for appearing in English	
		ts such as GRE, GMAT, TOEFL,	
language/other tests		ired for admission to institutions	
	_	d would be reimbursed by Indian	
		per actual subject to a maximum of	
	Rs.50,000/		
Local travel		uilway fare from the port of	
		he place of study and back. In case	
		not connected by rail, bus fare from	
	• -	nce to the nearest railway station,	
	-	crossing by ferry, air fare to the	
	•	ir Station and/or second class	
	Tur curra		

	railway fare by the shortest route to the port of
	embarkation and back will be reimbursed by the Indian
	Mission abroad.
Earning from	nThe awardees are permitted to supplement their
research/teaching	admissible allowance by undertaking
assistance-ship	Research/Teaching Assistantship up to US\$ 2400/- (US
	dollars two thousand four hundred) per annum and for
	awardees in United Kingdom, GBP 1560/- (Great
	Britain Pound One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty only)
	per annum. Beyond the admissible ceilings, the annual
	maintenance allowance under the scheme shall be
	correspondingly reduced.

### 13.5. DURATION OF AWARD WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

The prescribed financial assistance is provided up to completion of the course/research or the following period, whichever is earlier:-

(i) Ph.D. -- 04 years (Four years)

(ii) Masters Degree – 1/2/3 years (One/two three years) depending upon the duration of the Course.

Note: (i) The extension of stay beyond prescribed period for levels of courses as mentioned above may be considered without financial assistance of any kind except the air passage to return to India, if recommendation of the competent authority in the educational institution/ university as well as the Indian Mission abroad is received, certifying that such an overstay for a specified period is absolutely essential for facilitating the candidate to complete the course. The final decision in this regard will however rest with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

(ii) Extension of stay abroad beyond completion of the course or duration of the scholarship is allowed without financial support/ return ticket to India.

### **13.6. SELECTION PROCEDURE:**

i. The candidates after assessing their eligibility and suitability, as per conditions of the Scheme, shall apply to Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. **After the online portal being developed is made operational, the application will be invited through that portal only**. The candidates shall send duly filled up application form (available on Department's website www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in) enclosing therewith requisite documents to this Department. The employed candidates are required to submit a "No Objection Certificate" (NOC) from their employer to this Department.

- ii. The applications shall be screened by the Screening Committee as per the Scheme guidelines. The eligible candidates shortlisted by the Screening Committee shall be placed before the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall assess the eligible candidates based on their educational qualifications and experience, their disability category and percentage, the University abroad and the course to which they propose to take admission etc. and draw a merit list within the sanctioned number of yearly slot which will finally and decisively complete the selection procedure.
- iii. No request for change of Institution/College/University shall be entertained at any stage. In case, the Awardee desires to change the course or university, he/she can apply afresh.
- iv. After the issuance of confirmation letter to an Awardee, the candidate is required to complete all the procedures like verification of original documents, submission of Bonds, Solvency Certificates etc., within six months, otherwise the award letter will be automatically cancelled. No further time will be granted for completion of these formalities.

### **13.7. MANDATORY CONDITIONS:**

- i. The finally selected candidates are required to obtain admission and join an accredited university/ institution abroad within three years from the date of communication of selection. On expiry of this specified period of time, the award will automatically get cancelled and come to an end. If the candidate still wants to avail the benefit of the scheme, he/she may apply afresh.
- ii. The selected candidate is required to execute a surety bond on the nonjudicial stamp paper before a notary public with two sureties separately for Rs.50,000/- (fifty thousand), and also solvency certificate separately for the same amount stating that persons are possessing property /wealth for a minimum amount of Rs. 50,000/-.
- iii. Candidates availing the benefits of this scheme are required to return to India within one month of the completion of the course. However, if a candidate wishes to stay abroad after completion of the course, the same is allowed without any financial support including return air tickets to India. The awardee intending to return to India is required to intimate Indian Embassy abroad in advance and should also inform the Department of his/her returns.
- iv. The candidate will give an undertaking that he will allow his university to share information with concerned Indian Mission abroad and the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

- v. The candidate has to give an undertaking that he/she is not in receipt of any scholarship from any government /other organization including University/College for the course he/she is applying under this scheme
- vi. No financial assistance of any kind/any other support coverage will be provided for spouse/children/siblings/parents/guardian of the awardee under the Scheme.
- vii. All administrative matters like study leave salary, etc., will be directly resolved by the candidate with his/her employer and as per rules of the serving organization. The DEPwD will not take any responsibility or render any assistance in this regard.
- viii. In case of some exigency at home, where the candidate is required to return to India for some time to attend to it, the awardee is permitted to return to India for the specific purpose, after having informed the Indian Mission and the educational institution where one is pursuing studies about it. The awardee will, however, be required to bear to and fro journey expenses for the visit and shall also not be entitled to receive maintenance allowance under the scheme, for the period of being away from the place of his/her educational institution abroad and the maintenance allowance shall be paid by this Department only from the date of his/her resuming the same course at the same institution. The awardee after having dealt with the situation at home, is required to return to the place of his/her educational institution, as early as possible, failing which, he/she shall be liable to be declared a defaulter and the recovery proceeding will be initiated against him/her.
- ix. It will be for the candidate to obtain the appropriate visa for the country where he/she intends to study under award from the scheme. Government of India will render no assistance to a candidate for obtaining Visa.
- x. Selected candidates are required to furnish all such documents and enter into such agreements as shall be decided by the Government of India from time to time before their departure.
- xi. In case the awardee has received over/excess payment from the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities or through any other agency acting on its behalf, he/she is liable to refund the same to the Government of India and his/her employer (if any) is authorized to recover the excess amount from his/her dues, on request from Government of India, and refund the same to the Government of India.
- xii. The decision of Government of India will be final in all such issues, as may come up during the course of time.
- xiii. The candidate shall not change the course of study or research for which scholarship has been sanctioned. However, if situation arise where an

awardee pursuing Ph.D. in a university/ institution, finds a serious situation where his/her guide has left and there are no immediate replacements thereof or the university/ institutions has discontinued the research support facilities in the area; the Indian Missions abroad in such cases are authorized to allow the awardee to change the university/ institutions, after the Missions are satisfied about such a need, however, subject to the condition that the credits if any earned by the awardee in the earlier university/ institution are acceptable for transfer by the second university/ institutions and that the total period of award will remain unchanged, and such a transfer/change, will be permitted only once during the award.

xiv. Decision of the Department will be final and binding on the awardees on all issues arising due to unforeseen circumstances and situations which are not covered under the Scheme guidelines.

# **13.8. PENALTY FOR DEFAULTERS UNDER THE SCHEME:**

In case, a candidate pursuing studies abroad violates any of the terms and conditions of the bonds executed by him/her and that the educational institution/ university intimates the Indian Mission abroad about his/her adverse reports on studies and/or conduct and/or that the candidate leaves for any other country or absconds or joins any other university or course/programme or/and returns to India in case of exigency without intimating the Indian Mission abroad, he/she will be declared defaulter and will become liable for refund of entire amount spent on him/her along with the interest which will be 12% per annum and in case an awardee fails to pay the amount within six months from the date on which a demand for such refund is made, penal interest at the rate which is 2.5 % higher than the above normal rate of interest on the outstanding amount would be charged.

# 13.9. FURNISHING OF FALSE INFORMATION

If any candidate has furnished any false information/document which is established upon verification, the NOS awarded to him/her will stand cancelled and if he/she has availed of it or is availing, an action will be initiated for recovery of the amount spent with 15% compound interest thereon. Such candidate will also be blacklisted for future and the employed candidate will face departmental action for such act, for which the Government of India will take up the matter with the respective employers. The respective employers are, therefore, also requested to carefully go through content of application of their employees before forwarding the same to this Department. The employers are also free to insist on candidates employed by them to execute such bonds with them, as they deem fit and necessary and in accordance with their extant rules and regulations in such cases.

# **13.10. ROLE OF INDIAN MISSION**

- i. Indian Mission will make payment of tuition fees directly to the colleges/universities aboard and maintenance allowance/other allowances to the students studying in their jurisdiction.
- ii. In case the awardee is unable to complete the course successfully, he will be declared defaulter and will become liable for refund of entire amount spent on him/her along with the interest as prescribed in the defaulter clause. However, if the guide/head of the department of the candidate certifies that the candidate has not been found wanting in his/her commitment/dedication/attention to studies then the DEPwD shall have the right to exempt him/her from the penalty clause of defaulter under the Scheme. The Indian Missions, in all such cases, will provide the return air passage to India by shortest route and economy class.
- iii. The Indian Missions are required to intimate to this Department about the return of the awardee to India.

# 13.11. MONITORING

i. The Indian Missions abroad will obtain bi-annual progress reports from the University/College/Institution where the awardee is pursuing his/her studies. The Missions will inform this Department about such serious adverse developments in case of the awardee which requires decision towards further continuation of the award or otherwise.

ii. The payment of Maintenance Allowance is linked with furnishing of progress report. For first semester/six months, the maintenance allowance may be paid to the awardee in the first instance as an advance. Thereafter, the maintenance allowance for the next semester/six months may be paid only after receipt of the satisfactory progress report of the awardee for first six months/semester. No funds would be released by the Indian Mission in case of non-receipt of progress report.

iii. Disbursement of scholarship amount/reimbursement of miscellaneous expenses etc. incurred by candidate will be done by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) through Indian Missions abroad.

### 14. <u>COMMON PROVISIONS FOR ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SCHEME</u>

### 14.1. PUBLICITY OF THE SCHEME & INVITING APPLICATIONS:

Scheme shall be advertised at the appropriate time and will be suitably publicized through print/electronic/social media and website to bring it to the notice of the target group.

### 14.2. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

In order to meet expenditure incidental to the implementation of the scheme, a provision not exceeding 3% of the total budget, shall be made for administrative expenditure.

### 14.3. LITIGATIONS:

Any litigation on matters arising out of this scheme will be subject to sole jurisdiction of the courts situated in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

### 14.4. CHANGE IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE SCHEME:

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India may, at its discretion, make necessary changes in the provisions of this scheme, as and when felt necessary, with the approval of Secretary, DEPwD in consultation with Financial Adviser concerned.

### 14.5. **REVIEW AND MONITORING:**

The progress of implementation of all six components of the scheme will be reviewed by a Committee consisting of the following –

a)	Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,	Chairperson
b)	Joint Secretary concerned in Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,	Member
c)	Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (in- charge of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)	Member
d)	Joint Secretary(TD), Min. of Tribal Affairs	Member
e)	Joint Secretary (SCD), Deptt. of SJ&E	Member
f)	Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education	Member

g)	Joint Secretary, Department of Medical Education, Min. of Health & FW	Member
h)	A representative of the UGC	Member
i)	Director / Dy. Secretary concerned in Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	Convener

The Chairperson of the Committee may invite other experts as special invitees, as and when it deems necessary. The Committee may meet as and when decided by the chairperson and will make suitable recommendations for improving the implementation of the operation of the Scheme.

## LIST OF NOTIFIED INSTITUTES OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

S1. No	Name of the Institute	Location	State
1.ENC	JINEERING/ARCHITECTURE		
I-IITs	[16]		
1.	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	Hauz Khas, New Delhi- 110016	Delhi
2.	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur	Kharagpur-721302	West Bengal
3.	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	PO IIT,Kanpur- 208076	Uttar Pradesh
4.	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Powai, Mumbai- 400076	Maharas htra
5.	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	Institute of Engineers Building, Pan Bazar, Guwahati-781001	Assam
6.	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	Roorkee-247667	Uttarakh and
7.	Indian Institute of Technology Chennai	POIIT,Chennai-600036.	Tamil Nadu
8.	Indian Institute of Technology Ropar	Ropar , Punjab	Punjab
9.	Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar	Office of the Director, I.I.T. Kharagpur-721302	Orissa
10.	Indian Institute of Technology Rajasthan	Director, IIT Rajasthan, III Floor, Helicopter Building	Rajastha n
11.	Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar	Vishwakarma Govt. Engineering College at Chandkheda, Gandhinagar-382424	Gujarat
12.	Indian Institute of Technology Patna	I.I.T. Patna, Navin Govt. Polytechnic Campus, Patliputra Colony, Patna- 800013	Bihar

13.	Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad	I.I.T. Hyderabad Ordnance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram- 502205	Andhra Pradesh
14.	Indian Institute of Technology Mandi	IIT Roorkee, Roorkee- 247667	Himachal Pradesh
15.	Indian Institute of Technology, Indore	3rd Floor, Main Building, IIT- Bombay, Mumbai- 400076	Madhya Pradesh
16.	Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi	(Banaras Hindu University VARANASI – 221005 (UP)	Uttar Pradesh
II-NIT	s[30]		
17.	National Institute of Technology Warangal	Warangal-506004	Andhra Pradesh
18.	National Institute of Technology Silchar	Silchar-788010	Assam
19.	National Institute of Technology Patna	Patna-800005	Bihar
20.	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Inst. of Technology Surat	Surat-395607	Gujarat
21.	National Institute of Technology Jamshedpur	Jamshedpur– 831014	Jharkhan d
22.	National Institute of Technology Surathkal	Surathkal–574157	Karnatak a
23.	National Institute of Technology Calicut	NIT Campus P.O., Calicut-673601	Kerala
24.	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology Nagpur	South Ambazari Road, Nagpur, Pin: 440010	Maharas htra
25.	National Institute of Technology Rourkela	Rourkela 769008	Orissa
26.	Dr B.R.Ambedkar National Inst.of Technology Jalandhar	Jalandhar-144004	Punjab
27.	National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra	Kurukshetra-132119	Haryana

28.	National Institute of Technology Hamirpur	Hamirpur-177001	Himachal Pradesh
29.	National Institute of Technology Hazaratbal	Hazaratbal, Srinagar- 190006	J&K
30.	Maulana Azad National Inst. of Technology	Bhopal-462007	MP
31.	Malaviya National Inst. of Technology Jaipur	Jaipur–302017	Rajastha n
32.	National Institute of Technology Durgapur	Durgapur-713209	West Bengal
33.	National Institute of Technology Trichy	Tiruchirappalli- 620015	Tamil Nadu
34.	Motilal Nehru National Inst. of Technology Allahabad	Allahabad-211004	Uttar Pradesh
35.	National Institute of Technology Agartala	Agartala	Tripura
36.	National Institute of Technology Raipur	Raipur	Chhattisg arh
37.	National Institute of Technology Manipur	Manipur(NIT Agartala– 799055)	Manipur
38.	National Institute of Technology Sikkim	Sikkim (NIT Calicut – 673601,Kerala)	Sikkim
39.	National Institute of Technology Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh (NIT Durgarpur– 713209)	Arunacha l Pradesh
40.	National Institute of Technology Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand (NIT Kurukshetra– 136119,Haryana)	Uttarakh and
41.	National Institute of Technology Mizoram	Mizoram (Visvesvaraya NIT, Nagpur–440011)	Mizoram
42.	National Institute of Technology Nagaland	Nagaland(NIT Silchar– 788010, Assam)	Nagaland
43.	National Institute of Technology Meghalaya	Meghalaya (Sardar Vallabhbhai NIT, Surat– 395007, Gujarat)	Meghalay a
44.	National Instituteof Technology Goa	Goa(NIT Surathkal –575025,Karnataka)	Goa

45.	National Institute of Technology Puducherry	Puducherry (NIT Tiruchirappalli 620015,	Puducher ry
		Tamil Nadu)	5
46.	National Institute of Technology Delhi	Delhi (NIT Warangal– 506004, A.P.)	Delhi
III-III'	rs of MHRD[20]		
47.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad	Deoghat, Jhalwa, Allahabad-211011	Uttar Pradesh
48.	Indian Institute of Information Technology& Management Gwalior	MITS Campus, Gwalior- 474075	Madhya Pradesh
49.	Indian Instt. Of Inf. Tech., Design& Manufacturing Jabalpur	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh
50.	Indian Instt. of Inf. Tech., Design& Manufacturing Kanchipuram	Kanchipuram	Tami Nadu
51.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Chittoor	Malavaipalem village of Satyavedu Mandal in Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh
52.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Kakinada	Village Koona, Godavari District, Near Kakinada	Andhra Pradesh
53.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Guwahati	Village – Bongora (under Chayani Mouza ), PO – Mirza, District Kamrup	Assam
54.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Vadodara	Vilage Nimeta, Talauk Vaghodiya , District Vadodara	Gujarat
55.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Sonepat	Village Killord, Sonepat	Haryana
56.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Una	Una	Himachal Pradesh
57.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Dharwad	Campus of Karnataka University, Dharwad	Karantak a

58.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Kottayam	Village Valllichira, Meenachil Taluk, Kottayam	Kerala
59.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Bhopal	Village Barkheda Nathu, Tehsil – Phanda, Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
60.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Pune	Village Nanoli, Tehsil – Mawa, District Pune	Maharas htra
61.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Senapati	Village Ningthoupham of Kangpokpi Sub-Division of Senapati District	Manipur
62.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Kota	Ranpur Industrial Area, Kota Jhalawar National Highway 12, Kota	Rajastha n
63.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Village Sethurappatti, Srirangam Taluk, Tiruchirappali District	Tiruchirappali	Tamil Nadu
64.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, West Tripura	Bodhjung Nagar Industrial Estate, Khyarpur, Bodhujung Nagar, West Tripura	Tripura
65.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Lucknow	Chak Gajaria, District Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
66.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Nadia	Kalyani District, Nadia	West Bengal
		tion Institution of MHRD & C d Govt. Colleges of Engineering	
67.	School of Planning & Architecture, Delhi	4-Block-B, Indraprastha Estate, NewDelhi-110002.	Delhi
68.	National Institute of Foundry & Forge Technology Ranchi	Hatia, Ranchi- 834003	Jharkhan d

69.	National Institute of Industrial Engineering Mumbai	ViharLake, Mumbai -400087	Maharas htra
70.	Indian School of Mines Dhanbad	Dhanbad-826004	Bihar
71.	North Eastern Reg. Inst. of Science & Technology Itanagar	Nirjuli-79110, Itanagar	Arunacha 1 Pradesh
72.	Sant Longowal Inst. of Engg. & Technology Chandigarh	KothiNo.178,Sector II-A, Chandigarh	Chandiga rh
73.	Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University Varanasi	Varanasi-221005	Uttar Pradesh
74.	Punjab Engineering College Chandigarh	Sector-12, Chandigarh- 160012	Chandiga rh
75.	Delhi Technological University (formerly Delhi Collegeof Engineering)	Shahbad Daulatpur, Bawana Road, Rohini, New Delhi- 110042	Delhi
76.	School of Planning& Architecture, Bhopal	1stFloor,Sports Complex, MANIT, Bhopal-51	Madhya Pradesh
77.	SchoolofPlanning& Architecture, Vijayawada	Sy.No.71/1,NH-5, Nidamanuru, Vijayawada- 521104	Andhra Pradesh
78.	Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology(RGIPT), Rae Bareli	Tatapur Chowk, Rae Bareli-229316	Uttar Pradesh
79.	Indian Maritime University (IMU), Chennai	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
80.	Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology(IIST), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Valiamala P.O., Thiruvananthapuram - 695547	Kerala
81.	Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology Delhi	Azad Hind Fouz Marg,Sector-3, Dwarka, NewDelhi	Delhi

82.	Indian Institute of Information	Gachibowli, Opposite CMC, Hyderabad-500032	Andhra Pradesh
83.	Technology Hyderabad Indian Institute of	26/C, Electronic City,	Karnatak
	Information Technology Bangalore	Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560100	а
84.	Indian Institute of Information Technology& Management Thiruvananthapuram	Park Centre, Techno park Campus, Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
VI–Ot	her Non-Govt. Engineering In	stitutes[9]	
85.	Birla Institute of Technology Pilani	Pilani-333031	Rajastha n
86.	Birla Institute of Technology Goa	Goa Campus	Goa
87.	Birla Institute of Technology & Science Mesra	Messra-835215	Ranchi
88.	Thapar Institute of Engineering& Technology University, Patiala	POBox32,Bhadson Road, Patiala-147004	Punjab
89.	CV Raman Instittute of Engg.& Tech Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneshwar	Orissa
90.	Kalinga Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
91.	Shri Govindram Seksaria Institute of Technology and Science(SGSITS) Indore	23,ParkRoad, Indore- 452003 (M.P.)Indore	Madhya Pradesh
92.	Vellore Institute of Technology Vellore	Vellore	Tamil Nadu
93.	Birla Institute of Technology Hyderabad	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
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94.	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	Vastapur, Ahmedabad- 380015	Gujarat

95.	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore	Bannerghat Road, Bangalore- 560076	Karnatak a
96.	Indian Institute of Management Kolkata	Joka, Post Box No.16757,Alipara PO,Kolkata-700027	West Bengal
97.	Indian Institute of Management Lucknow	PostBoxNo.2, AliganjExtension, PartII,Lucknow- 226020	Uttar Pradesh
98.	Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode	Kozhikode, Calicut- 673601	Kerala
99.	Indian Institute of Management Indore	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
100.	Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management Shillong	Mayurbhanj Complex, Nongthymai, Shillong–793014	Meghalay a
101.	Indian Institute of Management Raipur	Government Engineering College Campus, Old Dhamtari Road, Sejbahar, Raipur- 492015	Chhattisg arh
102.	Indian Institute of Management Rohtak	Humanities Block, MDU Rohtak, Rohtak-124001	Haryana
103.	Indian Institute of Management Ranchi	Suchna Bhawan, Audrey House Campus, Meur's Road, Ranchi- 834008	Jharkhan d
104.	Indian Institute of Management Udaipur	Polymer Science Building, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Rajastha n
105.	Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli	Locatedat NIT Trichy	Tamil Nadu
106.	Indian Institute of Management Kashipur	Escort Farm, Kashipur, Uttarakhand	Uttarakh and
107.	Indian Institute of Management, Viskhapatnam	Viskhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
108.	Indian Institute of Management, Gaya	Gaya	Bihar

109.	Indian Institut eof Management, Sirmour	Sirmour	Himachal Pradesh
110.	Indian Institute of Management, Nagpur	Nagpur	Maharas htra
111.	Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar	Amritsar	Punjab
112.	Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur	Sambalpur	Odisha
II–Oth	er Govt./Semi-Govt. Manage	ment Institutes[6]	
113.	Institute of Rural Management Anand	PostBoxNo.60, Anand-388001	Gujarat
114.	Indian Institute of Forest Management Bhopal	P.O.Box-357,Nehru Nagar,Bhopal- 462003	Madhya Pradesh
115.	Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University	Delhi-110007	Delhi
116.	National Institute of Industrial Engineering(NITIE) Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharas htra
117.	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade New Delhi	IIFTBhawan,B-21, Qutab Institutional Areas, NewDelhi	Delhi
118.	Management Development Institute Gurgaon	Mehrauli Road, Sukhrali, Gurgaon– 122007	Haryana
III–Nor	n-Govt. Management Institut	es[9]	

119.	Institute of Management Technology(IMT) Ghaziabad	Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad- 201001	Uttar Pradesh
120.	Xavier Institute of Management Bhubaneswar	Xaviar Square, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar- 751013	Orissa
121.	SYMBIOSIS Institute of Business Management Pune	Senapati Bapat Road, Pune–411004	Maharas htra
122.	Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies Mumbai	VL Mehta Road, Vile Parle(W), Mumbai- 400056	Maharas htra
123.	Bharati Vidyapeeth Pune	Pune	Maharas htra
124.	S.P Jain Institute of Research & Mgt Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharas htra
125.	Jamnalal Bajaj Institute Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharas htra
126.	XLRI School of Business and Human Resources, Jamshedpur	Circular House Area (East),Jamshedpur- 831035	Jharkhan d
127.	L.N.Mishra Institute of Economic Development & Social Change Patna	Patna	Bihar
3. Law	(14)		
I. <b>N</b>	ational Law Universities[12]		
128.	National Law School of India University	POBag-7201, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore–560072	Karnatak a
129.	National Law Institute University Bhopal	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
130.	NALSAR University of Law Hyderabad	Barkatpura, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
131.	National Law University Jodhpur	NH-65,Nagour Road, Mandore, Jodhpur- 342304	Rajastha n

132.	The WB National University	Dr.AmbedkarBhavan12,	West
152.	of Juridical Sciences	LB Block, Sector III, Salt	Bengal
	Kolkata	Lake City, Kolkata-	Donga
		700098	
133.	Hidayatullah National	HNLU Bhawan, Civil Lines,	Chhattisg
	Law University Raipur	Raipur, Chhattisgarh-	arh
		492001	
134.	Gujarat National Law	E-4,GIDC Electronics	Gujarat
	University Gandhinagar	Estate, Sector26,	
		Gandhinagar-	
		382028	
135.	Ram Manohar Lohia	Sector-D1,LDA	Uttar
	National Law University,	Colony,Kanpur Road	Pradesh
	Lucknow	Scheme, Lucknow-226012	
136.	Rajiv Gandhi National	Mohindra Kothi, Mall	Punjab
	University of Law, Patiala	Road, Patiala-147001	
137.	Chanakya National Law	Nyaya Nagar, Mithapur,	Bihar
157.	University, Patna	Patna-800001	Dillai
138.	National University of	Kaloor,Kochi-682	Kerala
	Advanced Legal Studies,	017	
100	Kochi		D 11 '
139.	National Law	Sector14,Dwarka,	Delhi
	University, Delhi	NewDelhi-110078	
II–Oth	er Law Institutes[2]		
140.	ILS Law College Pune	Law College Road	Maharas
140.	ills Law College Fulle	Pune-411004	htra
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141.	Symbiosis Law College	Senapati Bapat Rd,	Maharas
	Pune	Wadervadi, Pune	htra
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	ral Government Medical Inst		
142.	All India Institute of	Ansari Nagar, New Delhi	Delhi
	Medical Sciences Delhi		

143.	Jawaharlal Institute of Post- graduate Medical Education & Research Pondicherry	Dhanvantri Nagar, Gorimedu, Pondicherry– 605 006	Puducher ry
144.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna	Patna	Bihar
145.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur	Raipur	Chhattisg arh
146.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
147.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneshwar	Bhubaneshwar	Odisha
148.	All India Instituteof Medical Sciences, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajastha n
149.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences Rishikesh	Rishikesh	Uttarakh and
II–Oth	er Government Medical Colle	ges[14]	
150.	Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences Tirupati	Town Club, Alipiri Road, Chittoor Dist, Tirupati- 517507	Andhra Pradesh
151.	Gandhi Medical College Secunderabad	Musheerabad, Secunderabad- 500029	Andhra Pradesh
152.	Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital Delhi	New Delhi	Delhi
153.	B J Medical College Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad-380016	Gujarat

154.	Govt. Medical College Calicut	Kozhikode, Calicut- 673008	Kerala
155.	Medical College Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695011	Kerala
156.	King George's Medical University, Lucknow	Lucknow-226003	Uttar Pradesh
157.	Government Vellore Medical College	Vellore	TamilNad u
158.	Maulana Azad Medical College New Delhi	Bahadur Shah Zafar Rd, New Delhi- 110002	Delhi
159.	Lady Harding Medical College New Delhi	Bhagat Singh Road, NewDelhi-110001	Delhi
160.	Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University Varanasi	Banaras Hindu University Varanasi- 221005	Uttar Pradesh
161.	Madras Medical College Chennai	Dr. EVR Salai, Chennai- 600003	Tamil Nadu
162.	Grant Government Medical College, Mumbai	Sir JJ Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai-400008	Maharas htra
163.	King Edward Memorial Hospital Mumbai	Acharya Donde Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400012	Maharas htra
III–No	n-Government Medical Colleg	ge[5]	
164.	SDM Medical College Dharwad	Sattur, Dharwad- 580009	Karnatak a
165.	Padmashree Dr. DY Patil Vidyapeeth, Nerul,Mumbai	New Mumbai- 400706	Maharas htra
166.	Christian Medical College Vellore	Thottapalayam, Vellore	TamilNad u
167.	Christian Medical College Ludhiana	Ludhiana141008	Punjab

168.	Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medial Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
5.AGR	ICULTUREANDALLIEDSCIEN	CES[5]	
Centra	l Government Institutes		
169.	Indian Agricultural Research Institute Delhi	Pusa, NewDelhi- 110012	Delhi
170.	Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering Bhopal	Bhopal-462038	Madhya Pradesh
171.	Central Institute for Research of Cotton Technology Mumbai	Adenwala Road, Matunga, Mumbai- 400019	Maharas htra
172.	Indian Veterinary Research Institute Izatnagar	Izatnagar-243122	Uttar Pradesh
173.	Indian Institute of Plantation Management Bangalore	Jnana Bharathi Campus, P.O.Malathalli, Bangalore560056	Karnatak a
	NCESTATISTICALSTUDIESF		
174.	Indian Statistical	7,SJSSansanwal	Delhi
174.	Institute Delhi	Marg,NewDelhi- 110016	Denn
175.	Indian Statistical Institute Bangalore	8thMile,Mysore Road, Bangalore- 560059	Karnatak a
176.	Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata	203,Barrackpore Trunk Road, Kolkatta-700108	West Bengal
177.	Indian Institute of Science Bangalore	Bangalore-560012	Karnatak a
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	al Institute of Fashion Techr		
178.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Delhi	HauzKhas, Near Gulmohar Park, New Delhi-110016	Delhi

179.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Bangalore	NIFT Campus,CA SiteNo:21,Sector- 1,27thMain, Bangalore	Karnatak a
180.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Bhopal	NIFT Block, MP Bhoj Open University Campus, Kolar Road, Bhopal- 462042	Madhya Pradesh
181.	National Instituteof Fashion Technology Chennai	NIFT Campus, Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Taramani,Chennai- 600113	Tamil Nadu
182.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Gandhinagar	NIFT Campus, GH- O,Road, Behind Info City, Gandhinagar- 382007	Gujarat
183.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Hyderabad	NIFT Campus, Opposite Hi- tech City, Madhapur, Hyderabad-500081	Andhra Pradesh
184.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Kannur	IHTT Campus, Thottada, Kizhunna- Post,Kannur- 670007	Kerala
185.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Mumbai	NIFT Campus, Plot No.15,Sector–4, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai-410210	Maharas htra
186.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Kolkata	NIFT Campus, Plot- 3B,Block-LA,Near 16No.WaterTank, Sector- III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700098	West Bengal
187.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Patna	NIFT Campus,2nd Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Gandhi Maidan, Patna-04	Bihar
188.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Raebareli	NIFT Campus, Vidya Mandir ,ITI Premises, Doorbhash Nagar, Raebareli,- 229010	Uttar Pradesh

189.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Shillong	NIFT Campus, North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health& Medical Sciences (Old NEIGRIHMS Campus),'C'Block, Pasteur Hills Lawmali, Shillong- 793012	Meghalay a
190.	National Institute of Design Ahmedabad	Paldi, Ahmedabad- 380007	Gujarat
191.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kangra	Kangra	Himachal Pradesh
192.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Bhubaneshwar	Bhubaneshwar	Odisha
193.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajastha n
194.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Srinagar	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
8.HOS	PITALITY(25)		
	tute Of Hotel Management, C ion [22]	atering Technology & Applie	ed
195.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering & Nutrition Delhi	Pusa,NewDelhi- 110012	Delhi
196.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Ahmedabad	Government Polytechnic Compound, Ahmedabad- 380015	Gujarat
197.	Inst.of Hotel Mgt. Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Goa	Alto Porvorim, Bardez,Goa- 403521	Goa
198.	Inst.of Hotel Mgt. Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Bangalore	SJ Polytechnic Campus, Seshadri Road, Bangalore- 560001	Karnatak a
199.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering & Nutrition Bhopal	Quarters, Near Academy of Admin. Bhopal-462016	Madhya Pradesh
200.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Hyderabad	Row, Durgabai Deshmukh Colony, Vidyanagar Hyderabad-500007	Andhra Pradesh

201.	Inst.of Hotel Mgt. Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Jaipur	Near Bani Park Police Station, Sikar Road,Jaipur302016	Rajastha n
202.	Inst.of Hotel Mgt.Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Kolkata	P-16,TaratolaRoad, Kolkata-700088	West Bengal
203.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering &Nutrition Lucknow	Seed Farm, Sector-G, Aliganj, Lucknow- 226020	Uttar Pradesh
204.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Mumbai	Veer Sawarkar Marg, Dadar(W),Mumbai- 400028	Maharas htra
205.	Institute of Hotel Management Shillong	"Lumpyngad", Bishop Cotton Road, Shillong– 793001	Meghalay a
206.	Inst.of Hotel Mgt.Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Vaishali	Near Ramashish Chowk,Opp. State Govt.Circuit House, P.O.Industrial Estate,Hazipur-844 001,Vaishali	Bihar
207.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering & Nutrition Shimla	Kufri,Shimla- 171012	Himachal Pradesh
208.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Srinagar	Boulevard Road, Near Nehru Park, Srinagar- 190001	Jamm u& Kashm ir
209.	Inst.of Hotel Mgt. Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Thiruvananthapuram	G.V.Raja Road, Kovalam P.O. Thiruvananthapuram- 695527	Kerala
210.	Inst.of Hotel Mgt.Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Gwalior	BhindRoad, Maharajpura PO, Gwalior-474002	Madhya Pradesh
211.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering &Nutrition	Guru Nanak Dev College Campus, Hardo channai Road, Gurdaspur	Punjab

212.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition Chennai	CIT Campus, Tharamani P.O. Chennai-600113	Tamil Nadu
213.	Dr.Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology& Applied Nutrition Chandigarh	Sector-42/D, Chandigarh- 160036	Chandiga rh
214.	Inst. of Hotel Mgt. Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Bhubaneswar	Veer Surender Sai Nagar, Bhubaneshwar- 751004	Orissa
215.	Inst.of Hotel Mgt. Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Guwahati	AIDC Building, ABC Stoppage,G.S. Road, Bhangarsh, Guwahati781005	Assam
216.	Indian Institute of Tourism &Travel Management Gwalior	Govindpuri, Gwalior –474011	Madhya Pradesh
II–Priv	ate Hotel Management Instit	utes[3]	·
217.	B.V.Institute of Hotel Management& Catering Technology Mumbai	Sector-8,CBD,Navi Mumbai-400614	Maharas htra
218.	B.V.(Bharti Vidyapeeth's) Instt. of Hotel Mgmt.& Catering Technology Pune	Katraj-Dhankavdi, Pune- 411043	Maharas htra
219.	All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Institute of Hotel Mgmt & Catering Technology Pune		Maharas htra
	IONAL INSTITUTES (dealing v RM/OSOCIAL JUSTICE & EMI		
220.	National Institute of Mentally Handicapped Secunderabad	Mano vikas Nagar, Secunderabad- 500009	Andhra Pradesh

221.	Deen Dayal Upa. Inst. For the Phy. Handicapped New Delhi	4,VishnuDigamber Marg,New Delhi- 110002	Delhi
222.	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped Mumbai	Kishan Chand Marg, Bandra(West), Mumbai- 400050	Maharas htra
223.	National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research Cuttack	Olatpur,PO Bairoi, Cuttack-754010	Orissa
224.	National Institute for the Visually Handicapped Dehradun	116,RajpurRoad, Dehradun	Uttaranc hal
225.	National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped Kolkata	BT Road, Bon- Hooghly, Kolkata- 700090	West Bengal
226.	National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities Chennai	East Coast Road, Muttukadu, Kovalam Post, Chennai- 603112	Tamil Nadu
10. In	dian Institute of Science Edu	cation & Research (IISERs) (	7)
227.	Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Mohali	Mohali	Punjab
228.	Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Kolkata	Kolkata	West Bengal
229.	Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Bhopal	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
230.	Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Pune	Pune	Maharas htra
231.	Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
232.	Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Berhampur	Berhampur	Odisha

233.	Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Tirupati	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh
11.MIS	SCELLANEOUS[7]		
234.	Tata Institute of Social Science Mumbai	PO Box 8313, Deonar,Mumbai-400088	Maharas htra
235.	National School of Drama Delhi	LTG Auditorium, Mandi House, New Delhi	Delhi
236.	The Energy & Resources Institute New Delhi	Darbari Seth Block, Habitat Place,Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003	Delhi
237.	Film and Television Institute of India Pune	Law College Road, Pune-411004	Maharas htra
238.	Indian Institute of Mass Communication New Delhi	Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, JNU New Campus, New Delhi- 110067	Delhi
239.	Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research, Chennai	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
240.	National Institute of Pharmaceutical, Educational and Research, Mohali	Mohali	Punjab

## <u>Guidelines for Educational Assistance under</u> <u>Nirman Shramik Kalyan Yojana</u>

#### Objective:

The objective of the scheme is to extend financial assistance to the eligible building and other construction worker for continuing education of their wards/ children under Nirman Shramik Kalyan Yojana being extended by the Odisha building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

# Key features and eligibility criteria for availing the Educational Assistance:

The financial assistance is being extended to such BoC beneficiaries who have completed at least one year as a registered beneficiary under the Board. In case, both parents are eligible registered beneficiaries, assistance in respect of a child should not be extended to both parents, separately. Financial assistance under the scheme is being extended to students from class 6<sup>th</sup> onwards and maximum two children of a family are eligible to get the assistance. For 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> standard the scheme is applicable only in respect of girl child; whereas for class 8<sup>th</sup> onwards the scheme is applicable for both girls and boys. However, 20% additional benefit over and above the normal educational assistance is being extended by the Board in respect of girl child from class 8<sup>th</sup> onwards.

Details of the educational assistance being extended by the Board is at below:

The list of courses shall be modified on any further amendment in the Act/ Rules.

Educational Assistance (on completion of 1 year)	Different benefits extended and Other Construction Board.	Workers' Welfare
For class- 6th and 7th to girl child	Rs. 2,000/- per annum	
For class- 8th to all children	Rs. 2,000/- per annum	
For class- 9th to all children	Rs. 3,000/- per annum	
For class- 10 <sup>th</sup> to all children	Rs. 4,000/- per annum	
Cash award to the children securing 90% or above in Class-10 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 10,000/- (Onetime)	20% additional benefit to girl
For Class – 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>	Rs. 5,000/- per annum	child of beneficiary
For Classes of B.A./B.Sc./ B.Com./PG Studies	Rs. 7,000/- per annum	over and
For B. Tech/ MCA/ MBA/ B. Arch./ M. Arch./ M.Tech/ M. Sc./ B. Pharm/ M. Pharm/ Hotel Management & Catering Services/ Medical (includes Allopathic, Ayurvedic &Homeopathic) in Govt. Colleges only	Rs.40,000/- per annum	above normal assistance.
For B.Ed / CT/ Nursing Training / in Govt. Institutes	Rs 10,000/- per annum	

## Type, Number & Duration of Scholarship

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#### Modalities for implementation:

- i. A Common Scholarship Portal i.e. https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in has been developed by Government and integrated with the Board portal enabling online application by the students.
- ii. The registered BoC beneficiary should have made up-to-date annual contribution with the Board.
- iii. 50 % annual attendance of the student in a class for that academic year is required for availing the said assistance.
- iv. Course continuance-cum-attendance certificate from concerned educational institute is to be uploaded in this regard.
- v. The BoC beneficiary should have an active Bank Account with DBT enabled in his
  / her name
- vi. Students must enter the Bank details such as Bank/Branch name, saving bank account number and IFSC code very carefully to ensure smooth transfer of financial assistance to his or her parent's account.

#### Procedure for Application and Disbursement:



#### STEP 1

For new user - Click on the Registration link on the Scholarship Portal i.e. https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in

Existing user can click on the Login button.

#### STEP 2

Enter the Aadhaar number and proceed further.

#### STEP 3

Check your registered mobile or email to get the user ID and password.

#### STEP 4

Click on the login link at the portal and enter User ID and password to apply for scholarship.

#### STEP 5

Provide all necessary details like personal, academic, eligibility and bank information

STEP 6

Click on the "Save as draft" button to draft the information or click on "Next" button to save and proceed the scholarship form.

STEP 7

The preview of the completed form will appear on the page. Download the forms and take its print out.

STEP 8

The filled in application will be processed for verification and disbursement by the concerned District Labour Officer in the e-Shramik Portal of the Board.

STEP 9

The educational assistance on being disbursed by the disbursing authority in the e-Shramik Portal of the Board, the same will automatically get updated in the State Scholarship Portal for information of all stake holders.

#### List of Documents required for NSKY

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

- i. Mark Sheets / Certificate of last qualifying examination
- ii. Aadhaar Card of the parent registered with the OB&OCWW Board.
- iii. BOC ID Card.
- iv. First page of bank account of the registered BoC worker (parent) containing account number and IFSC.
- v. College ID card issued by the concerned authority. While in the absence of the same, the student may provide Admission receipt/Library Card/Letter of Undertaking from concerned college authority (Anyone).

#### Role and Responsibility of the concerned School (Head Master)

For Class 6th to 10th Student Only

- i. For recommending the eligible candidates for the pre-matric educational assistance, click the Pre-Matric Application (s) in the left menu.
- On the Pre-Matric Application(s) screen, please select class form above dropdown to get the class wise student data.
- iii. To get the details of the students/ ward of the BoC beneficiaries studying in a particular class, click the numeric figure for the total number of such students from the respective class, which leads you to the following. All students list displaying the name of the student, Aadhaar No. of student, Class, DOB, Gender, Caste, Religion and parents name (BoC beneficiary).

- iv. While recommending the name of the student/ ward of the BoC beneficiary, the recommending authority should ensure eligibility of the student as per provision laid down under eligibility criteria for availing the Educational Assistance.
- v. The Head master has to certify that the student (child of the Boc Beneficiary) has achieved 50% annual attendance in the class by end of November for that academic year.
- vi. A certificate in this regard is to be uploaded by the concerned School.
- vii. The Head Master will be personally held responsible for authenticating eligible students from the records displayed in their login.
- viii. For recommending the name of the student for availing educational assistance, click the APPLY button as highlighted against the name of the respective student.
- ix. In the **Basic Information** section, the details of the students are fetched from the extended MIS database.
- **x.** The system gives a success message that you have successfully recommended for the provisional eligible student list.
- xi. The recommended applications for availing educational assistance are forwarded to the concerned Welfare Extension Officer (WEO) of the Block/ ULB to which the respective school belongs for taking further action.

#### Role and Responsibility of the concerned Institution (College):

- i. The Head of Institution has to ensure genuineness of the student i.e. he / she is studying in the College for that particular year by checking his/her Roll Number/ Admission Number.
- ii. The Head of Institution shall be provided with the user id and pass word for the online verification of application forwarded by the students.
- iii. The verified applications will be forwarded to the concerned District Labour Officer.
- iv. While recommending the name of the student/ ward of the BoC beneficiary, the recommending authority should ensure eligibility of the student as per provision laid down under eligibility criteria for availing the Educational Assistance.
- v. The Educational Institute has to certify that the child of the Boc Beneficiary have achieved 50% annual attendance in the class by end of November for that academic year.
- vi. A certificate in this regard is to be uploaded by the concerned educational institutions.
- vii. The Head of Institution will be personally held responsible for authenticating eligible students from the records displayed in their login.

#### Role and Responsibility of the Welfare Extension Officer (WEO)

- i. The applications recommended by the Head Master will be the will scrutinised by the WEO and certify the authenticity/ eligibility of the BoC beneficiary for availing the said assistance as per law/ guidelines issued by Board from time to time.
- ii. On detection of ineligibility for availing the educational assistance, the application will be reverted back to the concerned Head Master for taking further at their level.
- After due authentication and approval, the same will be forwarded to the concerned
  District labour Officer for taking further action at their level.

#### Role and Responsibility District Labour Officer

- i. At Board end, after receipt of recommendation from the Head Master/ Principal/ Head of the Institution, the District Labour Officer will verify the authenticity/ eligibility of the BoC beneficiary for availing the said assistance as per law/ guidelines issued by Board from time to time.
- ii. After due authentication and approval, the same will be forwarded to the concerned Collector for sanction and disbursement.
- III. On disbursement of the education assistance to the bank account of the BoC beneficiary (parent of the student), the same will get updated in the State Scholarship Portal for information of all stake holders.
- iv. Online payment to eligible will be made through DBT mode only.

#### Dateline for NSKY

SI. No.	Activity	Dateline
1	Opening date of Online Application for student	27-Dec-2021 (9:00 AM)
2	Last date of Online Application for Student	28-Feb-2022 (6:00 PM)
3	Last date of Online validation of students record by Head Master/Principal/Head of the Institute	31-March-2022 (6:00 PM)
4	Last date of Online validation of students record by District Labour Officer	31-March-2022 (6:00 PM)

#### Miscellaneous

For any query or help, students & other stakeholders may contact scholarship Sanjog Hipline **155335, 1800-345-6770** or E-mail to **scholarshiplabour@gmail.com** 

Labour Commissioner, Odisha-cum-Member Secretary, OB&OCCWW Board

#### For more details please contact Sanjog Helpline (Toll Free) Number 155335/18003456770

### GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

No. HE-SLR-PLAN-0001-2024 6640

/IIE, Dated 17.02.2024

From:

Smt. Prativa Sahu, OAS (S),

Joint Secretary to Government.

To:

All Departments of Government/

All State Universities/All Colleges

Sub: - Scheme Guidelines of "NUA-O Scholarship".

Madam/Sir,

The undersigned is directed to say that a copy of the Guidelines for selection of students for award of scholarships under "NUA-O Scholarship" scheme under Higher Education Department is hereby circulated for general dissemination and necessary action.

All the Universities are requested to circulate the Guidelines among the educational institutions affiliated with them.

Yours faithfully,

Memo. No. 6641 /HE Dated: 17,02.2024

Copy along with the copy of the Guidelines of "NUA-O Scholarship" forwarded to the P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education / P.S. to Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Odisha, for information of the Hon'ble Minister and the Commissioner-cum-Secretary respectively.

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Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 6642 /HE Dated 17,02,2024

Copy along with the copy of the Guidelines of "NUA-O Scholarship" forwarded to the Director of Higher Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar / General Manager (Admin), OCAC / All the Regional Directors of Education for information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 6643 /HE Dated 17 02 2024

Copy along with the soft copy of the Guidelines of "NUA-O Scholarship" forwarded to the Program Manager, CSM Technology Pvt. Ltd., 6th Floor, OCAC Tower, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013 with a request to float the 'Guidelines' in the State Scholarship Portal.

They are requested to make necessary modification in the Odisha State Scholarship Portal as per the guidelines.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo. No. 6644 /HE Dated: 17.02.2675

Copy along with the soft copy of the Guidelines of "NUA-O Scholarship" forwarded to all the Officers of Higher Education Department for information.

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Joint Secretary to Government

# NUA-O SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME GUIDELINES

#### 1. Introduction

The Government of Odisha is dedicated to advancing quality and inclusive higher education opportunities throughout the state. In line with this commitment, various scholarship programs, financial aid initiatives, and interest subsidy schemes have been implemented. However, it has become evident that targeted intervention is necessary to provide inclusive financial assistance to students who have been left out. This particularly pertains to students enrolled in regular Degree and Post Graduate programs within government and government-aided institutions, as well as aided Sanskrit Colleges, including private colleges (unaided), who are admitted through the Student Academic Management System (SAMS) under the Higher Education Department.

The objective behind extending the financial aid for higher education in the form of scholarship to all categories of colleges is to propel the Odisha towards the forefront of higher education by ensuring universal coverage. This strategic step aims to not only uplift current generations but also empower youth, thus fostering the overall progress of the state. In alignment with the vision of Nabin Odisha, this initiative endeavours to foster a more inclusive and equitable educational landscape where every student, regardless of their background, has equal opportunities to pursue their academic aspirations and contribute meaningfully to the state's development agenda.

#### 2. Objective

The primary aim of this scheme is to extend universal financial assistance to students enrolled in various institutions, including Government, Non-Government Aided Institutions, aided Sanskrit Colleges, along with unaided colleges admitted through SAMS under the Higher Education Department's administration. By providing support to all eligible

students pursuing higher education, the scheme endeavours to foster inclusivity, diminish dropout rates, and elevate the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in the State.

This objective underscores the government's dedication to ensuring equitable access to education for all, recognizing the enduring societal benefits of bolstering higher education for regional development and economic advancement. The inclusive approach of including all categories of colleges under Higher Education Department in the scholarship scheme is pivotal in fostering universal access to higher education. This strategic decision not only promotes equality but also nurtures a cohort of empowered and skilled individuals.

### 3. Financial Aid Amount

- a. Eligible students enrolled in undergraduate (UG) or postgraduate (PG) programs at recognized Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) will receive an annual scholarship.
- b. Every eligible male student will be granted Rs. 9,000/- per year, while every eligible female student will receive Rs. 10,000/- per year who meet eligibility criteria and maintain continuous enrolment and attendance.
- c. However, in the case of students belonging to the SC/ST community and children of construction workers, this scholarship will be Rs. 10,000/- for male students and Rs. 11,000/- for female over and above their entitlement under any other Central/ State scholarship scheme except KALIA scheme for professional and technical courses.
- d. The disbursement of the scholarship will occur once a year.

### 4. Eligibility Criteria

a. Residency Requirement: Applicants must be permanent residents of Odisha.

b. Educational Requirement: Students must have enrolled and regularly attending classes in any regular UG or PG course in State Universities, Government, non-government aided colleges, aided

Sanskrit colleges and unaided private colleges taking admissions through SAMS under the Higher Education Department's jurisdiction.

c. Admission through SAMS Portal: In order to be eligible for the scholarship, admission in eligible courses is to be undertaken through SAMS only. However, since admissions are already over for the current academic year, as an exception, this condition will be relaxed for the current financial year i.e. for 2023-24 in case of all colleges except unaided private colleges taking admissions through SAMS.

### 5. Ineligible Courses and Criteria

a. Students enrolled in open universities or pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses, or undertaking self-financed courses under PPP mode, are ineligible to avail of scholarships under this scheme.

b. Students currently receiving scholarships KALIA scheme for professional and technical courses will not be entitled.

c. Students failing to obtain validation from their respective Principal or Educational institution are ineligible

d. Any other categories specified by the Government from time to time will also be ineligible.

### 6. Auto-Exclusion Criteria

Students falling under the following categories will be automatically excluded from the scholarship scheme:

a. Students whose either of the parents is paying tax or liable to pay income tax.

b. Students whose either of the parents is employed under regular establishments of the Central/State Government/ PSUs /Government Aided Institutions/ Autonomous Bodies or receiving grants as part of their direct pay or through block grants from any aided educational institution.

## 7. Period Of Scholarship

The scholarship is applicable for a maximum duration of three years for UG courses and two years for PG courses. One student can avail this scholarship only once for UG and once for PG only.

## 8. Duration and Scope of Scholarship

Eligible recipients in the first year of admission will receive the scholarship for the complete duration of their courses. For subsequent years, students will be eligible for the remaining years of the course. For example, if a +3 Arts student was admitted in the academic year 2022-23, they will be entitled to the scholarship for the 2nd and 3rd years only. Claims for arrears or backlogs from previous years will not be entertained.

## 9. Modalities for Scheme Implementation

- a. The State Government has established a common digital interface accessible via https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in (State Scholarship Portal) to serve as a one-stop portal for processing applications from eligible students across various scholarship schemes. Similarly, the SAMS portal automates the admission process for the first year of UG/PG courses.
- b. Eligible students will access benefits through the Common State Scholarship portal at https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in.
- c. Disbursement will be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into students' Savings Bank Accounts using the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS).
- d. Students/parents must submit a self-declaration form confirming eligibility and not within the exclusion criteria as stated above.
- e. A potential list of beneficiaries will be compiled from students data who have not received KALIA scholarship, utilizing admission data sourced from the SAMS portal, and cross-referencing it with data of

students benefiting from KALIA scholarship available on the scholarship portal.

- f. The compiled list of potential beneficiaries will be uploaded onto the Odisha Scholarship Portal, from where it will be transmitted to institutions for validation.
- g. The potential beneficiary list is to be downloaded by the institution and publish in the notice board of the college for wider circulation of information and wide coverage.
- h. If any student's name is not included in the list of potential beneficiaries, they may apply through the scholarship portal after completing the registration process and submitting the required documents.
- i. If admission in any course under regular mode or self-finance mode (other than self-finance on PPP mode) in these institutions are not done through the SAMS portal, in that case, students may submit an application online through the scholarship portal by registration and creating a personal id after submitting the required necessary documents to establish identity and eligibility. In such a case, institution has to check the eligibility along with the identity.
- j. Institutions will verify student data, ensure their continued enrolment and attendance in the college, and verify bank details before submitting validated applications to the Higher Education Department via the State Scholarship Portal.
- k. Eligibility will be evaluated through self-declaration following the outlined process below.

### 10. Self-Declaration by Students

a. To avail of the scholarship, students must make a self-declaration regarding residing in Odisha, the continuation of studies in the college mentioned, not availing scholarships from KALIA scheme for professional and technical courses, or non-coverage under autoexclusion criteria.

- b. The self-declaration must be submitted in the prescribed format (Annexure-A/B) available at the institution level, duly filled and signed as per the instructions below.
- c. Students above 18 years old must submit self-declarations using Form A. For students below 18, a declaration from their parents/guardians using Form B is required.
- d. If any clause of the above said forms are not applicable in case of any category of students, then students may write in the said declaration that the clause is not applicable on them.
- e. The declaration must include:
  - Permanent residing of Odisha.
  - Residence particulars such as district, block, address, college name, etc.,
  - Adhaar and mobile number,
  - Bank account details: The applicant's bank account number and IFSC code. Students should ensure the accuracy of account details provided during admission in the SAMS portal through CAF and maintain the account in an operational condition. If the bank details in CAF do not belong to the student or are dormant or closed, students are advised to update them in the scholarship portal through the college by providing the correct information in the self-declaration form.
  - Declaration confirming eligibility conditions fulfilment and non-coverage under auto-exclusion criteria.
  - Declaration regarding none of the parents are income tax payee or liable to any tax.
  - Declaration regarding none of the parents are employed as regular establishments of the Central /State Government/ PSUs /Government Aided Institutions/ Autonomous Bodies

or receiving grants as part of their salary directly or through block grants from any educational institution.

- Continuation of studies and regular class attendance.
- f. Institutions must receive self-declaration forms from students and issue acknowledgements.
- g. Students/parents will be responsible for appropriate legal action if the self-declaration is found to be misleading/ erroneous.
- h. If the scholarship is availed through false self-declaration, the beneficiary will be subjected to appropriate legal action and recovery of paid scholarships.
- i. Based on student declaration information either in original or in duplicate received in person or through email or other digital modes, institutions must verify that the student has been admitted to their college and continuing classes regularly, and also validate other details, particularly bank account information.
- j. Thereafter the institution is required to update information in the portal as per self-declaration and forward applications to the Higher Education Department for scholarship disbursal through the portal itself.
- k. Validation by the institution and confirmation of eligibility through self-declaration, duly accepted by the institution, will be final.
   However, random application verifications will be conducted at the Higher Education Department to assess student eligibility.
- Once student eligibility is confirmed, scholarships will be disbursed by the Higher Education Department

### 11. Disbursement Methodology

Scholarship Disbursement Process:

i. Scholarship funds will be transferred to the Savings Bank Accounts of eligible beneficiaries as provided in the declaration, utilizing the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism in IFMS.

- ii. Disbursement will occur to the bank account mentioned in the CAF form provided in the SAMS portal during admission. In case of discrepancies such as closed or dormant accounts, students are required to update their bank account details in the scholarship portal.
- iii. Institutions will download one sanction certificate from the scholarship portal for each eligible student in whose favour a scholarship is sanctioned. These <u>Certificates will be distributed</u> <u>to students</u> through institution-organized functions to ensure widespread awareness about the scheme.

### 12. Validation Timing

Institutions will assess students' eligibility criteria by crossreferencing their declarations with the admission database. For secondyear and third-year students, institutions will verify and certify re-admission status and regular attendance. Annually announced validation periods will be adhered to by institutions, ensuring compliance with specified deadlines.

### 13. Creation of Awareness and Facilitation

- a. An institutional-level nodal officer will ensure all students are adequately informed about the new scholarship scheme.
- b. The Head of the Institution will ensure proper awareness of the scheme among students and motivate them to submit their declarations on time.
- c. Information flexes will be prominently displayed within the institution to raise awareness among students.
- d. A student help desk for scholarships will be established to guide and assist students in making declarations.
- e. Details of the scholarship scheme will be shared with all students during student assemblies, and they will be advised to apply and submit the necessary documents.

- f. The Head of the institution will circulate one information sheet along with the list of potential beneficiaries regarding the scheme in each classroom and ensure all students are informed, obtaining their signatures as proof of information dissemination.
- g. Students will be provided with leaflets about the scheme.

### 14. Selection Process

- a. After receiving applications on the state scholarship portal, college authorities will evaluate them based on eligibility criteria.
- b. The screening committee will verify the authenticity of information in the declaration. Eligible applications will be forwarded to the Higher Education Department through the State Scholarship Portal.
- c. Trust in the authenticity of students' self-declarations is important. Students are relied upon to ensure the accuracy of their submissions. However, in instances of doubt, college authorities reserve the right to verify self-declarations. It is crucial to note that any submission of false information by any student will result in appropriate legal action, including the possibility of the student being required to refund the scholarship amount along with facing legal action.
- d. The department will conduct due diligence randomly, if required, to evaluate applications and sanction scholarships to eligible students.

### 15. <u>Renewal Procedures for the Scholarship</u>

- a. The scholarship will be renewable annually based on the student's academic continuity, regular attendance in the previous academic year, participation in college examinations, and continued eligibility.
- b. The system will facilitate renewal by transferring scholarship information to the educational institution for validation of the student's ongoing enrollment in subsequent years.

- c. Institutions must submit renewal applications through the State Scholarship portal, including the student's latest admission data from SAMS/ readmission data from the institution records and the previous year's attendance and examination appearance status.
- d. During the renewal process, students will be prompted for Aadhaar re-verification via a One-Time Password (OTP) sent to their registered mobile number.

### 16. Monitoring and Evaluation

- To ensure effective implementation and transparency, students will conduct an annual social audit.
- b. Each college will establish a student committee for the scholarship, overseen by the concerned RDE, comprising a minimum of 7 students. These committees will raise awareness and conduct social audits of the scheme. Regular capacity-building training for the student committee members should be conducted.
- c. Institutions will share a list of students in whose favor the scholarship has been sanctioned with the student committee for eligibility assessment.
- d. Concerned RDEs will review the social audit findings and address identified issues to ensure successful scheme implementation.
   Scholarship recipients may be required to attend periodic reviews to assess their academic progress.
- 17. The Higher Education Department reserves the right to make necessary changes and amendment in the order to make the scheme more inclusive and for effective implementation.

By order of Governor,

Commissioner-cum Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt of Odisha

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(As mandate in NUA-O scholarship scheme) (ଯଦି ଛାତ୍ର/ ଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ବୟସ ୧୮ ବର୍ଷରୁ ଭର୍ଦ୍ଧ ହୋଇଥାଏ)

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### <u>ଅଭିଭାବକଙ୍କ ହାରା ଘୋଷଣାନାମା</u> ANNEXURE- B (ଖ)

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# PM YOUNG ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SCHEME FOR VIBRANT INDIA FOR OBCs AND OTHERS (PM –YASASVI)

(2021-2022 to 2025-26)

# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

# **1. BACKGROUND:**

The vision of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is to build an inclusive society wherein members of the target groups can lead productive, safe and dignified lives with adequate support for their growth and development. It aims to support and empower its target groups through programmes of educational, economic and social development, and rehabilitation, wherever necessary. In order to achieve its vision, the Ministry implements various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CS/CSS) for vulnerable groups comprising of Other Backward Class (OBCs), Economically Backward Class (EBC) andDenotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNT/S-NT). A Backward Classes Division has been constituted by the Ministry which is responsible for the policy, planning and implementation of programmes relating to the social and economic empowerment of OBCs/EBCs/DNTs.

Ministry has identified the key indicators for socio-economic development of OBC/EBC/DNT community by proposing an umbrella scheme for educational empowerment by giving all scholarship schemes a uniform pattern and platform to make it more competitive with other lucrative schemes to widen the network. Some sections of the OBCs are still backward in socio-economic terms. AsperNSSO(2009-10)66<sup>th</sup>Round,the estimated population of OBCs is 41.7 per cent as opposed to 16.6 per cent of SC population, as per 2011 National Census. Moreover, as per the then Planning Commission's report 2011-12 out of total population of OBCs, 21.9% are below poverty line. However the overall numbers are expected to have been multiplied by now.

The existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) Students and Post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) schemes were formulated in the year 1998-99. Further the scheme for educational empowerment of EBC/DNT was launched in the year 2014-15. All these scholarship schemes have been operational since their inception. The schemes aim towards educational empowerment of the socio-economically backward classes, thereby facilitating the completion of education of the most vulnerable sections of the target population. However, the absence of a national census for the identification of OBC/EBC/DNT community hasadverselyimpactedtheoutreachoftheschemes, preventingalarge number of potential beneficiaries from availing the schemebenefits.

2. SCHEME COMPONENTS: Keeping in view the present implementation status, an umbrella scheme namely "PM YOUNG ACHIEVERS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SCHEME FOR VIBRANT INDIA FOR OBCS AND OTHERS (PM –YASASVI)" for OBC,EBC and DNT students has been formulated having following five sub-schemes:

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students

- (iii) Top Class School Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- (iv) Top Class College Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- (v) Construction of Hostel for OBC Boys and Girls

# (A) CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO OBC, EBC AND DNT STUDENTS

### 1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT students (who are not covered under SC, ST or OBC) is welfare and motivation to the children of these categories by providing financial assistance at pre matriculation or secondary stage.

# 2. SCOPE

2.1. 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.

2.2. The scholarship will be provided for students studying in Government Schools only.

# 3. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

3.1. The scholarships are open to Nationals of India only.

3.2. 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.

3.3. The students should be studying in class IX and X on a full-time basis in Government Schools only.

3.4. They should belong to either of OBC, EBC and DNT (who are not covered under SC, ST or OBC) categories through valid certificate.

3.5. A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other educational scholarship for the purpose of studying in class IX and X. If awarded any other educational scholarship for studying in classes IX and X, the students can avail of either of the two scholarships as per his/her choice and should inform the awarding authority to the Head of the Institution about the option made.

3.6 The condition stipulated in this Ministry's notification no. 428 dated 16.02.2017 relating to provisions contained in Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act 2016 are to be followed with further stipulation that if, for any reason, the authentication of Aadhaar fails in respect of any applicant, such an individual should be permitted to establish his/her identity by any other means so that genuine persons are not deprived of their benefits.

3.7 Income Certificate is required to be taken once only, i.e. at the time of admission to courses.

# 4. COVERAGE VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

4.1 The students shall be given a consolidated academic allowance of Rs. 4000/- per annum.

### 5. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

5.1 The scheme will be implemented and administered in accordance with the procedures, state specific level conditions, laid down by the State Govts./UT Administration in this regard.

5.2 While all the OBC, EBC and DNT students with parents'/guardians' annual income of uptoRs 2.50 lakh per annum are eligible, the State Government will make special efforts to identify the poorest eligible households from various sources and enroll students under the scheme in a mission mode. Further, these students would be monitored on regular basis so that they continue with their studies. Such students shall include (i) students from households with three or more deprivations as per SECC-2011 (ii) students from households where one or both the parents are illiterate.

5.3 The States/UTs may adopt methodology suitable to the local conditions for identification of such students e.g. OBC/EBC/DNT majority districts/blocks/villages may be taken first for identification of the poorest students. In this regard, help of local bodies, Municipal Corporations etc. may be taken.

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

5.5 State Government should ensure that the beneficiary, at the time of admission, applies for the scholarship also. In this regard, the State Government may open facilitation centers or nominate a nodal officer in the educational institutions so that the entry into the student database for renewals and fresh admissions can be done in a stipulated timeframe.

5.6 The State Governments shall strive to put in place a scholarship portal that has all features as prescribed and share the data on a real-time basis with the Central portal.

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

# 6. APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND VERIFICATION

6.1 The concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations will lay down the detailed procedure for selection of students, which shall not be in contravention to these guidelines.

6.2 Application-on-the-day-of-admission: The institutions/ schools shall ensure that all students admitted to their institution apply on the IT portal for the scholarship on the same day as the date of admission into the institution.

6.3. On the day of admission itself, the institution shall verify on the scholarship portal that the student has taken admission in the institution and is now a bonafide student of the institution.

6.4 In case of renewal students, the student shall be auto-renewed based on the attendance and confirmation from the institution of the student having been promoted to the next class and having joined back the School/Institution.

# 7. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

7.1 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.

7.2 The award once made will be payable until the student passes Class X, subject to satisfactory academic performance and attendance of 75% in every academic year. The attendance will be verified through Aadhaar based attendance System.

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

7.4 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.

### 8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEME

The scheme will be announced by the concerned State Government/ UT Administration well in time, by giving advertisements in the leading language newspapers, local dailies and through their respective websites/ Scholarship portals and other modes of media.

# 9. ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

9.1 Every participating State/UT, on or before 28th February of the preceding year, will prepare a State level Annual Plan for the Pre-Matric OBC and others. The Action Plan should give clearly the targets, eligibility, proposed coverage separately for poorest households, processes for identification, systems for monitoring etc.

9.2 The Department will constitute a Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) to appraise and approve the Annual Action Plans w.e.f 2022-23. These plans would be appraised at the Centre and the outlay for each State would be finalized before 30th April, of every year. The constitution of the committee will be informed through separate instructions.

**10. TIMELINES FOR THE SCHEME:** All the States/UTs/Centre would adhere to the following timelines for processing of the applications and release of scholarship amounts during a financial year:

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1	Finalization of Notional Allocation	By 1 <sup>st</sup> April of
		the F.Y.
2	Submission of proposal by the States/UTs withinNotionalAllocation	By 30 <sup>th</sup> April of
		the F.Y.
3	Opening of Portal for registration by students	1 <sup>st</sup> April
4	Closing of Portal for registration	30 <sup>th</sup> June
5	Verification by the institutions to be completed	31 <sup>st</sup> July
6	Verification by the State Govt	15 <sup>th</sup> August
7	Release of Central Assistance into the SNA, as per the data	31 <sup>st</sup> August
	uploaded on to the central portal	
8	Payment of scholarships by the State Govt using DBT process (before)	30 <sup>th</sup> September

### 11. MODE OF APPLYING

All applications shall be submitted on the online portal along with the required certificates. There shall be no paper applications. All online applications shall be auto-verified by linking the databases of the income and caste certificates, so as to minimize the manual verification.

### 12. 'FUNDS-LIMITED' NATURE OF THE SCHEME

12.1 There will be a 60: 40 sharing ratio between the Centre and States. For North Eastern States and for the states of Uttarakhand and Himanchal Pradesh the sharing ratio will be 90:10. For UTs without legislatures, 100% funds shall be provided by Centre. The central assistance for the scheme will be apportioned to States on pro-rata basis, based on population and other such criteria. Accordingly, a notional allocation (NA) under the Scheme shall be 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-

(ii) States/UTs will incur expenditure under the Scheme at least to the sum total of "Central Assistance or NA and matching State share".

(iii) However, they would be free to allocate funds from the State-Plan, over and above the sum total of "Central Assistance or Notional Allocation 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 and additional central assistance may be provided subject to availability of saving in notional allocation, towards the end of a financial year.

12.2 The entire scholarship amount - both from the State and Central Government - including the academic allowance and disability allowance, if any, will be paid directly into the account of the students or parents ONLY through DBT preferably through an Aadhaar Based Payment System (Aadhaar Payment Bridge-AePS).

12.3 The State Govt./UTs are required to adhere Deptt. of Expenditure (MoF), GoI's OM No. 1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23.03 2021 regarding the procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of funds with a

view to have more effective cash management and bring more transparency in the PEM. The procedure will be followed by all the State Governments and UTs regarding release and monitoring of funds under CSS.

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

12.5 The implementation of the scheme would be in accordance with the provisions of GFR 2017. Submission of UC should be as per prescribed forms as per GFR, 2017. Further, as per provisions of rule 230(8) of GFR, 2017, all interest or other earnings against Grants-in-aid or advances released to any grantee institution should be mandatorily remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalization of accounts.

12.6 **Administrative Charges:** The administrative cost for administration, monitoring and evaluation shall be limited to 1% of the annual scheme cost. The cost would be utilized for development of portal, conduct of social audits, publicity and awareness or any other activity for the efficient implementation of the scheme.

### **13. IT SYSTEMS AND DATABASE OF THE BENEFICIARIES**

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

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

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

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

c) There shall be no upload of any documents or any certificates into the system. All data should be auto-verified by linking databases through digilocker or any such mechanism, such as database of income certificates, domicile and caste certificates issued by State/District Administration, using Aadhaar number as the link.

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

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

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

g) The renewals should be automatic based on promotion to the next class and having the required attendance, subject to confirmation of the student having joined back the same course. There should not be any requirement for the student to apply for renewals.

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

13.3 All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the scheme will maintain the data of all the beneficiaries along with the amount of scholarship on their online portal.

13.4 The servers of the State Governments shall be synchronized with the central server on a real-time basis so that at any point of time, the central server shall reflect the data of the whole country.

#### 14. MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

14.1 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.

14.2 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.

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

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

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

### **15. MECHANISM FOR REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES**

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

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

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

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

### 16. OTHER CONDITIONS FOR AWARD:

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

16.3. The scholar obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other pre-matric scholarship scheme.

16.4 Only two boys of the same parents/guardian will be entitled to receive scholarships. This restriction will, however, not apply to girls. Accordingly, scholarship availed by girls of same parents/guardian will not adversely affect admissibility of availing scholarship upto two boys of same parents/guardian.

16.5Regular attendance record not less than 75% in the previous year should be prerequisite for availing scholarship.

16.6 At least 5% students with disabilities should be covered for grant of the scholarships.30% of the beneficiaries should be reserved for girl students.

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

16.8The provisions of this scheme can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.

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# (B) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students for studying in India

# 1. **OBJECTIVE**

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

# 2. 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.

# 3. **DEFINITIONS**

a) "**Group 1:** Degree and Post Graduate level professional courses" shall mean: all Professional courses in Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications (ii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of Management & Medicine(iii) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./1.C.F.A. etc. (iv) M.Phil., Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Programmes (D.Lit., D.Sc. etc.) of Group I, Group II and Group III courses .(v) L.L.B, Integrated LL B, L.L.M (vi) Commercial Pilot License Courses from GoI institutes (including helicopter pilot and multiengine) (maximum 20 slots per annum)

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

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

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

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

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

# 4. ELIGIBILITY OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

i. Institutions of National Importance;

ii. Central University/ State University/ Autonomous colleges recognized by UGC

iii.	and Universities /Colleges recognized under section 2(f) of UGC Act; Deemed Universities;
iv.	All Private Universities recognized by State/Centre;
v. vi.	Private Professional Institutions affiliated to a recognized Central/State University and covered by a Fee Fixation Committee as mandated by Supreme Court; Recognized schools/colleges for Classes XI and class XII;
vii.	Diploma granting Institutions as recognized by State/UT Governments;
viii.	Vocational Training Institutes affiliated to National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT);
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ix. Institutions affiliated/ approved by the appropriate bodies like NMC/AICTE etc. or any regulatory body established by State/UT/Centre.

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

# 5. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

i. The scholarships will be open to Indian nationals belonging to OBCs, EBCs and DNTs, as notified by the Central Govt./State Govt./ UT Admin.

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 3 above.

iii. Only those candidates who belong to OBCs/EBCs/DNTs 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. B.Sc. after B.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 theUnder 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 '1' and no further change in the course will be allowed thereafter.

ix. Students, who pursue their studies through correspondence/online courses, are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuous education for courses in Central/ State Universities only.

x. Only two boys of the same parents/guardian will be entitled to receive scholarships. This restriction will, however, not apply to girls. Accordingly, scholarship availed by girls of same parents/guardian will not adversely affect admissibility of availing scholarship up to two boys of same parents/guardian.

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

xiv. Employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/ guardians does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum shall be eligible for post -matric scholarship.

xv. Unemployed students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum will be entitled for the scholarship under the scheme.

Note 1: 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.

Note 2: All seats filled through arbitrary and non-transparent processes (including management quota, NRI quota, spot admissions etc.) without following the merit criteria as decided by the State Government are not eligible for these scholarships. The fees claimed against management quota seats, spot admission seat in any Institution /University will not be reimbursed. In case of any contradiction on the classification of seats or non-clarity on the classification of seats in the State/UT, the following criteria may be followed:

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

- a) That the applicants claiming the scholarship have been admitted through a transparent process which involved calling of applications through advertisements, preparation of ranks, selection of candidates on merit list, and publication of selection list and others as deemed fit by the State Government;
- b) That the fees for courses are duly approved by the Fee Fixation/Fee Rationalization Committee set up by the competent authority.

### 6. ROLE OF THE STATE GOVERNMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

6.6. State Government will ensure that the beneficiary, at the time of admission, applies for the scholarship also. In this regard, the State Government may open facilitation centers or nominate a nodal officer in the educational institutions so that the entry into the student database for renewals and fresh admissions can be done in a stipulated timeframe.

6.7 The State Governments shall strive to put in place a scholarship portal that has all features and share the data on a real-time basis with the Central portal.

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

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

6.10 The State Govt./UTs are required to adhere Deptt. of Expenditure, (MoF), GoI's OM No. 1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23rd March, 2021 regarding the procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of funds with a view to have more effective cash management and bring more transparency in the PEM. The procedure will be followed by all the State Governments and UTs regarding release and monitoring of funds under CSS.

### 7. COMPONENTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

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

	Yearly (in Rs)			
Category of courses	Academic Allowance	Tuition Fee	Total	
Group 1: Degree and Post Graduate level professional courses	10000	10000	20000	
Group 2: Other Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate	8000	5000	13000	
Group 3: Graduate and Post Graduate courses not covered under Group I & Group II	6000	2000	8000	
Group 4: All post-matriculation (Post Class X level) non-degree courses	5000	0	5000	

Note 1. Students pursuing C A . /I.C.W.A. /C.S. /1.C.F.A. shall be treated as day scholars for the purpose of academic allowance. Students studying through correspondence /online courses shall not be eligible for academic allowance.

Note 2. Tuition fees shall be paid to online/correspondence students.

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

### 8. FREESHIP CARD AND PROCESS FOR ISSUE

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

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

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

authority as prescribed by the State Govt. etc.

8.4 After the registration on the Portal, if the student is found eligible, all States/UTs will complete the verification process within 30 days from the receipt of the registration request from the students and issue the Freeship Card through the IT portal, mentioning the course for which application is made so that the eligible students are not denied admissions due to delay in depositing tuition fees. It should be possible for the student to download the Free Ship Card from the portal itself. Once complete digitization of all the required certificates is done, such Freeship Card shall be automatically generated immediately on registration, if the student is found eligible.

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

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

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

# 9. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND VERIFICATION

9.1 Application-on-the-day-of-admission: The institutions shall ensure that all students admitted to their institution and having Freeship Cards issued as detailed in para 8 of these Guidelines, apply on the IT portal for the scholarship, along with documents needs to be uploaded as notified by the prescribed authority, on the same day as the date of admission into the institution.

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

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

### **10. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

All the eligible OBC/EBC/DNT candidates will be given scholarships subject to the condition of eligibility prescribed in the 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.

### 11. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

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

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

11.3 If, according to the Regulations of a University/Institution, a student is promoted to the next higher class even though he/she may not have actually passed in lower class and is required to take examination of the junior class again after sometime, he/she will be entitled to scholarship for the class to which he/she is promoted if the student is otherwise eligible for scholarship. Further, in case a student fails in any class and then again joins the same class as a regular student, he/she will be eligible for scholarship for one additional year or the actual period, whichever is lower.

11.4 If a scholar is pursuing Group I 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.

### **12. PAYMENT MECHANISM**

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

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

12.3 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.

12.4 30% of the funds allocated earmarked for girl students and 5% for students with disabilities.

12.5 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.

12.6 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.

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

### **13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEME**

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

### 14. 'FUNDS-LIMITED' NATURE OF THE SCHEME

14.1 Due to budgetary constraint and 'funds limited' nature of the existing 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 shall be conveyed at the beginning of the financial year to States/UTs in proportion to total population as per census. The States/UTs are expected to send proposals within the notional allocation.

14.2 States/UTs will sub-allocate their NA, district-wise and group-wise, for all nonprofessional 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.

14.3 States will earmark at least 25% of the total outlay under the Scheme for Group 4 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 target

students to join entry-level courses of tertiary education which would enable them subsequently to take up courses leading to higher qualifications.

14.4 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.

14.5 The proposal or Central Assistance should be accompanied with the details of physical and financial progress in the prescribed proforma.

14.6 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.

### **15. FUNDING PATTERN OF THE SCHEME**

15.1 There will be a 60: 40 sharing ratio between the Centre and States. For North Eastern States and for the states of Uttarakhand and Himanchal Pradesh the sharing ratio will be 90:10. For UTs without legislatures, 100% funds shall be provided by Centre. The central assistance for the scheme will be apportioned to States on pro-rata basis, based on total population and other such criteria. Accordingly, a notional allocation (NA) under the Scheme shall be 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:

- a) 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.
- b) States/UTs will incur expenditure under the Scheme at least to the sum total of "Central Assistance or NA and matching State share".
- c) 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.

15.2 The entire scholarship amount - both from the State and Central Government - including the academic allowance and disability allowance, if any, will be paid directly into the account of the students or parents ONLY through DBT preferably through an Aadhaar Based Payment System (Aadhaar Payment Bridge-AePS).

15.3 The State Govt./UTs are required to adhere Deptt. of Expenditure, (MoF), GoI's OM No. 1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23.03.2021 regarding the procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of funds with a view to have more effective cash management and bring more transparency in the PEM. The procedure will be followed by all the State Governments and UTs regarding release and monitoring of funds under CSS.

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

15.5 The implementation of the scheme would be in accordance with the provisions of GFR 2017. Submission of UC should be as per prescribed forms as per GFR, 2017. Further, as per provisions of rule 230(8) of GFR, 2017, all interest or other earnings against Grants-in-aid or advances released to any grantee institution should be mandatorily remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalization of accounts.

15.6 **Administrative Charges:** The administrative cost for administration, monitoring and evaluation shall be limited to 1% of the annual scheme cost. The cost would be utilized for development of portal, conduct of social audits, publicity and awareness or any other activity for the efficient implementation of the scheme.

### 16. IT FRAMEWORK

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

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

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

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

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

d) There shall be no upload of any documents or any certificates into the system. All data should be auto-verified by linking databases through digilocker or any such mechanism, such as (i) school boards' results, including the CBSE/ICSE along with the certificates maintained by them; (ii) database of income certificates, domicile and caste certificates issued by State/District Administration and (iii) databases maintained by the Universities and Colleges, using Aadhaar number as the link.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **17.** ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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

17.2 The Department will constitute a Project Appraisal Committee to appraise and approve the Annual Action Plans. These plans would be appraised at the Centre and the outlay for each State would be finalized before 30th April, of every year as per the annual increase indicated under the funding pattern. The constitution of the committee will be informed through separate instructions.

**18. TIMELINES FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:** All the States/UTs/Centre would adhere to the following timelines for processing of the applications and release of scholarship amounts during a financial year:

- The scholarship portals would remain open throughout the year so that all eligible students can register for the Freeship Card and apply for the scholarships.
- Disbursal of scholarships for all applications (fresh/renewals) shall be made in one installment as per the following schedule as far as possible:

S1.	LineofAction	Timeline	
No			
1	Finalization of Notional Allocation	By 1 <sup>st</sup> April of	
		the F.Y.	
2	Submission of proposal by the States/UTs withinNotionalAllocation	By 30 <sup>th</sup> April of	
		the F.Y.	
3	Opening of Portal for registration by students	1 <sup>st</sup> April	
4	Closing of Portal for registration	30 <sup>th</sup> June	
5	Verification by the institutions to be completed	31 <sup>st</sup> July	
6	Verification by the State Govt	15 <sup>th</sup> August	
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7	Release of Central Assistance into the SNA, as per the data	31 <sup>st</sup> August
	uploaded on to the central portal	
8	Payment of scholarships by the State Govt using DBT process (before)	30 <sup>th</sup> September

### **19. MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

19.1 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 aspect 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.

19.2 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.

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

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

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

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

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

### **20. ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES**

20.1 The administrative cost for administration, monitoring and evaluation shall be limited

to 1% of the annual outlay.

20.2 Each State /UT shall project the requirement of funds for undertaking the monitoring of the implementation, in its Annual Action Plan. In case, funds are required for Book, these may be indicated under the Administrative charges. This would be considered by the PAC, ensuring that the total outflow on this count does not exceed 1% of the annual outlay.

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

### 21. MECHANISM FOR REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES

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

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

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

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

# 22. OTHER CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD

22.1 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.

22.2 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.

22.3 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.

22.4 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.

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

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#### Annexure-1

#### [Refer para 8]

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

- i. Name of the Student
- ii. Student's ID on the portal
- iii. Fathers' Name-
- iv. Aadhaar Card Number
- v. Caste
- vi. Date of Birth
- vii. Annual Family income
- viii. Domicile State-
- ix. Address of the Student
- x. Course (in which admission is sought)-
- xi. Duration of Course-
- xii. Class (presently studying)-
- xiii. Class (Last class previously studied)-
- xiv. Major provisions of the scheme

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

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# (C) CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF TOP CLASS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS FOR OBC, EBC AND DNT STUDENTS

#### 1. **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the scheme is to provide premium education to the meritorious students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT categories by funding their education from Class 9 onwards till they complete Class 12.

#### 2. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

All the OBC, EBC and DNT students studying in the Top Class Schools identified as per the modalities of the scheme with household annual income of less than Rs. 2.5 lakhs would be eligible for the scheme. The number of slots for each State would be allocated based on the OBC population data available. The sanction of scholarship would be based on merit and is done using online portal.

#### 3. MODALITIES

The scheme would be implemented in the following manner:

- a) The top performing schools which consistently secure 100% passes in the Classes 10<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> would be selected by a selection committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (BC) and with representation from Department of School Education and the NITI Ayog. These schools will be termed as 'Top Class Schools (TCSs)' for the purpose of this scheme.
- b) The TCSs can be public (Central/State/Local Body) or aided schools or private schools.
- c) The number of slots available under the scheme for each State and each class would be announced in the month of April each year.
- d) At least 30% of these scholarships are reserved for girls.
- e) The OBC/EBC/DNT students already studying in the TCSs can apply on the National Scholarship Portal for the scholarship along with the marks they have obtained in the final exam of the previous class.
- f) These applications have to be verified online by the Nodal Officers of the School, and confirmed by the State Government online.
- g) There shall be a State-wise merit list for each class for boys and girls separately prepared on the basis of the marks obtained in the final exam of the previous class, and allocation of the scholarships shall be automatically be done on the merit.

# 4. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

This is a central sector component under Centrally Sponsored scheme, and would be implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment with the assistance of the State Governments and the National Scholarship Portal.

# 5. METHODOLOGY OF ASSISTANCE/ RELEASE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- i. The release of funds will be directly into the account of beneficiaries through DBT mode.
- ii. Payment shall be made in on instalment to be released before 15<sup>th</sup> August each year.
- iii. The implementation of the scheme would be in accordance with the provisions of GFR 2017.

# 6. INSTITUITIONS ELIGIBLE AND QUANTUM OF ASSISTANCE

(i) The top class schools which have maintained 100% pass percentage in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12 class exams shall be shortlisted by a committee Chaired by the Joint Secretary (BC) in the Ministry and with representation from Department of School Education and NITI Ayog.

(ii) The grants will be provided for tuition fee, hostel fee and other charges as required by the school, subject to a maximum of Rs. 75,000/- per annum per student of class 9 and 10 and Rs. 1,25,000/- per annum per student of class 11 and 12.

# 7. OTHER CONDITIONS

(i) The students must have a Bank Account and while applying under the scheme should provide all necessary details.

(ii) The shortlisted School should have Aadhaar Based Attendance System that can be integrated into a central portal, if required.

(iii) Students studying in schools assisted under this Scheme shall not be eligible for assistance under any other scheme of the Government for the items/purpose already covered under thisScheme.

# 8. MONITORING

() The designated portal shall allow updating of the information on all the given performance criteria at regular intervals by the students.

(ii) A real time Data Management Information System (MIS) for collection and dissemination of progress of the scheme will be put in place for better reporting on output outcome indicators. The MIS of the scheme will be linked through API to 'Output Outcome Monitoring Framework' (OOMF) Dashboard.

(iii) From time to time, beneficiaries may be contacted over phone or through personal visit to know the impact of the scheme and also to take decision for continuation or otherwise of grants at any time.

# 8. **PROCEDURE FOR MODIFICATION OF THE GUIDELINES:**

The detailed guidelines regarding eligibility conditions for availing assistance under the scheme, procedure and selection of candidates and other terms and conditions along with the extent of support are provided, may be modified from time to time, according to needs, with the approval of the Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment and other competent authority.

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# (D) CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF TOP CLASS EDUCATION IN COLLEGE FOR OBC, EBC AND DNT STUDENTS

### 1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the scheme is to recognize and promote quality education amongst Students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT categories by providing full financial support. The Scheme will cover OBC/EBC/DNT students for pursuing studies beyond class XIIth.

#### 2. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

(i) The Scheme will operate in all the institutions notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for every financial year 2021-22 onwards.

(ii) The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance of thestudent. The students are required to apply for scholarship every year even in case of renewal also.

# 3. ELIGIBILITY

(i) Those OBC/EBC/DNT students having total annual family income from all sources up to Rs. 2.50 lakh and having secured admission in a full-time prescribed course in any of the notified institutions according to the general selection criteria prescribed by the concerned institution, will be eligible for scholarship under the Scheme to the extent of the number of scholarships (slots) allocated to the institution for the course.

(ii) In case the number of eligible students admitted exceeds the number of slots allotted to the institution, the scholarship will be restricted to the top students in the inter-se merit list based on the admission criteria for the course as mentioned in Annexure-II. However, if there is more than one student with equal marks for the last available slot in an institution, preference should be given to the student with the lower family income. The remaining students from OBC/EBC/DNT category admitted in the institution shall be eligible for the Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) administered by this Ministry through State Governments/UT Administrations, provided such students are otherwise eligible under the saidscheme.

(iii) In case the institution finds that the number of eligible candidates in the 1st year are less than the number of slots allotted to it, the balance slots may be offered to eligible students studying in 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, etc. on the basis of inter-se merit of previous year's result giving priority to those with higher number of years left to complete their respective course i.e.  $2^{nd}$  year students are to get priority over the  $3^{rd}$  year students and soon.

(iv) Thirty percent (30%) of slots allotted to the Institution shall be reserved for eligible girl

students as per their inter-se merit. In the absence of sufficient number of girl students, the slots may be transferred to eligible boy students as per their inter-semerit.

(v) However, the 30% slots as mentioned above will not include those girl students who are selected on the basis of their performance in the overall merit list of OBC/EBC/DNT students, as applicable, of theInstitution.

(vi) The benefit of the Scheme will not be provided to more than 2 siblings in a family. The students will submit an affidavit in the Institution to certify that he/she is not the third sibling of the family who is availing benefit under the scheme.

(vii) The scholarship will be terminated if the student fails to get promoted to the next semester/class.

(viii) As the fund is majorly earmarked for OBC, preference would be given to the OBC students while considering under the scheme.

# 4. 'TOP CLASS' INSTITUTIONS AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP SLOTS

(i) All the IIMs / IITs/ IIITs / AIIMSs/ NITs/NIFTs/ NIDs/ Indian Institutes of Hotel Management, National Law Universities and other Central Government Institutions will be eligible to be included in the Scheme, subject to their applying for being included in the Scheme and recommendation by the Selection Committee under the scheme, or if the Selection Committee itself recommends the name of the institute for inclusion in the list of empanelled institutes of the scheme. If an institution is not in any of the above categories, it has to be included in the current list ofi). National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) A++ and A+ Accredited Institutions or ii) Top 100 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Institutions or iii).Institutions of National Importance as per lists issued by Ministry of Education (GoI) from time totime.

(ii) For Commercial Pilot Training Course and Type Rating Courses all Government institutes approved by Director General of Civil Aviation shall be eligible for empanelment under the scheme.

(iii) The overall number of fresh scholarships would be capped as per budget earmarked of that financial year. The number of slots shall be distributed among types of institutions as per recommendation of the committee.

(iv) The list of the 'Top Class' Institutions to be covered under the Scheme along with number of scholarship slots will be notified by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. Any addition or deletion to the list shall be notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, as and when required, based on the recommendations of the Steering Committee set up under the scheme.

(v) Any institution not applying under the Scheme continuously for three years shall

beremoved from the list of notified institutions under theScheme.

# 5. FUNDING PATTERN & MODE OF PAYMENT

(i) The OBC/EBC/DNT students, who secure admission in the notified institutions, will be awarded scholarship to meet the requirements for (**a**) full tuition fee and non-refundable charges (there will be a ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum per student for private sector institutions and Rs. 3.72 lakhs per annum per student for the private sector flying clubs for Commercial Pilot Training and Type Rating Courses) (**b**) living expenses to the beneficiary @Rs.3000/-per month per student (**c**) books and stationery @ Rs. 5000/- per annum per student and (iv) a latest computer/laptop of reputed brand with accessories like UPS and printer limited to Rs. 45000/- per student as one time assistance during the course.

(ii) The Scheme will be funded by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 100% basis.

(iii) The scholarship will become payable immediately after a student has secured admission and has started attending the classes.

(iv) The payment of tuition fee and other non-refundable charges will be made directly to the institution by the Central Government through Direct Benefit Transfermode.

(v) Similarly, the payment of living expenses, books & stationery and computer/laptop with accessories will be made directly to the student by the Central Government through Direct Benefit Transfermode.

(vi) The implementation of the scheme would be in accordance with the provisions of GFR 2017. Submission of UC should be as per prescribed forms as per GFR, 2017. Further, as per provisions of rule 230(8) of GFR, 2017, all interest or other earnings against Grants-in- aid or advances released to any grantee institution should be mandatorily remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalization of accounts.

# 6. OTHER PROVISIONS

(i) With a view to ensure access of the provisions of this Scheme to all eligible students, the institution will incorporate the salient features of the scheme in their prospectus, in addition to putting the same on the website of the institution.

(ii) The students will submit their application on National Scholarship Portal (NSP). The institutes will verify the applications on NSP for submission to the Ministry. The institution will follow the limit of the slots assigned to it and will verify only as many applications as number of slots provided to it. The last date of verification of applications of the students by the institutions on NSP shall be 31st October.

(iii) In the case of new entrants i.e. to the first year of the course, the institution will select eligible OBC/EBC/DNT students on the basis of merit as per the entrance examination merit list. The entrance exam of each course will be considered as per the list given at Annexure-I. The students are required to apply under the Scheme on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and upload their income certificate and caste certificate on the Portal along with details of their bank account, Admission Rank and Fee details to claim the scholarship. The institution shall verify all the details before forwarding the applications to the Ministry.

(iv) In the case of application for renewal of scholarships by students joining second or subsequent years of the course, verification of an application by the institution would mean that the institution has promoted the student to the next class and the student has taken admissiontherein.

(v) Normally, the student should purchase the computer/laptop including accessories in the first year he/she is awarded the scholarship. The student will submit the bill for purchase of the same while applying for the scholarship in the subsequent year to the institution. If the amount of purchase is less than the amount released to him/her under this head, the institution will the accordingly adjust the difference against the admissible grant to the student being proposed on the NSP.

(vi) The institution will furnish a Utilization Certificate in the prescribed format for the tuition fee and non-refundable charges released to it.

(vii) The performance of the students covered under the Scheme shall be monitored regularly by the Head of the respective institution and the same shall be reported to the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at the end of each academicyear.

(viii) Any institution violating the provisions of the Scheme and/or instructions issued by the Government of India will be de-notified.

(ix) In the event of de-notification/deletion of any institution, the scholarship will continue to be available to the students already admitted under the Scheme, if otherwise eligible, till the completion of the course. However, no fresh seats will be allotted and funds released to such de-notified institutions.

(x) The general provisions of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, will apply *mutatis mutandis*, and the institutions shall be bound by the general principles laidtherein.

# 7. **REVIEW AND MONITORING**

(i) The progress of implementation of the Scheme will be reviewed by a Steering Committee consisting of the following–

- a) Secretary (SJ&E) -Chairperson
- b) Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (SJ&E) -Member
- c) Joint Secretary, BC Division, M/o SJ&E Member
- d) Joint Secretary (TA), M/o Tribal Affairs Member
- e) Joint Secretary, Deptt .of Higher Education -Member
- f) Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Medical Education, M/o H&FW –Member
- g) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation Member
- h) Joint Secretary, Deptt. For EPWD, M/o SJE –Member
- i) A representative of the UGC –Member
- h) A representative of the NITI Aayog -Member
- i) Director/Dy. Secretary, BC Division, M/o SJ&E –Convener

The Committee may co-opt an expert as a special invitee, as and when it deemsnecessary.

(ii) The Committee may recommend to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment about addition or deletion of any institution based on their performance. For the purpose, the Committee may take into account the recommendations of the concerned bodies conducting the entrance examinations for admissions into such courses or having the administrative control over such institutions.

(iii) The Committee would equitably distribute the slots under the Scheme amongst the notified institutions.

(iv) The Committee may periodically review the performance of the selected institutions on the basis of the academic results and also recommend appropriate modifications in the Scheme, as and when considered necessary.

# 8. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

(i) As the magnitude of data to be managed and processed would be very large, there would be a need to engage qualified skilled personnel – on contract or out- sourcing basis - right from the beginning to design, develop and operate the IT based systems as well as enter, process, analyses, monitor, retrieve and transfer data.

(ii) A provision not exceeding 1% if the total budget will be made to meet the administrative and allied costs of the Ministry for office equipment including computers and accessories, furniture, development of appropriate software, advertisements, engagement of personnel, etc.

(iii) The above provision will also be used for publicity, awareness generation, evaluation and monitoring of the Scheme, through outside institutions/agencies engaged by the Ministry of SJ&E, Government ofIndia.

**9.** The modifications as considered appropriate in the provisions of the Scheme, from time to time, would be approved by the Administrative Minister, on the recommendations of the

Committee as given in para7 above.

#### <u>Annexure-1</u>

Criteria of	Type of Institutions	Criteria for Merit list
Merit List		
For the		
Institutions		
as per the		
entrance		
exam		
S.No.		
	Engineering	
1	IITs	Rank in JEE Advanced
2	NITs	Rank in JEE Mains
3	IIITs	Rank in JEE Mains
4	Other Central Govt. Institutions	Rank in JEE Mains
4(i)	Indian Maritime University,	Rank in IMU CET
4(ii)	Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram	Rank in JEE Advanced
5	State Govt. Institute-IIITM-K	Entrance test of IIITM-K
6	Private Institutions- BITs	Rank in BITSAT
	Management	
7	IIMs	Rank in CAT
8	Other Govt. Institutes	
8(i)	IRMA	Rank in CAT/XAT
8(ii)	Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal	Rank in CAT/XAT
8(iii)	FMS	Rank in CAT
8(iv)	NITIE	Rank in CAT
8(v)	IIFT	Rank in IIFT ent exam
9	Non Govt Institute	
9(i)	Xavier Institute of Management	Rank in CAT
9(ii)	Symbiosis Institute of Business Management	Rank in SNAP
9(iii)	BharatiVidyapeeth	B-MAT
9(iv)	XLRI School of Business and Human Resources, Jamshedpur	Rank in XAT
10	NLU	Rank in CLAT
11	Private Institutes	
11 11(i)	ILS Pune	Rank in MHCET
11(i)	Symbiosis Law College	Rank in SLAT
- ()	Medical	
12	Central Govt. Institutions	Rank in NEET
13	Other Govt. Institutions	Rank in NEET
14	Non Govt. Institutions	Rank in NEET
15	Agricultural and Allied Sciences- Central Govt. Institutes	
15 (i)	Indian Veterinary Research Institute	ICMR Ent test
15(ii)	Indian Institute of Plantation Management	IIPM Ent Test
15(iii)	National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj	NIRDPR Ent Test

15(iv)	National Institute of FoodTechnology	JEE Mains rank	
	Entrepreneurship and Management(NIFTEM)		
15(v)	Indian Institute of Science Education and	IISER Ent test	
	Research, Trivandrum		
15(vi)	Indian Institute of Science Education and	IISER Ent test	
	Research, Tirupati		
15(vii)	Indian Institute of Science Education and	IISER Ent test	
	Research, Berhampur		
16	Fashion- NIFT	NIFT Ent test	
17	Hospitality		
17(i)	IHMs	NCHMCT JEE Test	
17(ii)	Private Institutes (BhartiyaVidyaBhawan)	BV Ent Test	
18	Flying Clubs		
18(i)	CPL institutes	Institute Ent Test	
18(ii)	ATOs	Institute Ent Test	
18(iii)	Private ATOs	Institute Ent Test	
19	National Institutes		
19(i)	Deen Dayal Upadhyay Institute for the PhysicallyHandicapped	Institute Ent Test	
19(ii)	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped	Institute Ent Test	
19(iii)	National Institute for the Visually Handicapped	Institute Ent Test	
19(iv)	National Institute for empowerment of Persons	Institute Ent Test	
	with Multiple Disabilities		
20	Miscellaneous		
20(i)	Tata Institute of Social Sciences	Institute Ent Test	
20(ii)	Film and Television Institute of India	Joint Ent Test	
20(iii)	Indian Institute of Mass Communication	Institute Ent Test	

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# (E) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

#### 1. BACKGROUND

The scheme aims at providing hostel facilities to students belonging to socially and educationally backward classes, especially from rural areas to enable them to pursue secondary and higher education in the Govt. schools, universities, institutions and institutes located at a reasonable distance in order to provide them greater access to high quality education. The scheme as such mainly targets the students hailing from remote areas and from poor families as well who generally discontinue their studies either because no secondary school and college is available near their location or due to non-availability of adequate hostel facilities at a reasonable cost at places where such educational institutions are located.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE

The Scheme aims at providing hostel facilities to students belonging to socially and educationally backward classes, especially from rural areas, to enable them to pursue secondary and higher education. Priority will be given for the proposals for construction of hostels for under-graduate students vis-a-vis below under-graduate level.

#### **3. COST NORMS:**

i.

The cost per hostel seat in different areas are as follows:-

a.	North Eastern Region/Himalayan Regions	Rs.3.50 lakh per sea	it
b.	Rest of country	- Rs.3.00 lakh per seat	

Or as per the schedule of the rates for the concerned State Government, whichever is lower.

ii. The cost of construction of hostels for Boys has to be shared between the Centre and the State in 60:40 ratio.

iii. There will be 90% central assistance to State Governments in case of Girls Hostels andof cost will be borne by the State Governments.

iv. In case of Union Territories, the Central Assistance shall be 100% and for North Eastern States and 02 Himalayan States (Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand), it shall be 90%.

v. For the Institution of repute ranked in the latest NIRF rankings of Ministry of

Education, Govt. of India, the Central Assistance shall be 100% irrespective of regional States.

vi. The construction work of the Hostel has to be completed within eighteen months from award of work order or two years from the release of 1st installment of Central assistance, whichever is earlier. In no case the time will be extended beyond 2 years. Any cost escalation due to delay in project will be borne by the State/Institute. Proposals for 2nd installment must be received in this Ministry within one year from the date of release of 1st installment after completing construction work up to roof top level.

vii. The implementing agencies of the scheme at all levels should be on-boarded on PFMS and use EAT/REAT module for fund tracking.

viii. Proposals for integrated hostel in which required number of seats for OBCs are reserved shall ordinarily be considered under the scheme.

ix. The necessity to acquire land will not be there. Hostel construction work can also be done in the ongoing State Government project institutions, medical Colleges, Engineering Colleges, Polytechnics, etc.

x. The amount of grant will be released in 3 installments in 50:45:5 ratio, of which 5% grant will be released after completion of the work and occupation of the rooms by the OBC Boys and Girls.

xi. There will be a one-time non-recurring grant of Rs.2500/- per seat for providing furniture/equipment to the hostels constructed under the Scheme.

xii. All the State Governments can also send proposals for purchase of furniture/equipment under this Scheme, for their own Hostels (built through the State Government's funds) for which an amount of Rs.2,500/- per seat for 100 seats only will be granted only once for a newly constructed Hostel, subject to availability of funds.

xiii. The implementing agencies shall submit "occupation of rooms by OBC Boys/Girls" status, apart from UC and completion report, in respect of each completed Hostel every year and then only the next grant in respect of new proposals will be released.

xiv. The remuneration and overhead expenses for evaluation and monitoring shall not exceed 1 % of the total allocation of the scheme.

xv. The State Government shall ensure that their due share is arranged before sending

proposal to Government of India.

xvi. The BC Division will *suomoto* adopt in future an upward revision of the Babu Jagjeewan Ram Chhatravas Yojana scheme of SC Division of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, subject to recommendation by an Evaluation study and approval by the competent authority.

xvii. Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls in an Adarsh Village selected under the "Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)", can be taken up provided land is available and the selected village is located in the catchment area of the existing educational institutions.

xviii. The implementing agencies will maintain beneficiary-wise, year-wise Aadhar details that can be subject to inspection.

xix. The fund remains unutilized must be refunded to the Consolidated Fund of India as per GFR provisions.

### 4. AGENCIES ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME

Agencies eligible for financial assistance under the revised Scheme will be as follows:-

(i) State Governments and UT Administrations;

(ii) The Institution of repute ranked in the latest NIRF rankings of Ministry of Education subject to the following conditions:-

- a. The institution shall provide free of cost land within the campus.
- b. The institution shall undertake to complete construction within 24 months.
- c. The institution shall maintain the hostel after construction as per standards prescribed.
- d. The institution shall agree to provide as many hostel seats to the new OBC students as per the sanction order of the hostel. However, this additional accommodation shall be regulated in other hostels as well to avoid the hostel to be designated as 'OBC hostel' exclusively i.e. if a hostel with 100 capacity has been sanctioned under this scheme, the institution shall provide 100 additional seats to the OBC students, but it can be spread over in all other hostels.

# 5. LOCATION AND CAPACITY OF HOSTELS TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE SCHEME

- 5.1 While sanctioning hostels, priority will be given to:-
  - (i) Regions/districts not covered so far, and
  - (ii) Districts/towns having a large number of educational institutions.

5.2. Priority shall be given to such hostels to be constructed within the University/Institution's campus. As far as possible, hostels will be constructed in close vicinity of educational institutions.

5.3 It shall be the responsibility of Management of the University/ institutions to maintain the hostels as per standard prescribed norms.

# 6. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR STUDENTS TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSTELS UNDER THE SCHEME

Students fulfilling the following eligibility criteria may be allotted seats in Hostels constructed under the Scheme:-

(i) Students whose castes are included in the Central/State/UT list of Other Backward Classes and who do not belong to the "creamy layer".

(ii) If seats reserved for OBC remains vacant, it would be filled up in following preference:-

- (a) De-notified Tribes (DNT ) students.
- (b) Scheduled Tribes (ST) Students.
- (c) Scheduled Caste (SC) Students.
- (d) Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Students.

(iii) Hostels would be essentially for the students pursuing post matric level studies. However, if there are vacant seats, pre-matric students especially of the secondary level, would also be eligible to be accommodated.

(iv) Equal preference will be given to OBC students hailing from low income families.

(v) At least 5% of the total seats should be reserved for students with disabilities.

#### 7. FUNDING PATTERN

7.1 The revised norms applicable from 2021-22 is as under:-

S.	Itom	Revised norms applicable from 2021-22					
No	Item	Recipient Agency	% of Central Share				
1.		i) State Govt. (other than in the North East and Himalayan States) for Boys students	60%				
		ii) State Govt. for Girls students	90%				
		iii) State Governments. in the North East Region and Himalayan States	90%				
		iv) UT Administration	100%				

		v) Institution of repute ranked in the latest NIRF rankings of Ministry of Education	100%
2.	* *	One time non-recurring grant of Rs.2500/- per Hostel se essential hostel furniture and equipment.	eat forprovision of

7.2 Release of funds under the Scheme is subject to compliance of instructions issued by the Department of Expenditure vide OM No. 1(13)PFMS/ FCD/2020 dated 23.03.2021 towards monitoring utilization of the funds released.

7.3 The implementation of the scheme would be in accordance with the provisions of GFR 2017. Submission of UC should be as per prescribed forms as per GFR, 2017. Further, as per provisions of rule 230(8) of GFR, 2017, all interest or other earnings against Grants-in- aid or advances released to any grantee institution should be mandatorily remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalization of accounts.

7.4 Release of fund is subject to compliance of Financial Management Guideline, as applicable, as per following table:

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Unspent	Central	share	Due State	State	share	Gap	Total	Actual*	Unspent
Balance as on	(including	EBR, if	Share up	released	l vis a	i	fund	expenditure	balance as
01.04.2020	any) releas	ed during	to	vis colu	ımn iii	n release of	available	During	on
	2020-21		31.03.20	during	2020-	State Share	(i+ii+v)	2020-21	01.04.2021
			21	21		upto			
						31.03.2021			
						(iii-iv)			

(e.g. for proposal for 2021-22)

#### 8. PLANNING HOSTELS BUILDINGS UNDER THE SCHEME

8.1 Indicative physical norms for a 100 seater hostel are as under:-

	Description	Area per Unit	No. of	Total Area
S.No.	Description	(sq. mtrs)	Units	(in sq. mtrs)
1	4 seater	29	10	290
2	6 seater dormitory	39	10	390
3	Kitchen cum Pantry	19	1	19
4	Store	10	1	10
5	Dining Hall	50	1	50
6	Toilets	2	10	20
7	Bath	2	10	20

8	Common Room	40	1	40
	Computer cum Reading	15		15
9	Room	15	1	15
10	Medical Room	11	1	11
11	Office	15	1	15
12	Chowkidar Quarter	20	1	20
13	Total	252	48	900
14	Add circulation area & w	315		
15	Total built up area	1215 Sqm		
16	Built up area per seat	12.15 Sqm		

In case of hostel of a lesser capacity, planning should be done in such a manner that built-up area per seat remains as close to the above figure (say, upto 13 Sq.m), as possible.

8.2 **Essential Features to be incorporated while planning and executing Hostel building, under the Scheme:**It is important that hostels which are constructed under the scheme satisfy the following criteria:

(i) Good Quality of Construction – Safety and speediness

(ii) Economical construction

(iii) Energy – efficiency: The building should have low energy requirements and should make maximum possible use of natural lighting, solar energy, natural ventilation, etc.

(iv) Use of local building practices and materials: Every region of the country has, over the centuries, developed its own unique construction practices using locally available materials. These should be optimally used in the interest of economy and local suitability. It would be most undesirable to follow a standard RCC based construction plan everywhere.

(v) Water harvest and water-use efficiency: The building should have system of harvesting rain-water and also re-cycling waste-water optimally.

(vi) Earthquake design and firefighting arrangements: The building should have an earthquake resistant structural design in earthquake-prone areas, and sound fire-fighting arrangements.

(vii) Open Space: The Hostel should have adequate open space around it for outdoor games and sports, as well as for a garden/kitchen garden/trees of various kinds.

(viii) Barrier-free Access: The Hostel building to be constructed must be accessible to persons with disabilities. It must, inter-alia, provide ramps with railings, disable friendly toilet, Braille signage etc. All the buildings should be as per the compliance of Sugamya Bharat

Abhiyan of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

### 9. PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

9.1 Agencies (i) eligible for assistance under the Scheme, and (ii) having clear title and possession over the land where the hostel is to be constructed, will submit proposals in the prescribed formats as under:-

S. No.	Type of Agency	Application Format given in
1.	StateGovernments,UTAdministration,Central Institution	Annexure – I and Annexure – I-A (Part-I & II)

9.2

(i) State Governments/UT Administration which submits proposals for construction of three or more hostels in a year will have to propose Girls' Hostels to the extent of at least one third of them.

(ii) While submitting proposals for release of Central assistance, the implementing agencies shall give an undertaking that they would construct the Hostels within a period of eighteen months from the date of award of work order or two year from release of 1st instalment of Central Assistance, whichever is earlier.

(iii) There should be a proper need assessment in consultation with the intended beneficiaries by the Implementing agencies before sending the proposal.

# 10. RESPONSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES BY WAY OF MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT OF HOSTELS

State Governments/UT Administrations/Institutions, which receive Central assistance under the Scheme shall have to fulfill the following obligation, and will give an undertaking to do so, while submitting their proposals:-

- (i) The entire expenditure on procurement of land (if any), staffing, other maintenance and day- to-day expenditure shall be borne by the implementing agency(s) concerned.
- (ii) The Hostel should have for each inmate, a bed, a study table, a chair, and a cupboard to store personal belongings.

- (iii) It must be ensured that the inmates of the hostel are provided with whole-some &nutritious food.
- (iv) Hostels should have adequate water supply, inclusive of potable water.
- (v) For conservation of water, water efficient taps and WCs (two option flushing) should be used.
- (vi) The common room should be provided with newspapers, magazines, indoor games and a TV set.
- (vii) The implementing agency should provide an adequate number of computers out of their own resources or from MP LADS/MLA LADS fund for the computer-cum-reading room which should also have a small library of informative books.
- (viii) There should be arrangements for periodical health check-ups of students, and for a parttime doctor on call, whenever necessary.
- (ix) A Warden, at least on a part-time basis, should be employed for the smooth running of the hostel. In case of Girls Hostel, a female warden and other supporting staffs must be ensured.
- (x) For safety of the inmates, a boundary wall should be constructed with a robust system of watch and ward essentially put in place

#### 11. MANNER OF RELEASE OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE

Central assistance for building construction and equipment will be released to recipient agencies in the following manner:-

S. No	Purpose of assistance	Manner o	f release		
1	Construction	In three ir	nstallments as	s fo	ollows:-
	of Hostel		50% of		
	Building	Ist	approved		Initial sanction
		installme	Central		
		nts.	assistance		
					On receipt of confirmation from
			45%	of	implementing agency regarding (i)
			approved		Completion of work up to roof top level, and
		installme	Central		(ii) Expenditure to the extent of first
		nts.	assistance		installment of Central assistance and
					correspondingshare of implementing agency.

			5%	of bui	•	agency	regar	irmation ding comp occupancy	
2	Furniture & Equipment	completio	t of report from n of build tate/Central Inst	ding	work	and	full	utilization	of

# 12. MONITORING AND AWARENESS

12.1 The Agencies implementing the Scheme will furnish half-yearly progress reports to the Ministry in the prescribed proforma [Annexure – VII (Part I & Part II) and Annexure – VIII (Part I & Part II)].

12.2 A Monitoring Committee consisting of the following officers will monitor and review the construction of hostels regularly based on progress reports, submitted by the Implementing Agencies:-

a.	Additional Secretary (SJ&E)	-	Chairperson
b.	Joint Secy. & Financial Adviser (SJ&E)	-	Member
с.	Joint Secretary(BC), M/o SJ&E	-	Member
d.	Director/Dy. Secretary, BC Division	-	Secretary

12.3 Awareness among the State Governments and eligible Institutes under the scheme may be created through regular interventions.

# 13. INVOLVEMENT OF PANCHAYATI RAJ & MUNICIPAL BODIES

13.1 Students as beneficiaries of hostels to be constructed under the Scheme will be mostly from the rural areas. On the other hand, most of the hostels will be located in urban and semi-urban areas.

In view of the above, State Governments will be expected to suitably associate concerned Panchayati Raj and Municipal bodies (especially the concerned Block & District Panchayats and the Municipal Body of the town where the Hostel is located) in :-

- Planning,
- Execution, and
- Day-to-day management, of the Hostels sanctioned under the Scheme.

13.2 State Govt. should constitute a District Monitoring Committee to ensure timely completion of hostel construction and thereafter to ensure that maintenance of hostel does not suffer due to non-availability of adequate fund. The District Welfare Officer should personally check the working of hostels through periodic visits and ensure corrective measures are taken from time to time, if required.

13.3 State Govt. should regularly conduct social audit of the hostels involving the community.

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Annexure-I

[See para 9.1, page 46]

#### State Government/CentralUniversity/Institute

То

The Joint Secretary (Backward Classes) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Proposal for Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls.

Sir,

With reference to letter No. <u>dated</u> of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on the above subject, I am to send herewith proposals seeking Centralassistance for construction of the Hostels for OBC students, as per details enclosed in the Abstract(Annexure–I-A).

2. Following details of OBC hostels sanctioned under the Scheme upto the previous financial year are also enclosed:-

- (i) Physical Progress of Hostels sanctioned upto the last financial year(Annexure-III).
- (ii) Financial Progress of the Hostels sanctioned upto last financial year(Annexure-IV).
- (iii) Details of hostels completed upto last quarter preceding submission of proposal (Annexure-V).
- (iv) Utilization Certificate as per GFR-12(A)/GFR-12(C)(Annexure-VI-A/Annexure-VI-B of theguidelines).

3. I am also to convey that the State Government /Central Institute/ State University/ Institutions will, as per the guidelines, take the following steps for implementation of the Scheme:-

- (i) State Government/Central Institute/State University will bear their share of the total cost of construction of proposed hostels as approved by the Government of India and all expenditure, if any, overand above the cost approved by the Central Government, as mentioned in para 7 of theguidelines.
- (ii) Incorporate essential features as mentioned in para 8.2 of the guidelines while planning and executing hostel buildings.
- (iii) Construction of hostels will be completed within a period of eighteen months from the dateof award of work order or two year from release of 1<sup>st</sup>instalment of Central assistance, whichever is earlier, as mentioned in para 9.2(ii)of the guidelines.

(iv) Maintain and manage the hostels as mentioned in para10 of the guidelines.

(v) Ensure involvement of Panchayati Raj and Municipal Bodies in planning, execution and day-to-day management of the Hostels as mentioned in para13 of theguidelines.

4. The following documents/statements are also enclosed:-

(i) Documentary evidence of land availability, plot number and plot area.

(ii) Site Plan and Layout Plan.

(iii) Preliminary cost estimate of each of the proposed Hostel building, as per State PWD/CPWD schedule of rates applicable in the State/UT signed by an officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer.

5. It is requested that Central assistance amounting to Rs. Cr may please be released, as per details in the Abstract, to undertake construction of the Hostels mentioned therein.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Secretary/Vice Chancellor/Director of the Institution

### **AnnexureI-A**

[See para9.1, page 46]

Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

Proposing Agency......(i.e.Name of State Govt./Central Institution/State University/Institution)

.....Deptt

Abstract of hostel proposals

Part-I:Hostel-wise Details

S.	I	Locatio	n of Hostel	No. of	Mean	Est	imated C	lost	Constructio	Details	s of La	and	Details	Details of other hostels, if		
No.				seats in	t for	C	of		n cost per	whe	ere the		any, for	OBC stude	ents in the	educationa
				the	Boys/	(	Construct	ion	seat(Col.7÷	constr	uction	is is	vicini	ty of the pi	roposed	1
				propose	Girls				Col.5)	pro	posed			hostel		institution
		1	1	d Hostel												s in the
	То	Distt	Whether			Tota	Centra	State		Name of	Plo	Area	Locatio	<b>^</b>		
	wn	•	the town			1	1	Shar		owner	t	(in	n	У	from the	the
			is a				Share	e		Deptt/Ins	No	acres			propose	proposed
			Distt/							titution	•	)			d Hostel	hostel
			Tehsil/													
			Block													
			hqs.													
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(+)	(3)	(0)	(/)	(0)		(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(13)	(10)	(17)
	+															
	1		Total													
			i otul													
L								I	52	1	1	I	I	I	I	

Part-II:Abst	ract of Central Assistance sou	ı <u>ght (</u> in	lakh Rs.)(as per Col.10)
(i)	ForConstructionofHostels	-	Rs
(ii)	ForFurnitureand Equipment	-	Rs
_		Total	- Rs.
	(ii) ForFurnitureand Equipment - Rs Total - Rs.  Signature of Pr.Secretary/ Secretary of the State Government /Director of Institution Other competent authori Name		
			Name
			Designation
			OfficialSeal

### Annexure III

[See para 2.(i) of Annexure-I,page 50]

### Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

# PHYSICAL PROGRESS OF HOSTELS SANCTIONED UNDER THE SCHEME UPTO THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR (AS AT THE END OF THE QUARTER PRECEDING SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL)

#### Name of the State/Central University/ Institution

Ŭ	Year of		Location	of the	Meant f	or	No. of Seats	Status of	the Hostel				Reason for	,
	Sanction	No. and date of Ministry's sanction	Hostel Town	Dist.	-		Sanctioned	Complete	Completed			Yet to start Construction	delay, if any	of completion in case of
		order			Boys	Girls								work not being
00									Occupatio	Reason, if not yet occupied				completed
		TOTAL												

Signatureofcompetentauthority Name Designation OfficialSeal Designation OfficialSeal

#### **Annexure-IV**

[See para 2(ii) of Annexure-I, page 50]

**Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls** 

#### FINANCIAL PROGRESS OF HOSTELS SANCTIONED UNDER THE SCHEME UPTO THE LAST FIN. YEAR

Name of the State/Central University/Institution\_\_\_\_\_

(Rs.inLakhs)

								(		
		No. and date	Amount Sance	tioned		Actual Amound	nt utilized		Unspent balance	
S. No.	Year of Sanction	of Ministry's sanction order		Central Share	State Share	Total	Central Share	State Share	of Central Assistance up to 31 <sup>st</sup> March i.e. Year ending	
	TOTAL									

Signature of competent authority

Name

Designation

OfficialSeal

### **ANNEXURE-V**

[See para 2(iii) of Annexure-I, page 50]

### Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

# REPORT ON THE STATUS OF HOSTELS COMPLETED UP TO LAST QUARTER PRECEDING SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

#### Name of the State/Central University/Institution\_\_\_\_\_

Sr. No.		No. and date of Ministry's sanction	Location	of Hostel	Dat	Mea	ant for		No. of seats occupied by Non OBC students	occupied by	
		order	Town	District	Completion	OccupationofHos	s Boys Girls			during the las	
						tel			academic session	academic session	students during the last academic session
1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	TOTAL	_									

Signature of competent authority

Name

Designation Official Seal

τ	Utilization certificate for	UTONOMO the year	GFR12 [(SeeRule M OF UTILIZAT US BODIES OF 7 D/SALARIES/CF	238(1)] ION CER FHE GRA	NTEE OR	GANIZAT	TION of recurring/non-1	ANNEUXRE- See para 7.3, pa recurring	
1. N	ame of the Scheme			•••••					
2. W	hether recurring or non-rec	curring grants							
3. (i) (ii) (iii) 4.	Grants position at the beg Cashin Hand/Bank Unadjusted advances Total Details of grants received.	-		balances:(	Actuals)				
	Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at	Interest	Interest deposited			the year	Total Available funds(1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances(5 -6)
	1	2	3		4		5	6	7
				Sanction No.(i)	Date(ii)	Amount(i ii)			

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid-General	Grant-in-aid-Salary	Grant-in-aid-creationofcapitalassets	Total

Details of grants position at the end of the year

(i) Cashin Hand/Bank

(ii) Unadjusted Advances

(iii) Total Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

(i) The main accounts and other subsidiary accounts and registers (including assets registers) are maintained as prescribed in the relevant Act/Rules/Standing instructions (mention the Act/Rules) and have been duly audited by designated auditors. The figures depicted above tally with the audited figures mentioned in financial statements/accounts.

(ii) There exist internal controls for safeguarding public funds/assets, watching outcomes and achievements of physical targets against the financial inputs, ensuring quality in asset creation etc. & the periodic evaluation of internal controls is exercised to ensure their effectiveness.

(iii) To the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions have been entered that are in violation of relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions and scheme guidelines.

(iv) The responsibilities among the key functionaries for execution of the scheme have been assigned in clear terms and are not general in nature.

(v) The benefits were extended to the intended beneficiaries and only such areas/districts were covered where the scheme was intended to operate.

(vi) The expenditure on various components of the scheme was in the proportions authorized as per the scheme guidelines and terms and conditions of the grants-in-aid.

(vii) It has been ensured that the physical and financial performance under...... (name of the scheme has been according to the requirements, as prescribed in the guidelines issued by Govt. of India and the performance/targets achieved statement for the year to which the utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes given at Annexure – I duly enclosed.

(viii)The utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes given at Annexure – II duly enclosed (to be formulated by the Ministry/Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications.)

(ix) Details of various schemes executed by the agency through grants-in-aid received from the same Ministry or from other Ministries is enclosed at Annexure –II (to be formulated by the Ministry/Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications).

Place:

Signature

Signature Name (Head of Organization)

Name

Chief Finance Officer

(Head of the Finance)

# ANNEUXRE-VI-B (see para 7.3, page 44.)

# FORM GFR 12-C

#### (SeeRule 239)

#### FORM OF UTILISATION CERTIFICATE (FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS)

(Where expenditure incurred by Govt. bodies only)

Sl.No.	Letter No. and date	Amount	Certified that out of Rs of grants sanctioned during the year
			in favour of
			Ministry/Department Letter No. given in the marginand Rson account of unspentbalance of the
			previous year, a sum of Rshas been utilized for the
			proposeofforwhichitwassanctionedandthatthebalanceofRs
			Remaining unutilized at the end of the year has been surrendered to Government (vide
			Nodateddated)/will be adjusted towards the grants payable during the next
	Total:		year

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grant-in-aid was sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled andthat I have exercised the following checks to see that the money actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

#### KINDS OF CHECKS EXERCISED

1.

3.

*4*.

4. 5.

Signature
Name
Designation
Office/Deptt
Date

**PS:** The UC shall disclose separately the actual expenditure incurred and loans and advances given to suppliers of stores and assets, to construction agenciesand like in accordance with scheme guidelines and in furtherance to the scheme objectives, which do not constitute expenditure at the stage. These shall betreated as utilized grantsbut allowed tobecarried forward.

# Annexure-VII [Ref.Para12.1, page 48]

#### Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

Half yearly Progress Report for the half year ending on 30<sup>th</sup>Sept./31stMarch20..... FinancialYear.....

Name of the State/UT/Central University/Institution:.....

PartI

#### A. Abstract of Hostels Sanctioned, Completed and Under Construction under the Scheme since its inception(1998-99)– Physical progress

Sl.N	Year	No. of Hoste	els sanctio	oned				Outo	oftheNo.in	Col.3,			
0						No.con	npleted		Undercon	struction		Yettosta	t
		financial year		sanction ed	<b>.</b>	previous half year	half	under	of previous	startedduring	At the endof half yearunderre view(10)+(1 1)-(8)	No.	Reasons forwork notstarting
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
1	1998-99												
	Total												

# Annexure-VII

Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls [Ref.Para12.1, page 48]

Half-yearly Progress Report for the half year ending on 30<sup>th</sup>Sept./31<sup>st</sup>March20.....

Financial Year.....

Name of the State/UT/Central University/Central Institution:.....

Part-II

#### A. Hostel-wise Physical Progress of Hostels under construction or yet to start construction

	Ministry of SJ&E	No. & Date of Sanction letter of Ministry of SJ&E	Description of	of the Hoste	l Sanctioned		Stage of Construction					
			LocationTo wn/Distt./	Meantfor Boys/Girls		Central	At end of previous half year	At end of half year under review		Remarks		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
2												
3												
4												
5												
6												
7												
8												
9												

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# Annexure-VIII [Ref. Para12.1, page 48]

Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

Half yearly Progress Report for the half year ending on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept./31<sup>st</sup> March 20.....

Financial Year.....

Name of the State/UT/institution:.....

#### Part– I

**B.** Abstract of Hostels Sanctioned, released and amount unutilized under the Scheme since its inception(1998-99)– Financial progress

(2) (3) 998-99	(4)	(5)
998-99		
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#### Annexure-VIII

[Ref. Para12.1, page 48]

#### Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

Half yearly Progress Report for the half year ending on 30<sup>th</sup> September/31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 Financial Year.....

Name of the State/UT/Central University/Central Institution:.....

#### PartII

#### B. Hostel wise Physical progress of Hostels under construction or yet to start construction

	sanction by	No. & Date of Sanction letter of Ministry of SJ&E	Description of Hostel			Amount of Central Assistance Sanctioned				Unspent balance of Central Assistance
			LocationTo wn/Distt	Meant for Boys/Girls	Capacity		of previous	half year under review	During half year under review	
1.										
2.										
3.										
4.										
5.										

Signature of competent authority Name Designation Official Seal



# (B) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students for studying in India

# 1. **OBJECTIVE**

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

# 2. 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.

# 3. **DEFINITIONS**

a) "**Group 1:** Degree and Post Graduate level professional courses" shall mean: all Professional courses in Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications (ii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of Management & Medicine(iii) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./1.C.F.A. etc. (iv) M.Phil., Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Programmes (D.Lit., D.Sc. etc.) of Group I, Group II and Group III courses .(v) L.L.B, Integrated LL B, L.L.M (vi) Commercial Pilot License Courses from GoI institutes (including helicopter pilot and multiengine) (maximum 20 slots per annum)

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

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

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

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

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

## 4. ELIGIBILITY OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

i. Institutions of National Importance;

ii. Central University/ State University/ Autonomous colleges recognized by UGC

iii.	and Universities /Colleges recognized under section 2(f) of UGC Act; Deemed Universities;	
iv.	All Private Universities recognized by State/Centre;	
v. vi.	Private Professional Institutions affiliated to a recognized Central/State University and covered by a Fee Fixation Committee as mandated by Supreme Court; Recognized schools/colleges for Classes XI and class XII;	
vii.	Diploma granting Institutions as recognized by State/UT Governments;	
viii.	Vocational Training Institutes affiliated to National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT);	
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ix. Institutions affiliated/ approved by the appropriate bodies like NMC/AICTE etc. or any regulatory body established by State/UT/Centre.

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

# 5. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

i. The scholarships will be open to Indian nationals belonging to OBCs, EBCs and DNTs, as notified by the Central Govt./State Govt./ UT Admin.

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 3 above.

iii. Only those candidates who belong to OBCs/EBCs/DNTs 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. B.Sc. after B.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 theUnder 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 '1' and no further change in the course will be allowed thereafter.

ix. Students, who pursue their studies through correspondence/online courses, are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuous education for courses in Central/ State Universities only.

x. Only two boys of the same parents/guardian will be entitled to receive scholarships. This restriction will, however, not apply to girls. Accordingly, scholarship availed by girls of same parents/guardian will not adversely affect admissibility of availing scholarship up to two boys of same parents/guardian.

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

xiv. Employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/ guardians does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum shall be eligible for post -matric scholarship.

xv. Unemployed students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum will be entitled for the scholarship under the scheme.

Note 1: 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.

Note 2: All seats filled through arbitrary and non-transparent processes (including management quota, NRI quota, spot admissions etc.) without following the merit criteria as decided by the State Government are not eligible for these scholarships. The fees claimed against management quota seats, spot admission seat in any Institution /University will not be reimbursed. In case of any contradiction on the classification of seats or non-clarity on the classification of seats in the State/UT, the following criteria may be followed:

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

- a) That the applicants claiming the scholarship have been admitted through a transparent process which involved calling of applications through advertisements, preparation of ranks, selection of candidates on merit list, and publication of selection list and others as deemed fit by the State Government;
- b) That the fees for courses are duly approved by the Fee Fixation/Fee Rationalization Committee set up by the competent authority.

#### 6. ROLE OF THE STATE GOVERNMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

6.6. State Government will ensure that the beneficiary, at the time of admission, applies for the scholarship also. In this regard, the State Government may open facilitation centers or nominate a nodal officer in the educational institutions so that the entry into the student database for renewals and fresh admissions can be done in a stipulated timeframe.

6.7 The State Governments shall strive to put in place a scholarship portal that has all features and share the data on a real-time basis with the Central portal.

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

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

6.10 The State Govt./UTs are required to adhere Deptt. of Expenditure, (MoF), GoI's OM No. 1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23rd March, 2021 regarding the procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of funds with a view to have more effective cash management and bring more transparency in the PEM. The procedure will be followed by all the State Governments and UTs regarding release and monitoring of funds under CSS.

#### 7. COMPONENTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

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

	Yearly (in Rs)		
Category of courses	Academic Allowance	Tuition Fee	Total
Group 1: Degree and Post Graduate level professional courses	10000	10000	20000
Group 2: Other Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate	8000	5000	13000
Group 3: Graduate and Post Graduate courses not covered under Group I & Group II	6000	2000	8000
Group 4: All post-matriculation (Post Class X level) non-degree courses	5000	0	5000

Note 1. Students pursuing C A . /I.C.W.A. /C.S. /1.C.F.A. shall be treated as day scholars for the purpose of academic allowance. Students studying through correspondence /online courses shall not be eligible for academic allowance.

Note 2. Tuition fees shall be paid to online/correspondence students.

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

### 8. FREESHIP CARD AND PROCESS FOR ISSUE

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

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

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

authority as prescribed by the State Govt. etc.

8.4 After the registration on the Portal, if the student is found eligible, all States/UTs will complete the verification process within 30 days from the receipt of the registration request from the students and issue the Freeship Card through the IT portal, mentioning the course for which application is made so that the eligible students are not denied admissions due to delay in depositing tuition fees. It should be possible for the student to download the Free Ship Card from the portal itself. Once complete digitization of all the required certificates is done, such Freeship Card shall be automatically generated immediately on registration, if the student is found eligible.

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

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

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

## 9. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING AND VERIFICATION

9.1 Application-on-the-day-of-admission: The institutions shall ensure that all students admitted to their institution and having Freeship Cards issued as detailed in para 8 of these Guidelines, apply on the IT portal for the scholarship, along with documents needs to be uploaded as notified by the prescribed authority, on the same day as the date of admission into the institution.

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

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

#### **10. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

All the eligible OBC/EBC/DNT candidates will be given scholarships subject to the condition of eligibility prescribed in the 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.

### 11. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

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

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

11.3 If, according to the Regulations of a University/Institution, a student is promoted to the next higher class even though he/she may not have actually passed in lower class and is required to take examination of the junior class again after sometime, he/she will be entitled to scholarship for the class to which he/she is promoted if the student is otherwise eligible for scholarship. Further, in case a student fails in any class and then again joins the same class as a regular student, he/she will be eligible for scholarship for one additional year or the actual period, whichever is lower.

11.4 If a scholar is pursuing Group I 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.

#### **12. PAYMENT MECHANISM**

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

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

12.3 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.

12.4 30% of the funds allocated earmarked for girl students and 5% for students with disabilities.

12.5 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.

12.6 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.

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

### **13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEME**

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

#### 14. 'FUNDS-LIMITED' NATURE OF THE SCHEME

14.1 Due to budgetary constraint and 'funds limited' nature of the existing 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 shall be conveyed at the beginning of the financial year to States/UTs in proportion to total population as per census. The States/UTs are expected to send proposals within the notional allocation.

14.2 States/UTs will sub-allocate their NA, district-wise and group-wise, for all nonprofessional 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.

14.3 States will earmark at least 25% of the total outlay under the Scheme for Group 4 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 target

students to join entry-level courses of tertiary education which would enable them subsequently to take up courses leading to higher qualifications.

14.4 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.

14.5 The proposal or Central Assistance should be accompanied with the details of physical and financial progress in the prescribed proforma.

14.6 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.

#### **15. FUNDING PATTERN OF THE SCHEME**

15.1 There will be a 60: 40 sharing ratio between the Centre and States. For North Eastern States and for the states of Uttarakhand and Himanchal Pradesh the sharing ratio will be 90:10. For UTs without legislatures, 100% funds shall be provided by Centre. The central assistance for the scheme will be apportioned to States on pro-rata basis, based on total population and other such criteria. Accordingly, a notional allocation (NA) under the Scheme shall be 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:

- a) 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.
- b) States/UTs will incur expenditure under the Scheme at least to the sum total of "Central Assistance or NA and matching State share".
- c) 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.

15.2 The entire scholarship amount - both from the State and Central Government - including the academic allowance and disability allowance, if any, will be paid directly into the account of the students or parents ONLY through DBT preferably through an Aadhaar Based Payment System (Aadhaar Payment Bridge-AePS).

15.3 The State Govt./UTs are required to adhere Deptt. of Expenditure, (MoF), GoI's OM No. 1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2020 dated 23.03.2021 regarding the procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of funds with a view to have more effective cash management and bring more transparency in the PEM. The procedure will be followed by all the State Governments and UTs regarding release and monitoring of funds under CSS.

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

15.5 The implementation of the scheme would be in accordance with the provisions of GFR 2017. Submission of UC should be as per prescribed forms as per GFR, 2017. Further, as per provisions of rule 230(8) of GFR, 2017, all interest or other earnings against Grants-in-aid or advances released to any grantee institution should be mandatorily remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalization of accounts.

15.6 **Administrative Charges:** The administrative cost for administration, monitoring and evaluation shall be limited to 1% of the annual scheme cost. The cost would be utilized for development of portal, conduct of social audits, publicity and awareness or any other activity for the efficient implementation of the scheme.

#### 16. IT FRAMEWORK

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

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

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

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

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

d) There shall be no upload of any documents or any certificates into the system. All data should be auto-verified by linking databases through digilocker or any such mechanism, such as (i) school boards' results, including the CBSE/ICSE along with the certificates maintained by them; (ii) database of income certificates, domicile and caste certificates issued by State/District Administration and (iii) databases maintained by the Universities and Colleges, using Aadhaar number as the link.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **17.** ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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

17.2 The Department will constitute a Project Appraisal Committee to appraise and approve the Annual Action Plans. These plans would be appraised at the Centre and the outlay for each State would be finalized before 30th April, of every year as per the annual increase indicated under the funding pattern. The constitution of the committee will be informed through separate instructions.

**18. TIMELINES FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS:** All the States/UTs/Centre would adhere to the following timelines for processing of the applications and release of scholarship amounts during a financial year:

- The scholarship portals would remain open throughout the year so that all eligible students can register for the Freeship Card and apply for the scholarships.
- Disbursal of scholarships for all applications (fresh/renewals) shall be made in one installment as per the following schedule as far as possible:

S1.	LineofAction	Timeline		
No				
1	Finalization of Notional Allocation	By 1 <sup>st</sup> April of		
		the F.Y.		
2	Submission of proposal by the States/UTs withinNotionalAllocation	By 30 <sup>th</sup> April of		
		the F.Y.		
3	Opening of Portal for registration by students	1 <sup>st</sup> April		
4	Closing of Portal for registration	30 <sup>th</sup> June		
5	Verification by the institutions to be completed	31 <sup>st</sup> July		
6	Verification by the State Govt	15 <sup>th</sup> August		
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7	Release of Central Assistance into the SNA, as per the data	31 <sup>st</sup> August
	uploaded on to the central portal	
8	Payment of scholarships by the State Govt using DBT process (before)	30 <sup>th</sup> September

#### **19. MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

19.1 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 aspect 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.

19.2 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.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **20. ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES**

20.1 The administrative cost for administration, monitoring and evaluation shall be limited

to 1% of the annual outlay.

20.2 Each State /UT shall project the requirement of funds for undertaking the monitoring of the implementation, in its Annual Action Plan. In case, funds are required for Book, these may be indicated under the Administrative charges. This would be considered by the PAC, ensuring that the total outflow on this count does not exceed 1% of the annual outlay.

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

### 21. MECHANISM FOR REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES

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

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

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

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

## 22. OTHER CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD

22.1 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.

22.2 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.

22.3 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.

22.4 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.

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

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# PROCEDURE TO APPLY

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If you are a new user to the State Scholarship portal, i.e, (https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in), click Registration link for registration through the Aadhaar number and mobile number linked with that Aadhaar number. Existing user can click on the login button)

#### STEP 2

#### Enter the Aadhaar number and proceed further for registration.

(In case, one does not have an Aadhaar number, he/she should visit the nearest Aadhaar enrolment centre for enrolment of Aadhaar)

#### **STEP 3**

Check the mobile (i.e., linked with the Aadhaar number) or email to get the user ID and password.

(In case, mobile number is not linked with Aadhaar number, students should visit nearest Aadhaar enrolment centre to link the mobile with the Aadhaar number)

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Click login link at the portal and enter User ID and password received through SMS/mail to apply the scholarship.

. N STEP 5

#### Select BYSY from the drop down list of scholarships.

(Only 15,000 eligible students, whose name appeared in the list of meritorious students published by the Department, can apply for the scheme to receive Direct Benefit Transfer of Rs.30, 000/- in lieu of Laptop. If, despite having his/her name in the beneficiary list, one fails to apply for the BYSY scheme, he/she shall send an email attaching the duly filled up Prescribed Form provided at **Annexure-A** of this instruction along with copy of the Aadhaar card to bysydbt2023@gmail.com. Aadhaar number will be updated in the Portal within a week, after which he/she will be able to apply)

# STEP 6

Provide all necessary personal details

# B STEP 7

Provide all necessary academic details

**STEP 8** 

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Click on the "Save as draft" button to save the draft information or click on "Next" button to save and proceed further in the scholarship form.

#### **STEP 9**

At the end, preview of the completed form will appear on the page before final submission. Proceed to submit if all the data entered are correct. A congratulation message will appear in the page after final submission.

#### ANNEXURE-A

#### FORMAT TO UPDATE AADHAAR NUMBER IN STATE SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL

- 1. Name of the Student:
- 2. Father's Name:
- 3. Aadhaar Number (attach self-attested copy):
- 4. Address:
- 5. Roll No of  $12^{th}$  Exam, 2023:
- 6. Stream: (Arts/Science/Commerce/Vocational/Upashastri)
- 7. Serial No in the list of beneficiary list:
- 8. Mobile Number:

#### **Declaration**

I, Mr./Miss...., do hereby undertake that the details submitted above are true.

The request is submitted to update Aadhaar number in the State Scholarship Portal so as to enable me to apply for the Scheme "*Financial Assistance to Meritorious 12th Pass Students for Purchase of Laptop*", 2023.

Date: Place:

Signature of the Student

#### Instructions to the Eligible Beneficiary Students under the Laptop DBT scheme "Biju Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana" for 2023

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- The eligible students, who have passed the Annual Higher Secondary Examination (+2), 2023 in Science/Arts/Commerce/Vocational Stream conducted by CHSE, Odisha or Upashastri Examination, 2023 conducted by Shree Jagannath Sanskrit vishvavidyalaya (SJSV) and whose name appeared in the list of meritorious students published by Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha can apply for under the scheme to receive Direct Benefit Transfer of Rs. 30, 000/- (Rupees thirty thousand) only for purchase of Laptop.
- 2. The financial assistance of Rs.30,000/- will be paid via Direct Benefit Transfer through Aadhaar Payment Bridge System(APBS), through which the money will be transferred directly to the Aadhaar linked bank account / Aadhaar seeded Bank Account/ NPCI mapped bank account (the recent linked Bank Account, in case of more than one Bank accounts are linked with Aaadhar number) with the Aadhaar number of the student. Students need not submit his/her bank account to receive the money. Therefore, Eligible Students should ensure that their Bank Account is Aadhaar seeded (NPCI mapped). If not, Aadhaar seeding (NPCI mapping) of the Bank Account must be done by visiting the Bank before applying.
- 3. Students should ensure by consulting the concerned the bank that their Aadhaar seeded (NPCI mapped) saving bank Account is capable to receive Rs. 30,000/- .

# DATELINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION UNDER THE SCHEME:

SI. No.	Description	Dateline
1	Opening date	18-11-2023 (9:30 AM)
2	Closing date	17-12-2023 (23:59 PM)

#### Miscellaneous:

For any query or help, students & other stakeholders may contact scholarship Sanjog Helpline Toll Free number (155335/1800-345-6770) which is operational from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on all official days or E-mail to <u>bysydbt2023@gmail.com</u>

#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

# Q1. I have secured marks more than the marks secured by the selected beneficiaries of the respective block/category/stream, but I do not find my name in the merit list?

Ans: He/she shall lodge a grievance in this regard before the concerned Principal. On consideration, if the grievance is found to be genuine, the Principal will send the grievance along with his/her recommendation to the Department to include the name of such student in the supplementary list. Such cases may arise due to enhancement of marks of students after readdition of marks or change of category filled up during filling up the form for the examination or for any other reason(s). A supplementary list of students will be published later to include such students, provided, there is surplus allotment.

#### Q2) I do not have Aadhaar card. How can I apply?

Ans: Aadhaar number is mandatory to avail the benefit of the scheme.

Q3) I do not have the number that was linked to Aadhaar number/mobile number lost/inactive. How can I register in the portal?

Ans: Please visit the nearest Aadhaar enrolment centre/Aadhaar Seva Kendra to change/update the mobile number in the Aadhaar card.

# Q4) I have done the registration in the state scholarship portal. But, I am unable to select the BYSY scheme. It is showing "You are not eligible". What should I do?

Ans: Fill up the Form given at Annexure-A. Send an email attaching the scan copy of the form-A and your Aadhaar Card to <u>bysydbt2023@gmail.com</u> to update the mobile number in the Stat Scholarship Portal. Your number will be updated within a week after which, you can apply. Please do not send multiple email as it creates confusion at the Department end.

# Q5) How can I know whether my aadhaar number is NCPI linked/NPCI Mapped or not?

Ans: The State Scholarship Portal is integrated with NPCI server. It will show the blue mark, if the NPCI linked status is active. If it shows red mark, then students should take steps to Aadhaar Seed/NPCI map of their Bank account

#### Q6) How can I know to which account the money has been credited?

Ans: If you have multiple accounts linked to Aadhaar number, money will be credited to the recently linked bank account.

# Q7) How can I link/seed/NCPI map my bank account number with the Aadhaar number?

Ans: Visit your Bank to link/seed/NPCI map your account number with the Aadhaar. It should be done within a week. Further, some banks have online facility for Aadhaar

seeding/NPCI mapping. The step by step process of Aadhaar seeding with Bank account is also available in the portal.

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# Step by Step process of Aadhaar seeding with Bank Account

Aadhaar seeding to bank account is an important requirement for beneficiaries of various DBT schemes to receive DBT benefits in the account. As various Government Schemes like Scholarship schemes, Social Security schemes for construction worker etc. are going to be disbursed through Aadhar seeded Bank account only, it is essential to seed Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries with their Account number in Bank and NPCI Mapper. The following is the process flow of Aadhaar seeding...

# Role of the Beneficiary:

Beneficiary can check whether Aadhaar has been seeded with his/her bank Account by visiting the Aadhaar websitehttps://resident.uidai.gov.in/bank-mapper



If Aadhaar is not linked to beneficiary Bank Account and Bank has not seeded it in NPCI Mapper then, Beneficiary won't receive DBT benefit into her bank Account. Hence, Customer should visit his Bank Branch and submit duly filled consent form.



In case, a customer submits consent form for seeding his/her Aadhaar number in multiple bank accounts, the bank that has last updated the mapper will be active in NPCI mapper. NPCI mapper will route the transactions to the bank that has last seeded the Aadhaar number in the mapper

# Role of the Bank / Branch:



Verifying the completeness of the consent form, checking the documentation and authenticating the customer's signature.



After the officials are satisfied with the documentation they should carry out the following activities

a. Linking the Aadhaar number to the bank account (in CBS)

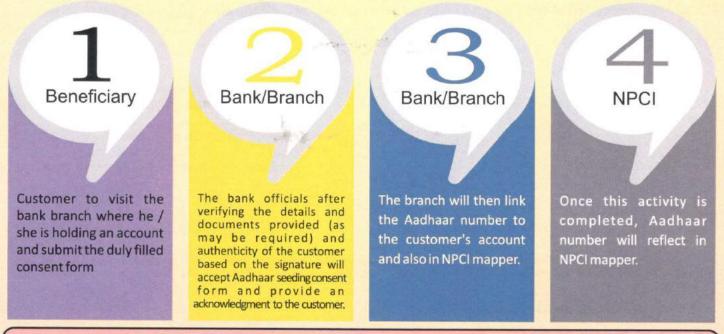
b. Updating NPCI mapper



After the mapper files are uploaded the response files received from NPCI have to be verified by concerned Bank

In case of failure in updating any Aadhaar number/s then necessary corrective action has to be taken and CBS also should be updated accordingly.

Note: By merely linking the Aadhaar number to the bank account the beneficiary won't receive any payment if Aadhaar based DBT is made. Hence, Aadhaar seeding process i.e. uploading Aadhaar number into the NPCI mapper must be followed by Banks if customer has given consent to do so.



#### **Role of DBT Implementing Departments:**

- Ensure all beneficiary Aadhaar number verified by the UIDAI & NPCI Mapper before processing any DBT payment via Aadhaar.
- · Create Awareness among the beneficiaries to seed their bank account with Aadhaar to receive DBT benefits.

#### APPLICATION FOR LINKING/SEEDING AADHAR NUMBER AND RECEIVING DBT BENEFITS INTO BANK ACCOUNT - (NPCI MAPPING)\*

The Branch Manager,

Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

B.O.: \_\_\_\_

Dear Sir,

Sub: Linking/Seeding of Aadhaar in NPCI - Mapping for Receiving Direct Benefits.

- 1. I am having a Savings Bank account no. \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Mr/Ms.\_\_\_\_\_\_ with your branch.
- 2. I submit my Aadhaar number and voluntarily give my consent to:
  - Use my Aadhaar Details to authenticate me from UDAI.
  - Use my Mobile Number mentioned below for sending SMS Alerts to me.
  - Link the Aadhaar Number to all my existing/new/future A/cs and customer profile with your Bank.
    - (Signature/Thumb Impression of customer)

Date:

- 3. Option for receiving Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Benefits (Tick One)
  - I wish to seed my Account no.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with NPCI mapper to enable me to receive DBT including LPG subsidy from Govt. of India (GOI) in my above account. I understand that if more than one Benefit transfer is due to me, I will receive all the benefit transfers in the same account (for customer who has not so far seeded account with NPCI Mapper).
  - I already have an account with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(name of Bank) having IIN Number\*\*\_\_\_\_\_\_, and seeded with NPCI Mapper for receiving DBT from GOI. I request you to change my NPCI mapping (DBT Benefit Account) to my account with your Bank.
  - I already have an account with another bank\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of Bank) having IIN Number\*\* \_\_\_\_\_\_, and seeded with NPCI Mapper for receiving DBT from GOI, I do not want to change my NPCI mapping (DBT Benefit Account) from the existing bank.
  - I do not wish to seed my account from your Bank with NPCI Mapper (I will not be getting DBT).
- 4. I have been explained about the nature of information that may be shared upon authentication; I have been given to understand that my information submitted to the bank herewith shall not be used for any purpose other than mentioned above, or as per requirements of law.
- 5. I hereby declare that all the above information voluntarily furnished by me is true, correct and complete.

Yours Faithfully

(Signature/Thumb Impression of Customer) Name: Mobile No: Email: Encl: Copy of Aadhaar [if consent sent through BC/BDO/VO] I hereby authorize the Banking Correspondent

I hereby authorize the Sarpanch,/V.O./B.D.O./

to submit the above consent letter to the bank.

#### (Signature/Thumb Impression of Customer)

\*NPCI Mapping: Mapping is a process of associating a Bank with Aadhaar number which is facilitated by NPCI for Direct Benefit Transfer to the respective Bank who have linked the Aadhaar Number to a specific Bank account for receiving Direct Benefits to which customer has been given the consent.

\*\*IIN number will be provided by Bank receiving the consent Application.