



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

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**Department of Social Justice &
Empowerment**

(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./I.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 post-secondary 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. Private Professional Institutions affiliated to a recognized Central/State University and covered by a Fee Fixation Committee as mandated by Supreme Court;
- vi. 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);
- 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 the Under Graduate/Post-Graduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognized professional or Technical certificate/diploma / degree courses will be awarded scholarships if otherwise eligible. No subsequent failure will be condoned except for courses in Group '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 upto 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 any other scholarships/ stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or ad-hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging, in addition to the scholarship amount paid under the Scheme.

xii. Scholarship holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centers with financial assistance from the Central Government/ State Government will not be eligible for stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.

xiii. 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:-

Category of courses	Yearly (in Rs)		
	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. /I.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 pre-payment 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 non-professional courses. Such sub-allocation would not be necessary for professional courses, as institutions of professional education tend to be concentrated in major cities/centres. However, the State Government is expected to lay down criteria for selection for award of scholarship under both types of courses, professional and non-professional, to the extent of available funds, based on merit-cum-means.

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 for 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 disbursement 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.
- l) 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:

Sl. No	Line of Action	Timeline
1	Finalization of Notional Allocation	By 1 st April of the F.Y.
2	Submission of proposal by the States/UTs within Notional Allocation	By 30 th April of the F.Y.
3	Opening of Portal for registration by students	1 st April
4	Closing of Portal for registration	30 th June
5	Verification by the institutions to be completed	31 st July
6	Verification by the State Govt	15 th August

7	Release of Central Assistance into the SNA, as per the data uploaded on to the central portal	31 st August
8	Payment of scholarships by the State Govt using DBT process (before)	30 th 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.



**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) and De-notified, 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. As per NSSO(2009-10) 66th 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 has adversely impacted the outreach of the schemes, preventing a large number of potential beneficiaries from availing the scheme benefits.

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 upto Rs 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:

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

16.5 Regular attendance record not less than 75% in the previous year should be pre-requisite 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.

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

(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./I.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 post-secondary 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. Private Professional Institutions affiliated to a recognized Central/State University and covered by a Fee Fixation Committee as mandated by Supreme Court;
- vi. 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);
- 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 the Under Graduate/Post-Graduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognized professional or Technical certificate/diploma / degree courses will be awarded scholarships if otherwise eligible. No subsequent failure will be condoned except for courses in Group '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 upto 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 any other scholarships/ stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or ad-hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging, in addition to the scholarship amount paid under the Scheme.

xii. Scholarship holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centers with financial assistance from the Central Government/ State Government will not be eligible for stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.

xiii. 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:-

Category of courses	Yearly (in Rs)		
	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. /I.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 pre-payment 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 non-professional courses. Such sub-allocation would not be necessary for professional courses, as institutions of professional education tend to be concentrated in major cities/centres. However, the State Government is expected to lay down criteria for selection for award of scholarship under both types of courses, professional and non-professional, to the extent of available funds, based on merit-cum-means.

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 for 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 disbursement 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.
- l) 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:

Sl. No	Line of Action	Timeline
1	Finalization of Notional Allocation	By 1 st April of the F.Y.
2	Submission of proposal by the States/UTs within Notional Allocation	By 30 th April of the F.Y.
3	Opening of Portal for registration by students	1 st April
4	Closing of Portal for registration	30 th June
5	Verification by the institutions to be completed	31 st July
6	Verification by the State Govt	15 th August

7	Release of Central Assistance into the SNA, as per the data uploaded on to the central portal	31 st August
8	Payment of scholarships by the State Govt using DBT process (before)	30 th 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.

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

(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 10th 12th 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 15th August each year.
- iii. The implementation of the scheme would be in accordance with the provisions of GFR 2017.

6. INSTITUTIONS ELIGIBLE AND QUANTUM OF ASSISTANCE

- (i) The top class schools which have maintained 100% pass percentage in the 10th 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 this Scheme.

8. MONITORING

(i) 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.

(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 the student. 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 said scheme.

(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. 2nd year students are to get priority over the 3rd 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-se merit.

(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 the Institution.

(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 / AIIMs/ 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 of i). 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 to time.

(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 theclasses.

(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 admission therein.

(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 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 academic year.

(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 laid therein.

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 deems necessary.

(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% of 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 of India.

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.

Annexure-1

Criteria of Merit List For the Institutions as per the entrance exam S.No.	Type of Institutions	Criteria for Merit list
	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(i)	ILS Pune	Rank in MHCET
11(ii)	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 Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management(NIFTEM)	JEE Mains rank
15(v)	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Trivandrum	IISER Ent test
15(vi)	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Tirupati	IISER Ent test
15(vii)	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Berhampur	IISER Ent test
16	Fashion- NIFT	NIFT Ent test
17	Hospitality	
17(i)	IHMs	NCHMCT JEE Test
17(ii)	Private Institutes (Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan)	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 Physically Handicapped	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 with Multiple Disabilities	Institute Ent Test
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

(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 seat |
| 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 and 10% of 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. No	Item	Revised norms applicable from 2021-22	
		Recipient Agency	% of Central Share
1.	Funding Pattern for construction	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.	Equipment Grant	One time non-recurring grant of Rs.2500/- per Hostel seat for provision of essential hostel furniture and equipment.	

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:

(e.g. for proposal for 2021-22)

Unspent Balance as on 01.04.2020	Central share (including EBR, if any) released during 2020-21	Due State Share upto 31.03.2021	State share released vis a vis column iii during 2020-21	Gap i n release of State Share upto 31.03.2021 (iii-iv)	Total fund available (i+ii+v)	Actual* expenditure During 2020-21	Unspent balance as on 01.04.2021

8. PLANNING HOSTELS BUILDINGS UNDER THE SCHEME

8.1 Indicative physical norms for a 100 seater hostel are as under:-

S.No.	Description	Area per Unit (sq. mtrs)	No. of Units	Total Area (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
9	Computer cum Reading 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 & wall thickness @ 35% of above			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.	State Governments, UT Administration, 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 part-time 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 of release		
1	Construction of Hostel Building	In three installments as follows:-		
		Ist installments.	50% of approved Central assistance	Initial sanction
		2nd installments.	45% of approved Central assistance	On receipt of confirmation from implementing agency regarding (i) Completion of work up to roof top level, and (ii) Expenditure to the extent of first installment of Central assistance and correspondingshare of implementing agency.

		3rdinstallments.	Remaining 5%	On receipt of confirmation from implementing agency regarding completion of building work along with occupancy status of the hostel.
2	Furniture & Equipment	On receipt of report from the implementing agency regarding completion of building work and full utilization of Central/State/Central Institution's share of the construction cost.		

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 |
| c. | 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.

State Government/Central University/Institute

To

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. _____ dated _____ of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on the above subject, I am to send herewith proposals seeking Central assistance 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 the guidelines).

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, over and above the cost approved by the Central Government, as mentioned in para 7 of the guidelines.
- (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 date of award of work order or two years from release of 1st 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 the guidelines.

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

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. No.	Location of Hostel			No. of seats in the proposed Hostel	Mean t for Boys/ Girls	Estimated Cost of Construction			Constructio n cost per seat (Col.7÷ Col.5)	Details of Land where the construction is proposed			Details of other hostels, if any, for OBC students in the vicinity of the proposed hostel			Details of educational institutions in the vicinity of the proposed hostel
	To wn	Distt .	Whether the town is a Distt/ Tehsil/ Block hqs.			Tota l	Centra l Share	State Shar e		Name of owner Deptt/Ins titution	Plo t No .	Area (in acres)	Locatio n	Capacit y	Distance from the propose d Hostel	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total										--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Part-II:Abstract of Central Assistance sought (in lakh Rs.)(as per Col.10)

- (i) ForConstructionofHostels - Rs.....
- (ii) ForFurnitureand Equipment - Rs.....

Total - Rs.

**Signature of Pr.Secretary/ Secretary of the State Government /Director of Institution/
Other competent authority**

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**

0	Year of Sanction	No. and date of Ministry's sanction order	Location of the Hostel		Meant for		No. of Seats Sanctioned	Status of the Hostel					Reason for delay, if any	Likely date of completion in case of work not being completed
			Town	Dist.				Completed			Under Construction	Yet to start Construction		
					Boys	Girls								
00								Date of Completion	Status of Occupation	Reason, if not yet occupied				
TOTAL														

Signature of competent authority

Name Designation

Official Seal

Designation

Official Seal

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)

S. No.	Year of Sanction	No. and date of Ministry's sanction order	Amount Sanctioned			Actual Amount utilized			Unspent balance of Central Assistance up to 31 st March i.e. Year ending_____
			Total	Central Share	State Share	Total	Central Share	State Share	
TOTAL									

Signature of competent authority

Name

Designation

OfficialSeal

[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.	Year of Sanction	No. and date of Ministry's sanction order	Location of Hostel		Date of		Meant for		No. of seats Occupied by OBC Students during the last academic session	No. of seats occupied by Non-OBC students during the last academic session	No. of seats occupied by Physically challenged students during the last academic session
			Town	District	Completion	Occupation of Hostel	Boys	Girls			
1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
TOTAL											

Signature of competent authority

Name

Designation

Official Seal

GFR12 – A
[(See Rule 238(1))]

FORM OF UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE
FOR AUTONOMOUS BODIES OF THE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION

Utilization certificate for the year in respect of recurring/non-recurring
GRANTS-IN-AID/SALARIES/CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the Scheme.....

2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants.....

3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year

(i) Cash in Hand/Bank

(ii) Unadjusted advances

(iii) Total

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances:(Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No.3(iii)]	Interest Earned there on	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during 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(iii)			

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid-General	Grant-in-aid-Salary	Grant-in-aid-creation of capital assets	Total

Details of grants position at the end of the year

(i) Cash in 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).

Date:

Place:

Signature

Signature

Name

(Head of Organization)

Name

Chief Finance Officer

(Head of the Finance)

FORM GFR 12-C

(See Rule 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 yearin favour ofunder the Ministry/Department Letter No. given in the margin and Rs.....on account of unspent balance of the previous year, a sum of Rs.....has been utilized for the purpose of.....for which it was sanctioned and that the balance of Rs..... Remaining unutilized at the end of the year has been surrendered to Government (vide No.....dated.....)/will be adjusted towards the grants payable during the next year.....
	Total:		

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 and that 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.
- 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 agencies and like in accordance with scheme guidelines and in furtherance to the scheme objectives, which do not constitute expenditure at the stage. These shall be treated as utilized grants but allowed to be carried forward.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls
Half yearly Progress Report for the half year ending on 30thSept./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.No	Year	No. of Hostels sanctioned			OutoftheNo.inCol.3,								
					No.completed				Underconstruction			Yettostart	
		Since 1989-90 till the previous financial year	During the financial year	Total sanctioned	Upto end of previous financial year	Upto end of previous half year	During the half year underreview	Upto end of half year under review(7)+(8)	Upto end of previous half year	Construction startedduring halfyear underreview	At the endof half yearunderreview(10)+(11)-(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
[Ref.Para12.1, page 48]

Financial Year.....

Name of the State/UT/Central University/Central Institution:.....

Part-II

[illegible]

Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls
Half yearly Progress Report for the half year ending on 30th Sept./31st 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**

Sl.No.	Year	AmountSanctioned	AmountReleased	UnutilizedBalance
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	1998-99			
TOTAL				

Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

Half yearly Progress Report for the half year ending on 30th September/31st 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

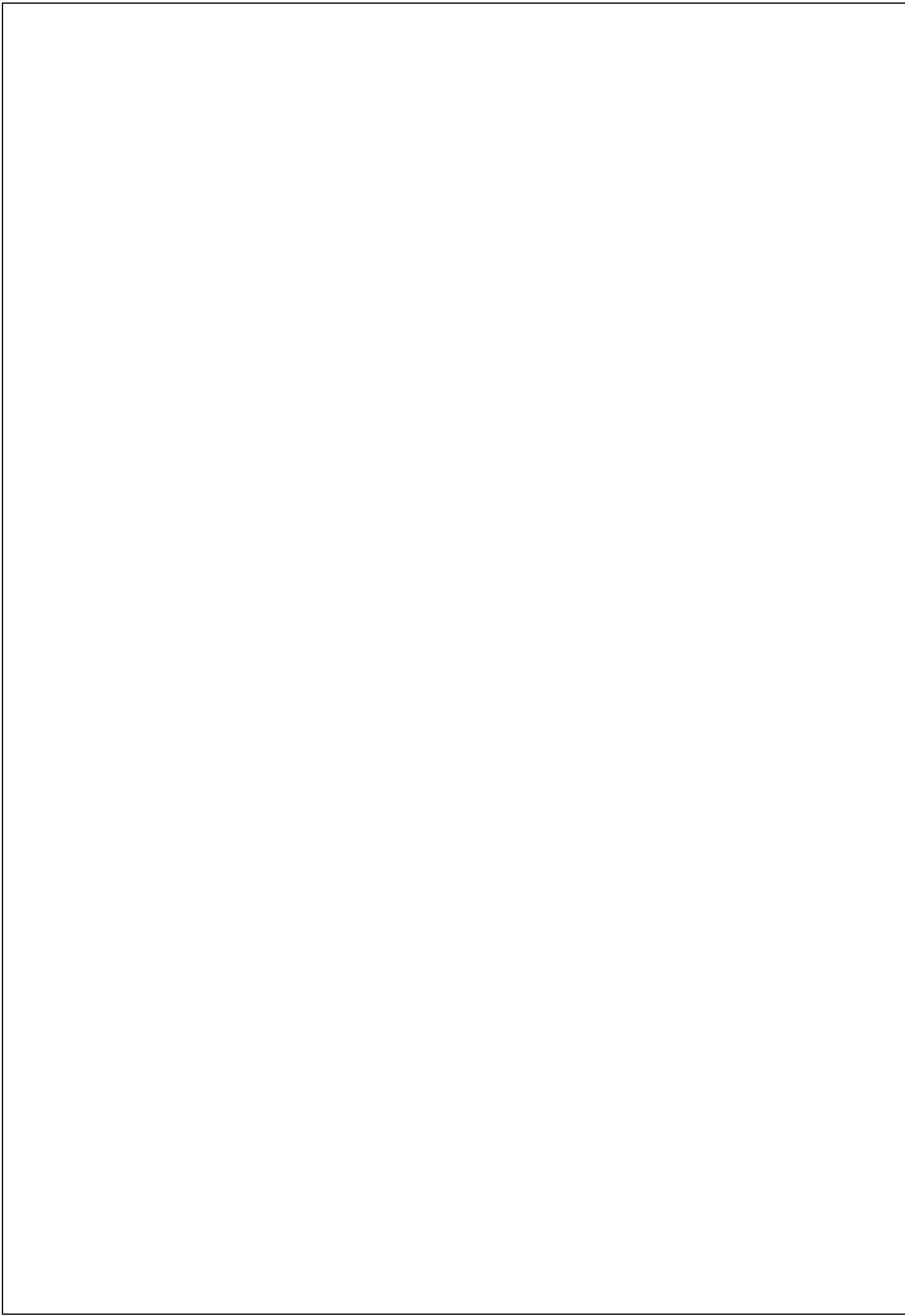
S.N	Year of sanction by Ministry of SJ&E	No. & Date of Sanction letter of Ministry of SJ&E	Description of Hostel			Amount of Central Assistance Sanctioned	Progress of expenditure			Unspent balance of Central Assistance
			LocationTo wn/Distt	Meant for Boys/Girls	Capacity		At the end of previous Halfyear.	At the end of half year under review	During half year under review	
1.										
2.										
3.										
4.										
5.										

Signature of competent authority

Name

Designation

Official Seal



K-11027/1/2021-SCD-V
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date: 14.03.2022

To,
Additional Chief Secretary/
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/
Additional Secretary/ Incharges
Social Welfare Department/SC/OBC Welfare Department
All States as per list

Subject: Revision of the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes & Others- reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that the existing Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students has been revised with a new nomenclature of "Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC and Others". The revised scheme comprises of two components viz. **Component-I** relating to Pre Matric Scholarship for SC students for study in class IX & X and **Component-II** relating to Pre-Matric Scholarship to the Children of those Engaged in occupations involving cleaning and prone to health hazards. The revised Scheme guidelines are attached herewith for your reference.

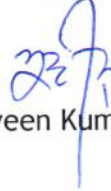
2. The salient features and major modifications approved for implementation and better monitoring of the Scheme are as follows:

- a. 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.
- b. The rates of scholarship has been revised w.e.f 2022-23.
- c. Starting from 2022-23, the Central share would be released on DBT mode directly into the bank account of the students.
- d. The States/UTs shall integrate Central portal with the State Portal through API for transmission of beneficiary-wise data under the scheme.
- e. No arrears of Central share for 2021-22 or earlier will be given to States in FY 2022-23 or later.

3. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Gol.

Encl: As Above

Yours faithfully


(Parveen Kumar Thind)
Director

GUIDELINES
PRE- MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS
SCHEME
FOR SCHEDULED CASTES & OTHERS
(2021-2022 to 2025-26)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE &
EMPOWERMENT

Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
(MARCH, 2022)

**SCHEME OF PRE- MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS
TO THE STUDENTS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTES &
OTHERS
(With effect from 2021-2022)**

1. Background

With the objective of promoting literacy and uninterrupted education at the pre-matric level for children belonging to Scheduled Castes and children of parents/guardian who are engaged in unclean and hazardous occupations, the Government of India has been implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely (i) the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students and (ii) Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for the children of parents/guardians engaged in unclean and hazardous occupation since 01.07.2012 and 01.04.1977 respectively. Keeping in view the large overlap in the target groups of these schemes, and with the objective of streamlining the implementation and optimizing resources, it has been decided to merge them into single scheme namely, 'Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students & Others' w.e.f 2021-22. In order to have a separate data base for policy and planning purposes, this scheme will have two components, one for SC students studying in classes IX and X (Component 1), and the other for the children studying in Classes I to X, of parents/guardians engaged in unclean and hazardous occupation (Component 2).

2. Objectives

2.1 The scheme aims to support, through financial assistance, parents of children belonging to Scheduled Caste and other disadvantaged categories for education of their wards studying at the Pre-Matric stage so that their participation improves, the incidence of drop-out - especially in the transition from the primary to the next level and elementary to the secondary stage - is minimized, they perform better and have a better chance of progressing to the Post-matric stage of education

3. Scope

3.1 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.

3.2 The scholarship will be provided for students studying in Government School and private schools which have been duly recognized by the concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration/ Central Board having valid UDISE code.

3.3 Further, in order to cover the poorest households, the State Governments shall ensure that the poorest students belonging to all the eligible categories are identified and encouraged to enroll under the scheme.

4. Conditions of Eligibility of Students

4.1 The scholarships are open to Nationals of India only.

4.2 The other eligibility criteria are as follows:

4.2.1 **Component 1:** Pre Matric Scholarship for SC students

- i. The students should be studying in class IX and X on a full time basis.
- ii. They should belong to a Scheduled Caste.
- iii. Their Parent/Guardian's income should not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum.

4.2.2 **Component 2:** Pre-Matric scholarship for children of parents/guardians engaged in Unclean and hazardous Occupation

- i. The students should be studying in classes I to X on a full time basis
- ii. Scholarship will be admissible to the children/wards of parents/guardians who, irrespective of their caste/religion belong to one of the following categories;
 - a. Persons who are Manual Scavengers as defined under section 2(I) (g) of Manual Scavengers Act 2013
 - b. Tanners & Flayers;
 - c. Waste pickers and
 - d. Persons engaged in hazardous cleaning as defined in Section 2(I) (d) of Manual Scavengers Act 2013.

For the purpose of classification in this category, the eligible candidates will be required to submit a certificate from District Social Welfare officer/ identified officer of Local body/ Civic Agency/any such authority as designated by State Government.

iii. There is no family income ceiling under this component of the Scheme.

4.3 A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other educational scholarship for the purpose of studying in class I to X. If awarded any other educational scholarship for studying in classes I to 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.

4.4 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. However, the parents of the students shall be encouraged to have Aadhaar linked Bank accounts to facilitate payments through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge.

5. Role of the State Governments

5.1 While all the SC students with parents'/guardians' annual income of upto Rs 2.50 lakh per annum are eligible, however, 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 In this regard, States/UTs will launch special campaigns to identify and cover such students.

5.2 The States/UTs may adopt methodology suitable to the local conditions for identification of such students e.g. SC majority districts/blocks/villages may be taken first for identification of poorest students, families of children falling in Component 2 may be identified in association with local bodies, Municipal Corporations or students leaving class at different levels 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.

5.3 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.

5.4 The States are required to take up identification of the students for fresh enrollment by taking up systematic drive covering all the primary/secondary schools and encouraging the pupils who have dropped out to come back to education.

5.5 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 time-frame.

5.6 The State Governments shall put in place a scholarship portal that has all features as prescribed in para 11 of these guidelines 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. Physical verification at various levels viz. State/ District and Block level, shall

be done covering at least 10% of the institutions/ students chosen randomly through an algorithm.

6. Components of the Scholarship

6.1 With effect from 2022-23, the students shall be given a consolidated academic allowance, as follows:

Day Scholar- Rs. 3500 per annum

Hosteller - Component 1- Rs. 7000 per annum

Component 2- Rs. 8000 per annum (For Class III-X)

(i) In addition, a 10% extra allowance shall be given to Divyang (Disabled) students. The disability as defined under the relevant Section of Right of the persons with Disability Act, 2016. The appropriate Government shall designate persons, having requisite qualifications and experience, as certifying authorities, who shall be competent to issue the certificate of disability.

7. Application for Scholarship and Verification

7.1 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.

7.2 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 bona fide student of the institution.

7.3. 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 School/ Institution.

8. Funding Pattern of the Scheme

8.1 There will be a 60: 40 sharing ratio between the Centre and States. For North Eastern States and for the states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh the sharing ratio will be 90:10. For UTs without legislatures, 100% funds shall be provided by Centre.

8.2 The total number of scholarships per year under the scheme shall be pegged at the highest of the past 3 years for which database is available. The sharing of funds between Centre and State would be of the total demand of the State for the eligible students under the Scheme for that particular year.

8.3 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.

8.4 Implementation of the Scheme shall be done as per the provisions of GFR (2017).

9. Payment Mechanism

9.1 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). The State Government may take consent from the parents/guardian before utilization of their Aadhaar Cards, if used for the purpose of Aadhaar Based Payment. The Central share would be paid directly to the account of beneficiary/guardian w.e.f 2022-23, after ensuring that the concerned State Government has released their share. The States shall preferably release the payments through PFMS System so that the accounts of the students/ parents are not required to be validated again.

9.2 Central Assistance will be released under the revised funding pattern as per para 8.1 for FY 2021-22. No arrears of Central share for 2021-22 or earlier will be given to States in FY 2022-23 or later. Also, the accounts & UCs for the funds released up to the year 2021-22 should be settled by State by the end of FY 2022-23.

9.3 Disbursal of scholarships for all applications (fresh/renewals) shall be made in one installment as per the following schedule w.e.f 2022-23:

Dates of receiving of applications	Date by which State share (40%; 10% in case of NE States and states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh) should be released	Date by which Central share (60%; 90% in case of NE States, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh and 100% in the UTs without legislature) should be released
From 1st April to 31st July	15th August	30th August
Applications received after the due dates	Within 2 months after submission of application	Within 1 month after release of state share by the State Government and sharing of data in the central portal.

9.4 There shall be no delays in payment of the scholarships. For this purpose the State shall ensure that their installments are disbursed to the students by the timelines defined in previous para so that the Central share can also be released in time.

9.5 The Ministry of Social Justice vide notification number 428 dated February 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.

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

10. Duration and Renewal of Awards

10.1 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.

10.2 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.

10.3 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.

11. IT Framework

11.1 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.

11.2 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 disbursement 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 as hosteller/day scholar, as the case may be. There should not be any requirement for the student to apply for renewals.
- h. A performance module to monitor the progress of student as well as performance of the institution should be suitably designed and incorporated.
- i. 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.
- j. The portal shall incorporate an online grievance redressal mechanism linking all the authorities responsible for implementation on the scholarship portal.
- k. There shall be a provision indicating the students of the poorest households, as per the parameters provided under the Scheme, selected for scholarship.
- l. The portal will make arrangements so that the students, once declared blacklisted, may not be able to apply for scholarship again.

12. Annual Action Plan

12.1 Every participating State/UT, on or before 28th February of the preceding year, will prepare a State level Annual Plan for the Pre Matric SC and others. For the financial year 2022-23, the State Government can submit the proposal latest by 31st March 2022 (For FY 2022-23 only). The Action Plan should give clearly the targets, eligibility, proposed coverage separately for poorest households, processes for identification, systems for monitoring etc.

12.2 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 by the Centre and the outlay for each State would be finalized before 30th March, of every year

(for FY 2022-23, this date may be treated as 15th April 2022). The constitution of the committee will be informed through separate instructions.

13. Performance of the States/UTs

13.1 The performance of the States/UTs would be measured annually on certain parameters like (i) payments as per the given time schedule (ii) coverage from the poorest households (iii) academic outcomes of the scholarship-holders (iv) Implementation of Aadhaar based attendance (v) Digitization of various certificates required for determining eligibility etc.

13.2. The States/UTs would be ranked on the above parameters and top performing States will be awarded. The details in this regard will be prepared after consultations, and will be shared through instructions in due course.

14. Announcement of the Scheme by States/UTs

14.1 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.

15. Evaluation/Social Audit and follow up action

15.1 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.

15.2 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.

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

15.4 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.

16. Administrative Charges

16.1 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.

16.2 Each State/UT shall project the requirement of funds for undertaking the monitoring of the implementation, in its Annual Action Plan. This would be considered by the PAC, ensuring that the total outflow on this count does not exceed 1% of the annual outlay.

17. Mechanism for redressal of grievances

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

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

17.3 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.

17.4 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.

18. Other Conditions for the Award

18.1 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.

18.2 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.

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



GUIDELINES

POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE STUDENTS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTES FOR STUDIES IN INDIA (2020-2021 to 2025-26)

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**SCHEME OF POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS
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STUDIES IN INDIA (PMS-SC) (With effect from 2020-2021)

1. Objective

1.1 The objective of the scheme is to appreciably increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio of SC students in higher education with a focus on those from the poorest households, by providing financial assistance at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

2. Scope

2.1 These scholarships are available for studies in India only and the awardees are selected by the State Government/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs (i.e. the State/UT in which permanently settled or domiciled, as per the terms of domicile decided by the State).

2.2 This is applicable to all the students who are currently beneficiaries of the scheme as well as fresh admissions.

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./I.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 L.L.B, L.L.M

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. B.A / 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) "**Compulsory non-refundable fees**" shall mean: fee payable for enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/ Board, but does not include Refundable deposits like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

f) "**Demand**" for a year indicates the total fund requirement for release of scholarship to all eligible students under the scheme as per the entitlements for that **particular year**.

g) "**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.

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- 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 post-secondary 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 and Universities /Colleges recognized under section 2(f) of UGC Act;
- iii. Deemed Universities;
- iv. All Private Universities recognized by State/Centre;
- v. Private Professional Institutions affiliated to a recognized Central/State University and covered by a Fee Fixation Committee as mandated by Supreme Court;
- vi. 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);
- 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 of Students

5.1 The scholarships are open to Nationals of India only.

5.2 Only those candidates who belong to Scheduled Castes so specified in relation to the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs /domiciled as determined by the State/UT and who have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognized University or Board of Secondary Education will be eligible.

5.3 Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents'/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two lakh Fifty thousand only) during the last Financial Year. Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission only to courses which are continuing for more than one year. The income certificate shall be issued by the Authority as decided by the State Government.

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

5.5 Candidates who, after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in a different subject e.g. Intermediate Science after Intermediate Arts or B.Com after B.A. or M.A in one subject after M.A in other subjects will not be eligible.

5.6 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. Non-refundable fees shall be paid and no academic allowance will be paid.

5.7 All the children of any parent/guardian will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme.

5.8 A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her, and should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts another scholarship/stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or 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 this scheme.

5.9 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:

- i) 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:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. That the fees for courses are duly approved by the Fee Fixation/Fee Rationalization Committee set up by the competent authority.

5.10 Students shall be encouraged to have Aadhaar linked Bank accounts to facilitate payments through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge.

6. Role of the State Governments

6.1 Although many SC students have availed benefits under this scheme and have occupied high positions in the society, still the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of SCs in higher education (23.0%) lags behind the national average (27.0%). It is the endeavour of the Government to raise the GER of SCs in higher education from 23.0 % to the national average in the next five years. Similarly, the GER in Senior Secondary education of SCs has to increase from the current 56% to the national average in the next five years. Towards this end, special focus of the implementing agencies is required to achieve the goal.

6.2 All the SC 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 SC households with three or more deprivations as per SECC-2011 (ii) students from SC 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.

6.3 States/UTs may adopt methodology suitable to the local conditions for identification of such students e.g. SC 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 enrol and avail scholarships. Such students will be helped for identification of courses also as per their skills.

6.4 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.

6.5 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.

6.6 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.

6.7. 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

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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.

6.8 The State Governments shall put in place a scholarship portal that has all features as prescribed in para 13 of these guidelines and share the data on a real-time basis with the Central portal.

6.9 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.

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

7. Components of the Scholarship

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

- i. Compulsory non-refundable fees including tuition fee, as fixed by the Fee Fixation/Rationalization Committee of the State Government
- ii. Academic allowance

Category of courses	Yearly (in Rs)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group 1: Degree and Post Graduate level professional courses	13500	7000
Group 2: Other Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate	9500	6500
Group 3: Graduate and Post Graduate courses not covered under Group I & Group II	6000	3000
Group 4: All post-matriculation (Post Class X level) non-degree courses	4000	2500

Note 1. Ten percent extra allowances shall be provided for Divyang students.

Note 2. Students pursuing C.A. /I.C.W.A. /C.S. /I.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 3. The academic allowance as above shall be applicable from the year 2021-22. For the year 2020-21 the allowances as applicable under the earlier guidelines shall apply.

7.3 The Academic Allowance will be linked with the Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial workers. The Annual increment will be applicable w.e.f. April of each year and will be based on Index for the period January-December of the preceding year. The first revision would be applicable w.e.f. April, 2022 and in this regard Department will issue separate orders on Annual basis.

7.4 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 pre-payment 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

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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. Application for Scholarship 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 **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 Free ship 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. Funding Pattern of the Scheme

10.1 There will be a 60: 40 sharing ratio between the Centre and States (90:10 in case of North Eastern States) of the average demand for the scheme for three year period 2017-18 to 2019-20 (to be considered as the base period), with a 5% overall annual increase each

year in the Central assistance for all States put together in absolute terms w.r.t. base period. The above shall be applicable from 2020-21 onwards and the scheme will be continued upto the financial year 2025-26.

10.2 Thus, for the purpose of determining the demand for the year 2020-21, the average demand of 2017-18 to 2019-20, or the actual demand for 2020-21, whichever is lesser, will be considered for each State/UT. For subsequent years i.e. 2021-22 & onwards, the Central assistance for all States put together will be limited by a 5% annual increase over the average demand for the scheme for the base period of 2017-18 to 2019-20, which shall be ensured by the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) while appraising the States' Annual Action Plans. The Ministry will have the flexibility of adjusting the allocation of funds between the States subject to the total allocation approved, without disrupting the 60:40 sharing ratio between the Centre and the States.

10.3 If the total fund requirement is over and above the annual 5% limit, the central share will be limited to that and the additional requirement of funds, if any, shall be met by the State Governments from their own resources.

10.3. All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the scheme will maintain the data of all the beneficiaries on their online portal and will distinctly mention the amount of scholarship under various components as mentioned in the Scheme.

11. Payment Mechanism

11.1 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.

11.2 Starting from 2021-22, the Central share in the scheme would also be released on DBT mode directly into the bank accounts of the students, after ensuring that the concerned State Government has released their share.

11.3 All the States/UTs/Centre would adhere to the following timelines for processing of the applications and release of scholarship amounts:

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- 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 instalment as per the following schedule:

Dates of receiving of applications	Date by which State share (40%; 10% in case of NE States) should be released	Date by which Central share (60%; 90% in case of NE States) should be released
From 1 st April to 31 st July	15 th August	30 th August
From 1 st August to 30 th November	30 th December	26 th January
From 1 st December to 31 st January*	28 th February	15 th March
From 1 st February to 31 st March*	With 75 days of application	Within 90 days of application

*Portal shall remain open only for submission of applications for scholarships for courses where admission is after November.

11.4 There shall be no delays in payment of the scholarships. For this purpose the State shall ensure that their installments are disbursed to the students by the timelines defined in previous para so that the Central share can also be released in time.

11.5 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.

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

12. Duration and Renewal of Awards

12.1 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.

12.2 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.

12.3 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.

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- 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.
- l) 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.

14. Annual Action Plan

14.1 Every participating State/UT, on or before 28th February of the preceding year, will prepare a State level Annual Plan for the PMS-SC scheme. In case the State has any other initiative on similar lines to PMS-SC, 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.

14.2 The Department will constitute an 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 15th 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.

15. Performance of the States/UTs

15.1 The performance of the States/UTs would be measured annually on certain parameters like (i) payments as per the given time schedule (ii) coverage from the poorest households (iii) academic outcomes of the scholarship-holders (iv) Implementation of Aadhaar based attendance (v) Digitization of various certificates required for determining eligibility etc.

15.2. The States/UTs would be ranked on the above parameters and top performing States will be awarded. The details in this regard will be prepared after consultations, and will be shared through instructions in due course.

16. Announcement of the Scheme by States/UTs

16.1 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.

17. Process of Registration and Application for the student

17.1 The student shall, well before the expected date of admission, register on the online scholarship portal for issue of a Freeship Card as detailed in Para 8.2 of these Guidelines.

17.2 On admission to the institution to a course mentioned in the Freeship Card, the student shall apply, on the day of the admission itself, for scholarship, giving details of the Freeship card and the course and institution admitted to.

17.3 Students continuing their courses for which they have already been sanctioned scholarship in the previous year, i.e. renewal students, shall, be automatically renewed for scholarship as detailed in para 8.7.

18. Evaluation/Social Audit and follow up action

18.1. 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.

18.2. 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.

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

18.4. 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.

18.5. 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.

19. Administrative Charges

19.1. The administrative cost for administration, monitoring and evaluation shall be limited to 1% of the annual outlay.

19.2. 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.

19.3. 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.

20. Mechanism for redressal of grievances

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

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

20.3. 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.

20.4. 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.

21. Other Conditions for the Award

21.1. 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.

21.2. A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the scholar changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship was originally awarded or changes the institution of study, without prior approval of the State Government. The Head of the Institution shall report such cases to the State which will stop payment of the scholarship money. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the State Government.

21.3. 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.

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

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

Name of the Student

Student's ID on the portal

Fathers' Name-

Aadhaar Card Number-

Caste

Date of Birth

Annual Family income

Domicile State-

Address of the Student

Course (in which admission is sought)-

Duration of Course-

Class (presently studying)-

Class (Last class previously studied)-

Major provisions of the scheme

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

No.19012/03/2017-Sch/Edu
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(Scholarship Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 20th December, 2019

To,
The Principal Secretary/Secretaries,
Tribal Development Department,
All States/UTs (as per list attached)

Subject: Increase in the scholarship amount under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students w.e.f the academic session 2019-20 (to be effective from 01.12.19).

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to say that, it has been decided, with the approval of the Competent Authority, to revise the amount of scholarship under the scheme for Pre-Matric Scholarship to ST Students from Rs.150/- to Rs.225/- p.m. for day scholars and from Rs.350/- to Rs.525/- p.m. for Hostellers w.e.f the academic session 2019-20 (to be effective from 01.12.19).

Yours faithfully,

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Dated: 29th April, 2020

To,
The Principal Secretary/Secretaries,
Tribal Development Department,
All States/UTs (as per list attached)

**Subject: Upward revision of the annual parental income ceiling
and under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric
Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students w.e.f academic year
2020-21.**

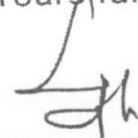
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to say that, it has been decided, with the approval of the Competent Authority, to increase the annual parental income ceiling under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students from Rs.2.00 lakh to Rs.2.50 lakh per annum w.e.f the academic session 2020-21.

3. You are requested to invite the applications under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme and send your proposals for Central Assistance keeping in view the above income ceiling and revised scholarship amount as per this Ministry's earlier letter dated 20.12.2019(copy enclosed).

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,



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Dear

As you are aware, presently there is a Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribes (STs) students at the Post Matric Level (i.e. class XI onwards), but there is no corresponding scholarship scheme for the Pre-Matric students.

2. The Government has approved introducing of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for students belonging to Scheduled Tribes studying in Classes IX & X, with effect from 01.07.2012.

3. The objective of the scheme is to support parents of ST students for education of their wards studying in Classes IX and X so that the incidence of dropout, especially in transition from the elementary to secondary and during secondary stage of education, is minimized. A copy of the guidelines of the scheme is given at **Annexure-I**. Major features of the scheme are as follows:-

(a) Scheduled Tribe students enrolled full time in secondary education in Government schools or in a school recognised by Government or a Central / State Board of Secondary Education, whose parents' annual income does not exceed Rs. 2.00 lakh, will be eligible for the scholarship, provided he/she is not getting any other Centrally funded Pre-Matric Scholarship.

(b) Central Assistance under the Scheme would include scholarship and other grants as per details below:-

(Amount in Rupees)

Items	Day Scholars	Hostellers
Scholarship (Rs. per annum) for 10 month	150	350
Books and Ad hoc Grant (Rs. per annum)	750	1000

Additional allowance for students with disabilities studying in private un-aided recognized schools.

(c) The Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students is to be implemented through State Governments and UT Administrations which will receive 100% Central assistance from Government of India for expenditure under the Scheme, over and above their Committed Liability. The level of Committed Liability of a State Government/ Union Territory Administration for a year will be equivalent of the previous Five Year Plan Period, and will be required to be borne by them by making provision in their own budget.

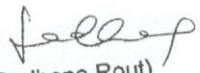
(d) If a State Government/UT Administration is already giving pre-matric scholarship to ST students of classes IX-X, it will have to either continue to provide scholarship at that rate, over and above the Scholarship under the proposed Centrally Sponsored Scheme, or if it chooses to reduce its own expenditure on its Scheme, utilize the saving so effected only on other educational programmes for Scheduled Tribes.

4. State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to give wide publicity to the provisions of the new Pre-Matric Scheme and take suitable steps to implement the Scheme. It is also requested that the State Governments/UT Administrations send a complete proposal for availing Central assistance under the Scheme during 2012-13, so as to reach the Ministry of Tribal Affairs by **24th September, 2012**, to enable the Ministry to release Central assistance at the earliest.

A proforma for submitting the proposal for availing Central Assistance during 2012-13 under the Scheme is at **Annex-II**.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. Sadhana Rout)

To

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, In-charge of Scheduled Tribe Development
Department, All State Governments and UT Administrations.

✓ Copy to the Director (NIC) – Request for posting on the Ministry's website.

**Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

GUIDELINES

**CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR
NEEDY SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS STUDYING IN CLASSES IX & X**

(EFFECTIVE FROM 01-07-2012)

1. BACKGROUND

Article 46 of Part IV ("Directive Principles of State Policy") of the Constitution enjoins upon the State to promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. Article 38(2) of the same Part also enjoins upon the State to minimize inequities in income and to 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.

2. OBJECTIVES

Objectives of the scheme are:

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

3. SCOPE

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

4. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Student should belong to Scheduled Tribe
- (ii) Her/his Parents'/Guardian's income should not exceed Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum.

(iii) She / he should not be getting any other Centrally-funded Pre-Matric Scholarship.

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

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

5. ANNUAL PARENTS'/GUARDIAN'S INCOME

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

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

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

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

6. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

The details are as follows:

Rates of scholarship and other grant will be as follows:

Item	Day Scholars	Hostellers
Scholarship for 10 months (Rs. per month)	150	350
Books and Ad hoc Grant (Rs. per annum)	750	1000

(iii) **Additional Allowances for ST students with disabilities studying in private unaided Schools**

Under the Centrally-sponsored Scheme of 'Inclusive Education of the Disabled at Secondary Stage' (IEDSS) implemented by the M/o HRD, assistance @Rs.3000/- p.a. is already being given under its "Student Oriented Component" to students with disabilities studying at the Secondary stage in Govt., local body and Govt. aided schools. However, students in un-aided schools are not covered under IEDSS. Therefore, ST students with disabilities, studying in classes IX & X in private un-aided recognized schools, will be eligible for allowances under this Scheme, as follows:

Allowances for students with disabilities studying in Private un-aided Schools	Amount (in Rs.)
(i) Monthly Reader Allowance for Blind students	160
(ii) Monthly Transport Allowance for students with disabilities (as defined in the Persons with Disabilities Act 1995), if such students do not reside in the hostel which is within the premises of the Educational Institution.	160
(iii) Monthly Escort Allowance for Severely Disabled (i.e. with 80% or higher disability) Day Scholars/Students with low extremity disability	160
(iv) Monthly Helper Allowance admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopedically handicapped student residing in the hostel of an Educational Institution who may need the assistance of a helper.	160
(v) Monthly Coaching Allowance to Mentally Retarded and Mentally ill Students	240

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

7. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

(I) All eligible Scheduled Tribe candidates will be given scholarships as prescribed in this scheme

(ii) Candidates belonging to one State but studying in another State will be awarded scholarships by the State to which they belong and will submit their applications to the competent authority in that State.

8. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

(i) The scholarship will be payable for 10 months in an academic year.

(ii) The award once made will continue subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed for Class X after the student passes Class IX.

9. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

(i) Scholarship is payable from 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year, provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.

(ii) In case of renewal of scholarship, it will be paid from the month following the month upto which scholarship was paid in the previous year.

(iii) The Government of the State/Union Territory Administration, to which they belong, in accordance with the procedure laid down by them in this regard, will pay the scholarship money to the selected students.

10. CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUATION OF THE AWARD

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

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

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

11. PUBLICITY OF THE SCHEME & INVITING APPLICATIONS

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

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

12. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

(i) An application for scholarship should comprise:

(a) One copy of the application for scholarship in the prescribed form (separate application forms as have been prescribed for 'fresh' and renewal scholarship by concerned States/UTs).

(b) One copy of the passport size photograph with signatures of the student thereon (for fresh scholarship).

(c) A certificate (in original) of Scheduled Tribe duly signed by an authorized Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.

(d) An income declaration by the self-employed parents/guardians, stating definite income from all sources by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer and for any additional income from other sources, they would furnish declaration by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper.

(e) A receipt in acknowledgement of the scholarship in the previous year on the form attached to the application only duly counter-signed by the Head of the Institution/School concerned, if the applicant was in receipt of a scholarship under this scheme in the preceding year.

(ii) Application complete in all respects, shall be submitted to the Head of the Institution/School, being attended or last attended by the candidates and shall be forwarded by the Head of Institution, after scrutiny and with his recommendation, to the sanctioning authority, mentioned in para 11.2.

13. MODE OF DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

In order to ensure timely and correct payment of scholarship amount to the beneficiaries, State Governments/UT administrations will ensure payment of

scholarship through their accounts in post offices/banks. All State Governments/UT Administrations will implement a computerized management system of scholarships, including 'e-payment' system.

14. PATTERN AND CONDITIONS OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE (CA)

14.1 The Scheme is Centrally Sponsored Scheme and implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which will receive 100% central assistance from Government of India for expenditure under the Scheme, over and above their Committed Liability. The level of Committed Liability of a State Government/Union Territory Administration for a year will be equivalent to the level of actual expenditure incurred by them under the Scheme during the terminal year of the previous Five Year Plan Period, and will be required to be borne by them by making provision in their own budget.

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

(i) continue to provide scholarship at that rate, over and above the Scholarship under the proposed CSS,

or

(ii) if it chooses to reduce its own expenditure on its Scheme, utilize the saving so effected only on other educational programmes for STs.

14.3 Upto 1.5 % of total Central expenditure towards Scholarship, would, be utilized on administrative expenditure, Management, Monitoring & Evaluation etc. The funds would be utilized for this purpose, by the Central Govt. or it would be released to States/UTs, over and above the Scholarship amount, on the basis of proposals received from them in this regard. However, no new posts would be created under this component.

15. TRANSFER OF COMMITTED LIABILITY TO STATES/UTs

As per the existing practice, committed liability in such Schemes gets transferred to the States/UTs during the first year of the succeeding plan period. Since this Scheme is proposed introduced w.e.f. 01.07.2012, committed liability would be transferred, for the first time, to State Governments/UT Administrations at the end of XII Five Year Plan i.e. w.e.f. 01.04.2017.

16. PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING AND RELEASE OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE

16.1 Central Assistance will be released to the States/UTs, in two installments. First installment of Central Assistance would be released on ad-hoc basis, as far as possible, during the second quarter of the year (April- June) subject to satisfactory utilization of Central Assistance, released in the past, if any. State

Governments/UT Administrations will be expected to submit their complete proposals for Central Assistance under the Scheme by 30th September each year which would be released to them, subject to fulfillment of all the conditions, by 31st December. Next year's claim will have to be accompanied with a Utilization Certificate along with Audited Statements for the previous year's Central Assistance. Unspent or unaccounted for balance, if any, from the previous year's grant will be adjusted, while releasing the next year's grant.

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

17. MONITORING

State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the scheme will:

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

18. CHANGE IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE SCHEME

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



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI.**

**POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP
(CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME)**

**FOR THE STUDENTS BELONGING TO
SCHEDULED TRIBE FOR STUDIES IN INDIA**

***REGULATION GOVERNING THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP
(APPLICABLE FROM 01-04-2022)***

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1. Introduction

It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to grant scholarship to eligible ST students for pursuing higher education starting from class XI to Post Graduation courses in India.

2. Objective

- a. To enable eligible Scheduled Tribe students to undertake quality education from Post Matric to Post Graduate level by providing them financial assistance.
- b. To create an error free platform ensuring that the targeted beneficiaries receive scholarship on time.

3. Salient features of the Scheme

3.1. Scope

Scholarship under the Scheme will be available to ST students for studies in India and will be directly transferred to the account of students. The scholarship will be awarded by the Government of the State/Union Territory to which the applicant belongs as per the terms of domicile decided by the State/UT.

3.2. Conditions of eligibility

- a. The student should belong to Scheduled Tribe so specified in relation to the State/Union Territory to which he/she actually belongs (Domicile State).
- b. Student should have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognized University or Board of Secondary Education.
- c. The family income of student from all sources should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh per annum.
- d. The student should have a valid account in a Schedule Bank linked with Aadhar and Mobile number.
- e. The student should not be getting any other scholarship.
- f. The scholarships will be given for study of recognized post-matriculation/ post-secondary courses, recognized by the concerned approving authority, pursued in following category of Institutions/Universities/Colleges.
 - i. All Government Institutes/Colleges/Universities
 - ii. Institutions of National Importance;

- iii. Central University/ State university/ Autonomous colleges recognized by UGC and Universities/ Colleges recognized under section 2(f) and/or 12(b) of UGC Act;
- iv. Deemed Universities;
- v. Private Universities recognized by State/Centre with 'A' level or equivalent accreditation by NAAC, NBA;
- vi. Private Professional Institutions affiliated to a recognized Central/State University
- vii. Schools /colleges recognized by Govt/Govt aided for Classes XI to class XII;
- viii. Diploma granting Institutions as recognized by State/UT Governments;
- ix. Vocational Training Institute affiliated to National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT);
- x. Institutions affiliated/approved by the appropriate bodies like MCI/AICTE etc or any regulatory body established by State/Centre as approving authority for particular course.

*Note 1: Under "National fellowship & Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students" Scheme [Top class Scholarship], MoTA is providing Scholarships to students for pursuing graduation and post-graduation courses in Top Class Institutes (currently 252) across India. To avoid duplicity, **students pursuing courses in such Institutes will not be entitled for benefit under Post Matric Scholarship**. All students already registered under Post Matric Schemes till 2020-21 will however continue to be funded under the scheme till completion of course. The new students admitted after issuance of guidelines will be registered under the scholarship component of the "National fellowship & Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students" Scheme from academic year 2021-22. List of 252 Top Class Institutes is given in the website of the Ministry (tribal.nic.in).*

Note 2: State Governments/UTs will gradually shift towards institutions to be covered which ranks high as per NIRF of Ministry of Education for Post-matric scholarship scheme so as to ensure better employability.

3.2.1. Candidates who complete a course in one stream will not be eligible to take diploma/degree course of different stream. For example, student will not be eligible for scholarship for pursuing B. Com after completing B.A or BSC or MBBS after doing B.Tech.

3.2.2. Scholarship holder under this scheme can hold only one scholarship/stipend at a time. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her and

should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made.

3.3. Income Criteria

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

The family income shall be computed in the following manner: -

- I. In case where both father and mother are working, the combined income of both of them from all sources shall be taken into account in computing total family income.
- II. In case any other member of the family, other than father and mother is an earning member, his or her income shall not be included in computing total family income.
- III. In case only one parent is alive, the income of that parent shall be taken into account for considering total family income. If other sibling or family member is an earning member, their income shall not be included in computing total family income.
- IV. In case of an orphan, supported by a guardian, income criteria shall not apply.

Note 1: Definition of Income - Income means gross income including income from all sources without any exemption and deductions available in the Income Tax Act.

Note 2: Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission to course which will be valid for the entire duration of the course. At the time of renewal in second or subsequent year of the course, fresh income certificate is not required.

Note 3: The income certificate given at the time of admission should be taken in the same year for which the admission is taken. In the case of salaried employee, the income of previous financial year will be considered for the purpose of eligibility. For example, if candidate applies afresh for academic year 2021-22, the family income for financial year 2020-21 would be required.

3.4. Value of scholarship

The scholarship will have two components, payment of compulsory non-refundable fees for the course pursued by the student and the monthly stipend.

3.4.1. Fee component:

The fee component will depend on type of course pursued by the student. The courses have been divided in 4 categories.

Table 1

Group	Courses
Group I	Graduate and Post Graduate courses leading to Degree, PG Diploma, MPhil, PhD in professional courses in various streams
Group II	All non-professional recognized courses leading to a Graduate, Post Graduate Degree not covered under Group I in Arts, Science and Commerce like BA/B.Sc/B.Com or MA/MSc/M.Com etc
Group III	Vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.
Group IV	All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII).

Note 1: The fee component will be decided by the State Level Fee Fixation Committee of the state. In case of students studying in private sector institutes there will be a ceiling of Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum per student for Engineering Courses and Rs.6.00 lakh per annum for MBBS/ MS/ MD courses and Rs.1.00 lakh per annum for other courses as far as support of Government of India is concerned. However, the concerned State Government/UT Administration is free to provide scholarship over and above the limit specified above to students studying in private sector Institutes. For accounting purpose, such additional amount, if any, would be accounted for separately in the State portal.

Note 2: The guidelines will apply prospectively for students taking fresh admission from 1.4.2022. It is clarified that existing students who have enrolled themselves in a particular course within or outside State as per the prevailing guidelines at the time of admission will continue to get the benefit in respect of fee fixed by the State for the remaining period of the course. The new guidelines will be applicable in respect of students who apply in Post Matric Scholarship Scheme on or after 1.4.2022.

3.4.2. Stipend:

The student will be entitled to stipend as per rates listed below.

Table:2

Group	Courses	Hostellers		Day Scholar	
		Monthly	Annually	Monthly	Annually
Group I	Bachelor, Master Degree, MPhil/PhD degree leading to Degree, PG Diploma, in professional courses in various streams	1200	12000	550	5500
Group II	All non-professional recognized courses leading to a Bachelor, Master Degree, MPhil/PhD degree not covered under Group I in Arts, Science and Commerce like BA/B.Sc/B.Com or MA/MSc/M.Com	820	8200	530	5300
Group III	Vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.	570	5700	300	3000
Group-IV	All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII).	380	3800	230	2300

Note 1: It needs to be clarified that the stipend is a sort of incentive provided to a student for pursuing a particular course and in no way meant to provide for reimbursement of boarding and lodging charges like mess, hostel or other similar charges. The stipend will be given to the student as per rates according to course listed in Group-I to IV. However, the concerned State Government/UT Administration is free to provide the stipend over and above the prescribed rates of the scheme. For accounting purpose, such additional amount, if any, would be accounted for separately in the State portal.

Note 2: *In order to provide quality boarding and lodging facility to students within and outside States/UTs, all States/UTs are advised to identify cities where such Institutes are located that do not have availability of hostel. The States may seek grants from SCA to TSS/275(1) for construction of tribal hostels within and outside State. Such hostels will however be open for students of all States.*

Note3: *Normally the term 'Hostel' is applicable to a common residential building and a common mess for the students run under the supervision of the educational institution authorities. In case the college authorities are unable to provide accommodation in the college Hostel, an approved place of residence can also be treated as Hostel for the purpose of this scheme. The place will be approved by the Head of the Institution after due inspection and keeping in view the rules and regulations laid down by the University, if any. In such case, a certificate to the effect that the student is residing in an approved place of residence as he is unable to get accommodation in the college hostel should be furnished by the Head of the Institution.*

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

Note 4: Additional Disability Allowance: *-In addition to stipend provided in Table-2 above, an additional Stipend of Rs. 800/-per month (Rs. 9600 annually) will be given to the Divyangjan student who is hosteller and Rs.600 (Rs 7200 annually) to Day scholar. The disability as defined under the relevant 'Disabilities Act' has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration. The provisions of Disability allowance will also apply to leprosy-cured and students having sickle cell Anemia or Thalassemia as notified by Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment*

4. Empanelment of Institutions/universities/colleges within and outside states

- a. It would be the responsibility of the State to empanel the eligible Institutes within and outside states where student can take admission. Students will be free to take admission in any Government School/ Institute/College/University within and outside the domicile State. In respect of Non- Government Schools/ Institutes/Colleges/Universities located within and outside domicile State, each State would empanel and prepare a list of such Non-Government Institutes and the courses for which such Institutes are eligible as per Group-I to IV. States would share such list with MoTA on its portal.
- b. The state Govt. shall ensure that empanelled Non- Government Schools/ Institutes/Colleges/Universities located inside and outside the state possess

desired Infrastructure and has capacity to provide quality education. A mechanism will be devised for Inspection of such Institutes by domicile State in coordination with respective destination state where such Institute is located.

- c. State Government before awarding scholarship to a student will verify registration, affiliation and accreditation, courses being offered and number of seats approved for each course in Schools/ Institutes/Colleges/Universities.
- d. In the application form, it will be mentioned that the student is studying in an Institute outside the State/UT and data in respect of that Institute along with necessary affiliation and accreditation will be captured in online form.
- e. The concerned Non-Government School/ Institute/College will not force the student to pay the fee if there is delay in disbursement of scholarship to student. It would be the responsibility of concerned State Government to ensure that the student is allowed to sit in the exams and attend classes even if there is delay in payment of fee by State Government. State may take such Undertaking from the Institutes at the time of empanelling them. The State will however ensure that any grievance of such School/Institute/College/University is addressed on priority. State may create special cell in Scholarship Division for empanelment, inspection and grievance redressal of such Non-Government School/ Institute/College, for which expenditure can be incurred from administrative expenses provided under the scheme as discussed in para 14 of guidelines.
- f. The state may decide whether the entire fee will be credited to the account of student by DBT mode or the tuition fee may go to Institute and the stipend to the student.

5. Selection of candidates

- i. All States/UTs are required to develop an Online Platform for inviting online applications and disbursement through DBT mode into the bank account of student. The states/UTs have option to opt for National Scholarship Portal for inviting such applications, if State/UT does not have own portal.
- ii. The States/UTs would obtain necessary documents from applicants in support of eligibility of the applicants. Any student found to have stated wrong facts and misrepresented facts would become ineligible and debarred from any benefits of the scheme.

- iii. Before initiating registration process, students are advised to carefully go through the instructions of State /NSP portal and take care of the following:
- a) Candidates belonging to one State (Domicile State) but studying in other State will be awarded scholarships by the State to which they belong (domicile State) and will submit their applications to the competent authorities in their domicile State. The student can take admission in any Government Institute within or outside the state. As far as Non-Government Institutes are concerned, the students can take admission only in empanelled Institutes within and outside state as discussed in para 4(a) above.
 - b) The Bank Account details (A/c Number, IFSC Code) given in application is correct and keep the account active (i.e. non-dormant). The account should be held in the name of the student and linked with Aadhar and Mobile number to ensure timely DBT payment.
 - c) The resolution/quality of documents and photo uploaded is adequate and document is legible and clear.
 - d) The mobile number provided in the application is correct, active and belongs to the applicant or the parent. The student should preferably continue the same mobile number linked with the bank account for entire period of course.
 - e) The student/applicant should take timely action(s) on the SMS received from State owned portal/NSP
 - f) The applicant should follow up with Institutes for application verification before the deadlines.
 - g) The applicant should rectify the error(s) and comply with the remarks made in the application in case the application is marked as defective in State owned portal/NSP.

5.1. Role of Institute Nodal Officer (INO)

There will be a Nodal Officer for every Institute. The Institute Nodal officer using portal must adhere to the following:

- a. The Nodal officer get registered in the portal with valid documents issued by the Institute
- b. The Institute/School shall possess a valid AISHE/U-DISE/NCVT/SCVT code, before registering on the portal. In case the institute is not registered, the Nodal Officer can add it by providing the requisite details.
- c. The primary role of the Institute Nodal officer is 1st Level verification of the applications submitted by applicants at portal. The Institute Nodal officer must verify the correctness of details in the application form and uploaded documents submitted by the student/ applicant, and maintain physical copies of supporting documents submitted by the student/ applicant. The District/State/Ministry Nodal Officer can ask for copies of these documents from the Institute Nodal Officers, as and when required.
- d. The Institute Nodal officer has the option to either verify the application, reject the application or make the application defective. In case she/he chooses to reject or defect the application, the reasons for rejection or defect must be provided, so that the same can be displayed to the student/applicant.

5.2. Role of District/ State Nodal Officer

The primary role of District/ State Nodal officer is to verify the documents at second/third Level.

- i. The District/ State Nodal Officer shall verify the correctness of details in the application form and uploaded documents submitted by the student/applicant as per guidelines of the related scheme.
- ii. The District / State Nodal officer can either verify the application, make the Application defective or reject the application giving reason.
- iii. The District / State Level Nodal officer shall monitor overall pendency of the applications for the scheme at Institute Level.
- iv. The District / State Nodal officer shall ensure that the applications are scrutinized well-in-time by the Institute, thus avoiding the last-minute rush to verify the applications, that the same can be displayed to the student/applicant.

5.3. Role of Ministry:

The primary role of the Ministry is to monitor the overall progress of the scheme. The Ministry shall provide the guidelines to the States/UTs and for development of portal as per the requirements of the Ministry.

- a. The Ministry shall provide PFMS configuration details (agency ID, Agency name, PFMS scheme code, DBT mission code, beneficiary type, payment purpose code) to States/UTs
- b. The Ministries shall verify the correctness of Scheme configuration, including but not limited to the eligibility criteria, important dates etc.
- c. The Ministries shall provide proper IT platform to facilitate state to upload beneficiary data on its portal and would issue necessary instructions to States/UTs.

6. Documents required: Students need to carefully go through State/ NSP portal for required documents to be uploaded with the application form as mentioned in clause 3 of guidelines.

- a. Aadhar Number
- b. Domicile certificate
- c. Scanned copy of certificates, diploma, degree etc. in respect of all examinations passed.
- d. Last qualified marks [percentage/Equivalent percentage in case of CGPA/OGPA etc.]
- e. ST certificate issued by competent authority of State/UT.
- f. Family Income Certificate.
- g. Disability certificate.
- h. Scanned copy of the passport size photograph

The State/UT may specify the procedure for issuing ST certificate, family Income Certificate and Disability certificate and the competent authority to issue such certificate. If the State has online system of issuing such certificate including certificate of examination passed, State/UT may link the State/UT portal through Digi locker so that the certificates placed in Digi locker can be fetched automatically.

Note 1:-Self-declarations or affidavits of self-assessment of income shall not be acceptable and the State/UT Governments shall make appropriate arrangements to notify a competent income-certificate issuing authority for this purpose.

6.1. All States/UTs are required to establish a dedicated Helpdesk/Grievance redressal mechanism to address the students' query. The primary role of the Helpdesk at State/UT level is to provide first level assistance to the users at various levels of portal. The States/UTs shall:

- a. Assist the student(s)/applicant(s) for filling the registration and application forms and provide technical support for queries on fee, Institution details etc.
- b. Escalate the critical issues to State/NSP team, as and when required.

6.2. The States shall maintain a complete database of the beneficiaries under various other scholarship schemes to ensure de-duplication of the beneficiaries

7. Duration and renewal of scholarship

- i. The scholarship will be payable for the entire course for which the application has been made.
- ii. In the application form student will be required to mention the duration of course. The award once made will be tenable from the stage at which it is given till the completion of course subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance.
- iii. In case a student couldn't apply for scholarship for an eligible course in the 1st year of the course, he can apply for scholarship in 2nd or subsequent year and would be entitled for scholarship for the remaining duration of course from the date of application, subject to the eligibility.
- iv. The scholarship to a student will be renewed from year to year provided he/she has completed the previous class successfully and moves to the next class.
- v. In case he/she has failed in one year, he/she will not be entitled to scholarship till he/she clears that class and gets promoted to the next class.
- vi. However, if a student is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and/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 student would have passed had he/she appeared in the examination.
- vii. In accordance with the Regulations of a University/institution, if 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.
- v. Stipend is payable from 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year for a maximum period of 10 months.

- vi. In case of renewal of scholarship awarded in the previous years, stipend 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.
- vii. 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 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.
- viii. The scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the scholars. If it is reported by the Head of the Institution at any time that a student has by reason 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 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.
- ix. 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.
- x. A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the scholar changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship was originally awarded or changes the Institution of study, without prior approval of the State Government. The Head of the Institution shall report such cases to the respective States/UTs to stop payment of the scholarship money. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the State Government.
- xi. A student 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.
- xii. The regulations can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.

8. Announcement and timeline of the scheme

In order to ensure timely disbursement of Scholarship, it is necessary that States/UTs adhere to timelines for opening and closing of portal, verification of applications and disbursal of scholarship to students through DBT. State Governments/UT Administration will make all efforts to open the portal for inviting applications by 1st May. The State will be responsible for proper advertisement of the date of opening and closing of portal through print, social

and electronic media and all empanelled Institutions located outside the State are informed about opening and closing dates. The applicant should submit/upload the completed application to the prescribed authority before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications. The following timeline is suggested for opening, closing of portal, verification of students and Institute and disbursement of scholarship.

PROCESS	FRESH	RENEWAL
Registration for Students	1 April – 30th September	1 April– 30th September
Completion of verification of Institutes	30th October	30th October
Completion of verification by Institute/ State	15th November	
Disbursement of scholarship	31st December	15th November

The above-mentioned timelines are only suggestive. The State should make efforts that for the renewal students, the disbursement would start as and when the verification is complete.

Note 1: The State/UT may ensure that a dedicated cell under Scholarship Division is made which will be responsible for preparation of portal, grievance redressal in filling applications, integration of all Institutes including empanelled Institutes outside State with the portal, verification of documents and eligibility of student, course, checking of course fee and stipend, Aadhar linked bank account and disbursement of scholarship. The expenditure can be incurred from administrative expenses provided under the scheme as discussed in para 14 of guidelines.

9. Publicity & Inviting Application

The State Governments/U.T. Administrations suitably publicize the Scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in local language, in the leading newspapers of the State and through their respective websites and other media outlets. The awareness programme may also be arranged in coordination with Civil Society Organization (CSOs)/NGOs/PRIs/any other stake holders.

10. Funding pattern of the scheme

The Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The contribution from Government of India would be 75% and the state contribution would be 25%. In respect of North East states and hilly states, the contribution from Government of India would be 90% and the state contribution would be 10%. In case of UTs like Andaman & Nicobar without Legislative Assembly and own grants, Govt. of India's contribution will be 100%.

10.1. It is the endeavor of the Ministry to transfer scholarship to the students by DBT mode preferably using the Aadhar Enabled Payment System. The Ministry will devise a mechanism with NSP so that the Central share in the scheme can be released on DBT mode directly into the bank accounts of the students in consultation with states. The states will be required to complete necessary verification of the student at Institute, District and State level. After necessary verification, the state will share the data of the eligible students to the NSP, who in turn will release the amount to the bank account of the student. Necessary instructions in this regard will be issued after consultation with states. Till the time said mechanism is developed, the Central share of scholarship will be transferred to the states and the states/UTs with their contribution would disburse the scholarship amount through DBT directly in the bank account of the student.

11. Procedure for claiming and release of central assistance

(i). Central Assistance will be released to the States/UTs, in two or more instalments depending on availability of the funds and compliance by the State/UT as per General Financial Rules. Central Assistance would be released as per the guidelines issued by the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance from time to time. The states will be required to comply with following conditions: -

- a) The State has utilized the amount given in previous year and has submitted Utilization Certificate (UC).
- b) The amount has been disbursed to beneficiaries and the expenditure is reflected in PFMS.
- c) The State has also contributed their share in previous year corresponding to Central Share.
- d) The state has submitted a Statement of Expenditure (SOE) of previous year, amount actually utilized supported by utilization certificate.
- e) The state has opened the portal for inviting online applications.
- f) The State has submitted estimated expenditure based on the actual expenditure of previous year.

(ii). Based on availability of funds and compliance by State/UT in respect of utilization of funds granted in previous year, the Central Share may be released to State/UT as per guidelines of DoE for timely disbursement of scholarship.

(iii). The final instalment would be released to state on submission Utilization Certificate (UC) of the grants already released and the amount has been disbursed to beneficiaries and the expenditure is reflected in PFMS. The state would also submit statement of expenditure giving details of total liability including central and state share.

12. Monitoring & Evaluation

Monitoring and Evaluation is used to assess the performance of the scheme and to ensure that the objectives for which the scheme is initiated are achieved. The purpose of monitoring and Evaluation is to improve current and future management of outputs, outcomes and impact. In this regard, DBT Mission has framed guidelines which have the following important components:

- i. IT based system to ensure transparency for inviting application, verification and disbursement of funds.
- ii. Data should capture beneficiary information, including **Aadhar Number and integrate with Aadhar CIDR.**
- iii. The States/UTs should follow **Local Government Directory (LGD)** standard
- iv. Institutions should use DISE/AISHE code.
- v. Bank account should be linked with Aadhar and Integrated with PFMS/State Treasury
- vi. Ministry to develop their own Scheme MIS
- vii. The States/UTs to share beneficiary data in uniform **data exchange format**
- viii. The State/UT Should integrate with DBT Bharat Portal for monthly reporting of data

12.1. In compliance of above guidelines, MoTA has developed DBT portal (dbttribal.gov.in) and has designed uniform data exchange format in consultation with States/UTs and DBT Mission. Portal has the following features:

- I. Data sharing Modules to upload data through Webservices, Excel/CSV or manual data entry.
- II. Communication Module for speedy communication with States/UTs. The module has given facility to States/UTs to upload, UC, SOE and other documents. There is facility to send bulk messages and email to State and notification when a document is uploaded on notice board.
- III. Grievance Module: States can register technical query regarding issues pertaining to uploading of data, change of users, change in Log In ID and PW

or grievances relating to release of funds, mismatch of fund and beneficiary statements etc.

- IV. Dynamic dashboard based on information shared by states in respect of beneficiaries and fund release for regular monitoring by States and MoTA.

12.2. In compliance of above guidelines, MoTA has developed DBT portal (dbttribal.gov.in) and has designed uniform data exchange format in consultation with States/UTs and DBT Mission. The Ministry will issue separate instructions to the state with regard to

- (i). Use of DBT portal/NSP Portal for data sharing.
- (ii). Integration of DBT/NSP Portal with State Portal,
- (iii). Standardization of data,
- (iv). Data Sharing Format
- (v). MIS reports and Dashboard.

12.3. In case any fraudulent use of funds is detected, it would be the responsibility of the State/UT to get an enquiry conducted within a specific time limit. The State/UT will share the outcome of the enquiry to MoTA. The State will provide necessary support including provision of data, beneficiary details to monitoring Agency engaged by Evaluation and Monitoring Division of MoTA/ Development, Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) division of NITI Aayog or any other Central Agency required to review Output-Outcome or performance of the scheme.

12.3. MoTA will devise a mechanism to have periodic evaluation of the scheme through a specialized agency in coordination with State Government.

13. Transitory provision for existing beneficiaries

Identified beneficiaries of scholarships under the existing Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for STs will also get the benefit of the revised rate of scholarship from effective date of revision of the scheme. As stated above against Note-2 to the table under para 3.4.1, existing students who have enrolled themselves in a particular course within or outside State as per the prevailing guidelines at the time of admission will continue to get the benefit in respect of fee fixed by the State for the remaining period of the course.

14. Central and State PMU

In order to ensure proper implementation of Scholarship scheme as per scheme guidelines, Government of India will provide funds for setting up Central PMU and funds to State for setting up State PMU for which separate guidelines will be issued.

Role of State PMU

- I. Maintenance and upkeep of State portal,
- II. Data sharing requirement of DBT Mission,
- III. Fund accountability requirement of PFMS,
- IV. Output outcome requirement of NITI Aayog
- V. grievance redressal mechanism,
- VI. Integration of all Institutes including empanelled Institutes outside State with the portal,
- VII. helpline for resolving students' query,
- VIII. Examination of data analysis reports prepared by MoTA.

Role of Central PMU

a). Portal and Data requirements:

- I. Maintenance and upkeep of DBT portal,
- II. data sharing requirement with States including development of web services for DBT. States, NSP States and NSP Portal
- III. web Services for Darpan, PMO and Performance Dashboard.
- IV. Data Analytics and MIS reports.
 - a) Field visit and enquiry in case of evidence of misappropriation or misutilization of funds.
 - b) Interaction and capacity building of states through Video Conferencing, Training.
 - c) Engagement of professional agency for Periodical Monitoring & Evaluation of scheme as per requirement.

15. Change in the provisions of the scheme

The provisions of this Scheme can be changed at any time with the approval of Minister of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

**SCHEME OF 'MERIT CUM MEANS BASED SCHOLARSHIP' FOR STUDENTS
BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES**

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses.

2. SCOPE

The scholarship is to be awarded for studies in India in a Government or private institution, selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned. It will cover technical and professional courses at undergraduate and post graduate level. A list of courses are at Appendix-E.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship will be awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination and the annual income of whose parents/guardians from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.

4. DISTRIBUTION

Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. A total of 60,000 scholarships are targeted to be distributed as 'Fresh' Scholarships, besides, Renewal scholarships. The distribution of scholarship among the States/Union Territories will be made on the basis of population of minorities in the States/Union Territories as per Census 2001 for 2017-18 and as per the population of minorities in the States/Union Territories of Census 2011 for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as per Appendices- A & B).

5. EARMARKING

- i) 30% scholarship is earmarked for girls students of each minority community in a State/UT which is transferable to male students of that community in case of non-availability of female students in that community in the concerned State/UT. 30% is the floor and not the ceiling for eligible girl students.
- ii) If the physical target of scholarship for a particular minority community in a state/UT is not utilized, it will be distributed among the same minority community in other States/UTs strictly in accordance with merit and without disturbing the national ratio. Any unutilized community quota shall be distributed amongst other communities again in accordance with merit and without affecting the overall national quota.
- iii) A student residing in a particular State/UT will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State/UT only irrespective of his/her place of study.

6. SELECTION PROCEDURE

(i) Fresh - The number of scholarship has been fixed State/UT-wise on the basis of Community-wise minority population of the States/UTs as per Census 2001 (2017-18) & 2011 (2018-20). Within the State-wise allocations, the applications from Listed Institutions will be exhausted first in merit list. In case number of such students is more than the State/Community-wise quota, normal merit list criteria shall be followed. Other verified applicant/student will be selected in the merit list, thereafter, on merit basis i.e. Percentage/marks of last academic course/board (higher secondary / graduation) exam. In case of similar marks, income will be taken as deciding factor.

(ii) Renewal – There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (or in each semester/trimester of previous year's) their application is approved by State Governments/UTs.

7. DURATION

Scholarship will be provided for the entire academic year/course. Similarly, the maintenance allowance will be given as fixed lump sum amount for an academic year (Rs. 10,000/- for Hosteller and Rs. 5,000/- for Day Scholar).

8. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The details of the scheme interventions for the three years viz.2017-18 to 2019-20 are as under:

Item	Existing (2012-17)
Rate of Scholarship- Course Fee	Rs. 20,000/- per annum subject to actuals whichever is less (for both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
Maintenance Allowance	Rs. 1,000/- per month* for Hosteller Rs. 500/- per month* for Day Scholar
Scholarship for listed institutes	Full course fee is reimbursed for 85 listed Institutes.

* For 10 months in an academic year.

9. LIST OF INSTITUTES FOR FULL COURSE FEE REIMBURSEMENT

There is a list of 85 Reputed Premier Institutes, covered under the scheme, for which a student is eligible for full Course Fee reimbursement as scholarship during an academic year. A list of such Institutes is at Appendix – C.

10. CONDITIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

- (i) Students who get admission to a college to pursue technical/professional courses, on the basis of a competitive examination will be eligible for the scholarship.
- (ii) Financial assistance will be given to pursue graduate level or post graduate level technical and professional courses from a recognized institution Admission and Course fee and Maintenance allowance for the year of scholarship will be

- credited/transferred directly into the bank account of selected students.
- (iii) Students who get admission in technical/professional courses without taking any competitive examination will also be eligible for scholarship. However, such students should have secured not less than 50% marks in last qualifying exam at higher secondary/graduation level in case of Fresh Scholarship only. Selection of these students will be done strictly on merit basis
 - (iv) An Income Certificate, issued from a Competent Authority in the State/UT Governments is required in respect of parent/guardian of the student.
 - (v) A Self-Certified Community Certificate is required from the student who has attained 18 years of age. For others the Community Certificate certified by parent/guardian of the student is required.
 - (vi) The continuance of award (for Renewal applicants) will be subject to securing 50% marks in the previous year's examination (each semester / trimester of previous year provided the students pursues the same course in same Institute).
 - (vii) Maintenance allowance will be provided to hostellers and day scholars.
 - (viii) The award will be discontinued if a student fails to secure 50% marks in the previous annual examination (as stated in para-vi above).
 - (ix) Scholarship will not be given to more than two students from a family (applicable for all three Scholarship schemes meant for minorities under this Ministry taken together).
 - (x) Students should be regular in attendance for which the yardstick will be decided by the competent authority of the institutions.
 - (xi) The institute will certify the claim of student of being an outstation student not residing in hostel of the institute concerned on the basis of permanent address and parents' address.
 - (xii) Migration of students from one school/institute to another is not allowed for renewal applicants during the period of academic course.
 - (xiii) If a student violates institution's discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or cancelled. The State Government/Union Territory Administration can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme.
 - (xiv) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered by the concerned State/UT Govt. The student shall also be black listed and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.
 - (xv) The Course fees and Maintenance allowance (for 2017-20) will be credited to the student's bank account directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
 - (xvi) The student obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other scheme for this purpose.
 - (xvii) A student shall be eligible for only one scholarship out of all the available Scholarships of Central Government meant for SC/ST/OBC/minority.**
 - (xviii) The amount of Administrative Expenses (@ 2%) for States/UTs in subsequent year shall be released after receiving the Utilization Certificate for the previous years.
 - (xix) The scheme will be evaluated at regular intervals by the Ministry or any other agency designated by the Ministry and the cost of the evaluation will be borne by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under the provision of the scheme.
 - (xx) The State/Union Territory shall place all relevant details of financial and physical achievements on their website.

- (xxi) The regulations can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.
- (xxii) 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.
- (xxiii) It will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar number while applying for the scholarship and in case, an individual does not possess Aadhaar one can provide the details of alternative identification documents, as stated in the Gazette Notification No. 1137, dated 21.04.2017 (as per Appendix-D)
- (xxiv) Students who have entered Aadhaar in their online application correctly and Aadhaar seeded with any of their bank account, in such cases the amount of scholarship will be credited to Aadhaar seeded bank account only (though student has mentioned any other non-seeded bank account in online application).
- (xxv) 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.
- (xxvi) A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued or change in the subject of study.
- (xxvii) The regulations under the scheme can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.
- (xxviii) The list of Graduate Degree level and Post Graduate level technical and professional courses under Merit cum Means based Scholarship scheme is available on the website of this Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in

11. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

As the magnitude of data to be entered and processed would be enormous as the scheme gets implemented over the years, there would be a need to engage qualified skilled personnel right from the beginning to ensure that the data based computerised systems are operational. Qualified skilled personnel possessing requisite expertise to operate computer programme designed for this purpose, enter, process, analyse, monitor, retrieve and transfer data should be engaged on contract basis as per need. Data provided by the States/Union Territories will be maintained and managed by the Ministry with personnel of similar expertise to be engaged on contract basis.

A provision not exceeding 2% of the total budget will be made to meet the administrative and allied costs viz. expenditure of the States/Union Territories and the Ministry for office equipments including computers and accessories, furniture, printing of application forms, advertisements, engagement of personnel, etc. This provision will also be used for evaluation and monitoring of the scheme, through outside reputed institutions/agencies engaged by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

12. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship, once awarded, may be renewed during the next academic year of the course on the production of certificate that the student has secured 50% marks in the previous year's examination (each semester / trimester of previous year provided the students pursues the same course in the same Institute).

13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEME

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

14. MODE OF APPLYING

The scheme is implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). It is mandatory for all students to apply online on the website i.e. www.scholarships.gov.in.

15. PATTERN OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The scheme is Central Sector Scheme and 100% funding is provided by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

16. INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (to be filled by the students in online application form are as under):

- (i) Students must select their bank/branch name carefully from the drop down list.
- (ii) Thereafter the complete account no. must be entered correctly. Students are suggested to get their account number verified by their concerned Bank Branch including Bank account number and IFS Code.
- (iii) Disclaimer (*If bank details entered by students are found incorrect, the scholarship will be canceled/amount will not be transferred even though the application is approved for scholarship).
- (iv) Bank Account holders must check their 'Know your Customer' (KYC) status from bank and if required the KYC must be done for successful transaction of scholarship amount.
- (v) Bank Account must be operational/active till the scholarship is disbursed. Ministry of Minority Affairs will not be responsible in case of transaction failure in the account given by applicant.**
- (vi) Bank Account must be preferably in any scheduled Bank with core banking facility and proper IFS Code.
- (vii) Bank Account must be in the name of the student.**

17. MONITORING & TRANSPARENCY

The Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme is being implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP), maintained by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Delhi. Hence, NIC, Delhi, shall maintain year-wise details of the students receiving

scholarship, indicating school/institute, location of school/institute, government or private, class, gender, new or renewal, permanent address and parents' address. NIC, Delhi, shall place relevant physical and financial details on the NSP under the LogIns of all concerned State holders including States, Union Territories, etc.

18. EVALUATION

The monitoring of the financial and physical performance of the scheme will be evaluated by assigning evaluation/impact studies to reputed institutions/agencies by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

19. REVIEW, MODIFICATION (if any, during 2017-18 to 2019-20)

The progress of implementation of the scheme shall be reviewed by the Joint Secretary I/c of Scholarship Schemes in Ministry of Minority Affairs on monthly basis. Quarterly Review shall be done by Secretary, Minority Affairs, Government of India.

SCHEME OF 'POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP' FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES

1. BACKGROUND

The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. It provides that a post-matric scholarship scheme for meritorious students from minority communities would be implemented.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the scheme is to award scholarships to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of minority community so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education, increase their rate of attainment in higher education and enhance their employability.

3. SCOPE

The scholarship is to be awarded for studies in India in a government or private higher secondary school/college/university, including such residential institutes of the Government and eligible private institutes selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned. It will also cover technical and vocational courses in Industrial Training Institutes/ Industrial Training Centres affiliated with the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) of classes XI and XII level including Polytechnics and other courses (any course of less than one year duration is not covered under this scheme; Certificate courses are also not covered).

4. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship will be awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination and the annual income of whose parents/guardians from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh.

11. DISTRIBUTION

Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. A total of five (05) lakh scholarships are targeted to be distributed as 'Fresh' Scholarships, besides, Renewal scholarships. The distribution of scholarship among the States/Union Territories will be made on the basis of population of minorities in the States/Union Territories as per Census 2001 for 2017-18 and as per the population of minorities in the States/Union Territories of Census 2011 for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as per Appendices- A & B).

6. EARMARKING

- i) 30% scholarship is earmarked for girls students of each minority community in a State/UT which is transferable to male students of that community in case of non-availability of female students in that community in the concerned State/UT. 30% is the floor and not the ceiling for eligible girl students.
- ii) If the physical target of scholarship for a particular minority community in a state/UT is not utilized, it will be distributed among the same minority

community in other States/UTs strictly in accordance with merit and without disturbing the national ratio. Any unutilized community quota shall be distributed amongst other communities again in accordance with merit and without affecting the overall national quota.

- iii) A student residing in a particular State/UT will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State/UT only irrespective of his/her place of study.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Fresh - As the number of scholarships for minorities available in a year is fixed and limited, it is necessary to lay down preference for selection. Inter-se selection weightage is to be given to poverty rather than marks (the applicant is required to submit an income certificate as per para-11(ii)). In case of same income, merit shall be generated from 'Date of Birth' criteria of applicant (senior is preferred).

Renewal – There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same institute and in same course) and his/her application is verified by all authorities (as designated by Ministry of Minority Affairs) and approved by State Governments/UTs.

8. DURATION

The scholarships shall be provided for the entire course of the academic year. Maintenance allowance will be given as fixed lump sum amount in an academic year (as per para-9 below) for 2017-18 to 2019-20.

9. RATES OF SCHOLARSHIP

Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission & course /tuition fee and maintenance allowance as given below subject to a maximum ceiling indicated against item concerned for 2017-20. The details of the scheme interventions for 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

Item	Rate of Scholarship
Rate of Scholarship Admission + Tuition Fee	Admission and tuition fee Class XI & XII: Rs. 7,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
	Admission and course/tuition fee for technical and vocational courses of XI and XII level (Courses of one or more year of duration): Rs. 10,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
	Admission and tuition fee for UG & PG level: Rs. 3,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
Maintenance Allowance	For Class XI & XII including Tech. & Voc. Course*: Rs. 380/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 230/- per month for Day Scholar

	For Courses other than Tech. & Prof. courses at UG & PG level*: Rs. 570/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 300/- per month for Day Scholar
	For M.Phil & Ph.D.*: Rs. 1,200/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 550/- per month for Day Scholar

* For 10 months in an academic year.

10. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

The scheme is being implemented/funded by Ministry of Minority Affairs through the States/UT's Administration.

11. CONDITIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

- (i) Scholarship will be awarded to the students studying in Classes XI and XII including technical and vocational courses of this level including Polytechnics, ITIs, and other courses.
- (ii) An Income Certificate, issued from a Competent Authority in the State/UT Governments is required in respect of parent/guardian of the student.
- (iii) A Self-Certified Community Certificate is required from the student who has attained 18 years of age. For others the Community Certificate certified by parent/guardian of the student is required.
- (iv) The continuance of award (for Renewal applicants) will be subject to securing 50% marks in the previous year's examination (provided the students pursues the same course and same Institute/School).
- (v) Maintenance allowance will be provided to hostellers and day scholars.
- (vi) Scholarship will not be given to more than two students from a family (applicable for all Scholarship schemes meant for minorities under this Ministry taken together).
- (vii) Students should be regular in attendance for which the yardstick will be decided by the competent authority of the school.
- (viii) The school/institute will certify the claim of student of being an outstation student not residing in hostel of the school/institute concerned on the basis of permanent address and parents' address.
- (ix) Migration of students from one school/institute to another is not allowed for renewal applicants during the period of academic course.
- (x) If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or cancelled. The State Government/Union Territory Administration can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme.
- (xi) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered by the concerned State/UT Govt.
- (xii) The course/tuition fees and maintenance allowance will be credited to the student's account directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
- (xiii) The student obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other scheme for this purpose.
- (xiv) **A student shall be eligible for only one scholarship out of all the available Scholarships of Central Government meant for SC/ST/OBC/ minority.**
- (xv) The amount of Administrative Expenses (@ 2%) for States/UTs in subsequent

- year shall be released after receiving the utilization certificate for the previous years.
- (xvi) The scheme will be evaluated at regular intervals by the Ministry or any other agency designated by the Ministry and the cost of the evaluation will be borne by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under the provision of the scheme.
 - (xvii) The State/Union Territory shall place all relevant details of financial and physical achievements on their website.
 - (xviii) The regulations can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.
 - (xix) It will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar number while applying for the scholarship and in case, an individual does not possess Aadhaar one can provide the details of alternative identification documents, as stated in the Gazette Notification- S.O. No. 1284 (E) No. 1137, dated 21.04.2017 (as per Appendix-C).
 - (xx) Students who have entered Aadhaar in their online application correctly and Aadhaar seeded with any of their bank account, in such cases the amount of scholarship will be credited to Aadhaar seeded bank account only (though student has mentioned any other non-seeded bank account in online application).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

As the magnitude of data to be entered and processed would be enormous as the scheme gets implemented over the years, there would be a need to engage qualified skilled personnel right from the beginning to ensure that the data based computerized systems are operational. Qualified skilled personnel possessing requisite expertise to operate computer programme designed for this purpose, enter, process, analyse, monitor, retrieve and transfer data should be engaged on contract basis as per need. Data provided by the States/Union Territories will be maintained and managed by the Ministry with personnel of similar expertise to be engaged on contract basis.

A provision not exceeding 2% of the total budget will be made to meet the administrative and allied costs viz. expenditure of the States/Union Territories and the Ministry for office equipments including computers and accessories, furniture, printing of application forms, advertisements, engagement of personnel, etc. This provision will also be used for evaluation and monitoring of the scheme, through outside reputed institutions/agencies engaged by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

13. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship, once awarded, may be renewed during the next academic year of the course on the production of certificate that the student has secured 50% marks in the previous year's examination (provided the students pursues the same course and same Institute/School).

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEME

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

15. MODE OF APPLYING

The scheme is implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). It is mandatory for all students to apply online on the website i.e. www.scholarships.gov.in.

16. PATTERN OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The scheme is Central Sector Scheme and 100% funding is provided by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

17. MONITORING & TRANSPARENCY

The State/Union Territory shall maintain year-wise details of the students receiving scholarship, indicating school/institute, location of school/institute, government or private, class, gender, new or renewal, permanent address and parents' address. The States/ Union Territories shall place relevant physical and financial details in their official website

18. EVALUATION

The monitoring of the financial and physical performance of the scheme will be evaluated by assigning evaluation/impact studies to reputed institutions/agencies by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

19. INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (to be filled by the students in online application form are as under):

- (i) Students must select their bank/branch name carefully from the drop down list.
- (ii) Thereafter the complete account no. must be entered correctly. Students are suggested to get their account number verified by their concerned Bank Branch including Bank account number and IFS Code.
- (iii) Disclaimer (*If bank details entered by students are found incorrect or not validated by the student's bank, the scholarship will be canceled/amount will not be transferred even though the application is approved for scholarship).
- (iv) Bank Account holders must check their 'Know your Customer' (KYC) status from bank and if required the KYC must be done for successful transaction of scholarship amount.
- (v) Bank Account must be operational/active till the scholarship is disbursed.
- (vi) Bank Account must be preferably in any scheduled Bank with core banking facility and proper IFS Code.
- (vii) Bank Account must be in the name of the student/applicant only.

20. MODIFICATION (if any, during 2017-18 to 2019-20)

Minor modifications, if any, in the scheme having no financial implications may be made by the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Minority Affairs without seeking recourse to SFC/EFC/Cabinet. However, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure would be consulted.

SCHEME OF
SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

(Effective from 1st April 2023)



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SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

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. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- 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. BROAD FEATURES OF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

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	Post-Matric	XI, XII, Post-matriculation Diploma/Certificates, Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in India, Master's Degree/Diploma from any University recognized by UGC/AICTE.	17,000 (including renewal cases)	Rs. 2.5 lakh	50%
3	Top Class Education	Graduate and Post-graduate Degree/Diploma in institutes notified by DEPwD	300 (including renewal cases)	Rs. 8 lakh	50%
4	National Overseas	Master Degree and PhD in foreign universities/institutes	20 + ongoing cases	Rs. 8 lakh	30%
5	National Fellowship	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 3rd 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 DISABILITIES

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. POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES:

a. **Eligibility conditions:**

Post- Matric Scholarship will be given for study of all recognized post-matriculation 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.
- iii. 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:

Groups	(Amount in Rs.)	
	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 recognized by UGC/AICTE in any discipline	1600	750

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group II 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
Group III All other courses leading to a Graduate degree not covered under Group I & II, e.g. ,BA/B.Sc/B.Com, etc.	950	650
Group IV 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:

Sl. No.	Type of Disability	(Amount in Rs.)
		Disability Allowance (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.

6.2. QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Sl. No.	Components of Scholarship	Financial Assistances
a)	Reimbursement of tuition fees and non-refundable charges paid/payable to the Institute	Up to Rs. 2.00 lakh – per annum (subject to actual amount).
b)	Maintenance Allowance	Rs.3,000/- per month for hostellers, Rs. 1,500/- per month for day-scholars

Sl. No.	Components of Scholarship	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.	Rs. 45,000/- as a one time grant in the first year of the course. (For getting the benefit, student has to submit requisite documents viz., bill/receipt as proof of purchase of the Laptop/Computer)
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 course. (The reimbursement is made based on the requisite documents viz., bills/vouchers submitted by the students to ensure genuineness of the claim.)

7. PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION AND SELECTION for PRE MATRIC, POST MATRIC AND TOP CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

- Applications will be called for through National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in).
- 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.
- 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 disbursement 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 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year (including maintenance allowance during holidays), provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.

(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. NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES (NFPwD)

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.
- iii. 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 1st 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 Humanities, Social Sciences and Commerce) (including Arts/Fine Arts)	@ Rs. 10,000/- p.a. for initial two years. @ Rs. 20,500/- p.a. for remaining tenure.
3	Contingency for Science, Engineering & Technology	@ Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for remaining tenure.
4	Escort/Reader assistance (as per verification of the respective Nodal Officer of the University/Institute)	@ Rs. 2,000/- per month.
5	House Rent Allowances (HRA)	@ 9%, 18% and 27% to those students 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 1st January of the year of application.

13.4. QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Types of Assistance	Rates	Purpose
Tuition fee	As per actual	
Maintenance allowance		
For US & Other countries	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.
Contingency allowance		
For US & Other countries	US\$1500 p.a	Admissible for books/essential apparatus/study tour/travel cost for attending subject related conferences, workshops etc./ typing and binding of thesis, etc.
For U.K	GBP 1100 p.a	
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	
Mandatory travel expenditure on medical tests etc. As per the requirements of the host country	Actual will be paid upon submission of bills.	
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	
Medical insurance premium	As per actual	
Cost of air passage	a) The awardees shall be allowed to purchase air tickets (from nearest Airport to Hometown in India to the nearest place to the educational institution and back to India) from the three authorized travel agents viz. Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT), Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC) with the condition that the ticket purchased must be of economy class/shortest route on date of booking. b) The choice of the travel agent for booking of the ticket is left open to the awardees. No Booking charges/excess baggage/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 University and providing joining report from University. The revised conditions will be effective from 1st April , 2022. d) Return tickets will be booked by Indian Mission abroad	
Examination fee for appearing in English language/other tests	One time examination fee for appearing in English language/other tests such as GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS., etc., required for admission to institutions /universities abroad would be reimbursed by Indian Mission Abroad as per actual subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/-.	
Local travel	Second Class railway fare from the port of disembarkation to the place of study and back. In case of far flung places not connected by rail, bus fare from the place of residence to the nearest railway station, actual charges of crossing by ferry, air fare to the nearest rail-cum-air Station and/or second class	

	railway fare by the shortest route to the port of embarkation and back will be reimbursed by the Indian Mission abroad.
Earning from research/teaching assistance-ship	The awardees are permitted to supplement their admissible allowance by undertaking 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 non-judicial 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 abroad 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. COMMON PROVISIONS FOR ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SCHEME

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.

Annexure -I**LIST OF NOTIFIED INSTITUTES OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

Sl. No	Name of the Institute	Location	State
1.ENGINEERING/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	Maharashtra
5.	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	Institute of Engineers Building, Pan Bazar, Guwahati-781001	Assam
6.	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	Roorkee-247667	Uttarakhand
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	Rajasthan
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, Yeddu mailaram- 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-NITs[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	Jharkhand
22.	National Institute of Technology Surathkal	Surathkal-574157	Karnataka
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	Maharashtra
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	Rajasthan
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	Chhattisgarh
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 Durgapur- 713209)	Arunachal Pradesh
40.	National Institute of Technology Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand (NIT Kurukshetra-136119,Haryana)	Uttarakhand
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)	Meghalaya
44.	National Institute of Technology Goa	Goa(NIT Surathkal -575025,Karnataka)	Goa

45.	National Institute of Technology Puducherry	Puducherry (NIT Tiruchirappalli 620015, Tamil Nadu)	Puducherry
46.	National Institute of Technology Delhi	Delhi (NIT Warangal-506004, A.P.)	Delhi
III-IIITs 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 Koonu, 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	Village Nimeta, Talauk Vaghodiya , District Vadodara	Gujarat
55.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Sonapat	Village Killord, Sonapat	Haryana
56.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Una	Una	Himachal Pradesh
57.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Dharwad	Campus of Karnataka University, Dharwad	Karantaka

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	Maharashtra
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	Rajasthan
63.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Village Sethurappatti, Srirangam Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District	Tiruchirappalli	Tamil Nadu
64.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, West Tripura	Bodhjung Nagar Industrial Estate, Khyarpur, Bodhjung 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
IV– Other Central Technical Education Institution of MHRD & Other Ministries, Central Universities and Govt. Colleges of Engineering [15]			
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	Jharkhand

69.	National Institute of Industrial Engineering Mumbai	ViharLake, Mumbai -400087	Maharashtra
70.	Indian School of Mines Dhanbad	Dhanbad-826004	Bihar
71.	North Eastern Reg. Inst. of Science & Technology Itanagar	Nirjuli-79110, Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
72.	Sant Longowal Inst. of Engg. & Technology Chandigarh	KothiNo.178,Sector II-A, Chandigarh	Chandigarh
73.	Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University Varanasi	Varanasi-221005	Uttar Pradesh
74.	Punjab Engineering College Chandigarh	Sector-12, Chandigarh-160012	Chandigarh
75.	Delhi Technological University (formerly Delhi College of Engineering)	Shahbad Daulatpur, Bawana Road, Rohini, New Delhi- 110042	Delhi
76.	School of Planning & Architecture, Bhopal	1st Floor, Sports Complex, MANIT, Bhopal-51	Madhya Pradesh
77.	School of Planning & 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, New Delhi	Delhi
V-Non-Govt. Institutes of Information Technology[3]			

82.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad	Gachibowli, Opposite CMC, Hyderabad-500032	Andhra Pradesh
83.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Bangalore	26/C, Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560100	Karnataka
84.	Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management Thiruvananthapuram	Park Centre, Techno park Campus, Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
VI-Other Non-Govt. Engineering Institutes[9]			
85.	Birla Institute of Technology Pilani	Pilani-333031	Rajasthan
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 Institute of Engg. & Tech Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
90.	Kalinga Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
91.	Shri Govindram Seksaria Institute of Technology and Science (SGSITS) Indore	23, Park Road, 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
2. MANAGEMENT			
I-IIMs[19]			
94.	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	Vastapur, Ahmedabad-380015	Gujarat

95.	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore	Bannerghat Road, Bangalore- 560076	Karnataka
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	Meghalaya
101.	Indian Institute of Management Raipur	Government Engineering College Campus, Old Dhamtari Road, Sejbahar, Raipur- 492015	Chhattisgarh
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	Jharkhand
104.	Indian Institute of Management Udaipur	Polymer Science Building, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Rajasthan
105.	Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli	Located at NIT Trichy	Tamil Nadu
106.	Indian Institute of Management Kashipur	Escort Farm, Kashipur, Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand
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	Maharashtra
111.	Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar	Amritsar	Punjab
112.	Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur	Sambalpur	Odisha
II-Other Govt./Semi-Govt. Management 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	Maharashtra
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-Non-Govt. Management Institutes[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	Maharashtra
122.	Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies Mumbai	VL Mehta Road, Vile Parle(W), Mumbai-400056	Maharashtra
123.	Bharati Vidyapeeth Pune	Pune	Maharashtra
124.	S.P Jain Institute of Research & Mgt Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra
125.	Jamnalal Bajaj Institute Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra
126.	XLRI School of Business and Human Resources, Jamshedpur	Circular House Area (East),Jamshedpur- 831035	Jharkhand
127.	L.N.Mishra Institute of Economic Development & Social Change Patna	Patna	Bihar

3. Law (14)

I. National Law Universities[12]

128.	National Law School of India University	POBag-7201, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072	Karnataka
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	Rajasthan

132.	The WB National University of Juridical Sciences Kolkata	Dr.Ambedkar Bhavan 12, LB Block, Sector III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700098	West Bengal
133.	Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur	HNLU Bhawan, Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 492001	Chhattisgarh
134.	Gujarat National Law University Gandhinagar	E-4, GIDC Electronics Estate, Sector 26, Gandhinagar- 382028	Gujarat
135.	Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow	Sector-D1, LDA Colony, Kanpur Road Scheme, Lucknow-226012	Uttar Pradesh
136.	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala	Mohindra Kothi, Mall Road, Patiala-147001	Punjab
137.	Chanakya National Law University, Patna	Nyaya Nagar, Mithapur, Patna-800001	Bihar
138.	National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi	Kaloor, Kochi-682 017	Kerala
139.	National Law University, Delhi	Sector 14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078	Delhi
II-Other Law Institutes[2]			
140.	ILS Law College Pune	Law College Road Pune-411004	Maharashtra
141.	Symbiosis Law College Pune	Senapati Bapat Rd, Wadervadi, Pune	Maharashtra
4.MEDICINE (27)			
I-Central Government Medical Institutes[8]			
142.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi	Ansari Nagar, New Delhi	Delhi

143.	Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education & Research Pondicherry	Dhanvantri Nagar, Gorimedu, Pondicherry-605 006	Puducherry
144.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna	Patna	Bihar
145.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur	Raipur	Chhattisgarh
146.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
147.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
148.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
149.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences Rishikesh	Rishikesh	Uttarakhand
II-Other Government Medical Colleges[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	TamilNadu
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, New Delhi-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	Maharashtra
163.	King Edward Memorial Hospital Mumbai	Acharya Donde Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400012	Maharashtra
III-Non-Government Medical College[5]			
164.	SDM Medical College Dharwad	Sattur, Dharwad-580009	Karnataka
165.	Padmashree Dr. DY Patil Vidyapeeth, Nerul, Mumbai	New Mumbai-400706	Maharashtra
166.	Christian Medical College Vellore	Thottapalayam, Vellore	TamilNadu
167.	Christian Medical College Ludhiana	Ludhiana-141008	Punjab

168.	Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medial Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
5.AGRICULTUREANDALLIEDSCIENCES[5]			
Central 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	Maharashtra
172.	Indian Veterinary Research Institute Izatnagar	Izatnagar-243122	Uttar Pradesh
173.	Indian Institute of Plantation Management Bangalore	Jnana Bharathi Campus, P.O.Malathalli, Bangalore560056	Karnataka
6.SCIENCESTATISTICALSTUDIESFUNDAMENTALRESEARCH[4]			
INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTES/IISc			
174.	Indian Statistical Institute Delhi	7,SJSSansanwal Marg,NewDelhi-110016	Delhi
175.	Indian Statistical Institute Bangalore	8thMile,Mysore Road, Bangalore-560059	Karnataka
176.	Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata	203,Barrackpore Trunk Road, Kolkatta-700108	West Bengal
177.	Indian Institute of Science Bangalore	Bangalore-560012	Karnataka
7.FASHION/DESIGN(17)			
National Institute of Fashion Technology			
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	Karnataka
180.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Bhopal	NIFT Block, MP Bhoj Open University Campus, Kolar Road, Bhopal-462042	Madhya Pradesh
181.	National Institute of 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	Maharashtra
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	Meghalaya
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, Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
193.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
194.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Srinagar	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir

8.HOSPITALITY(25)

I-Institute Of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition [22]

195.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering & Nutrition Delhi	Pusa, New Delhi-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	Karnataka
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	Chandigarh
214.	Inst. of Hotel Mgt. Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Bhubaneswar	Veer Surender Sai Nagar, Bhubaneswar-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-Private Hotel Management Institutes[3]			
217.	B.V.Institute of Hotel Management& Catering Technology Mumbai	Sector-8,CBD,Navi Mumbai-400614	Maharashtra
218.	B.V.(Bharti Vidyapeeth's) Instt. of Hotel Mgmt.& Catering Technology Pune	Katraj-Dhankavdi, Pune-411043	Maharashtra
219.	All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Institute of Hotel Mgmt & Catering Technology Pune	55/56,Shivajinagar, Pune-411005	Maharashtra
9.NATIONAL INSTITUTES (dealing with various disabilities) UNDERM/OSOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT[7]			
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	Maharashtra
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	Uttaranchal
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. Indian Institute of Science Education & 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	Maharashtra
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.MISCELLANEOUS[7]			
234.	Tata Institute of Social Science Mumbai	PO Box 8313, Deonar,Mumbai-400088	Maharashtra
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	Maharashtra
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

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SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

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. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- 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. BROAD FEATURES OF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

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	Post-Matric	XI, XII, Post-matriculation Diploma/Certificates, Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in India, Master's Degree/Diploma from any University recognized by UGC/AICTE.	17,000 (including renewal cases)	Rs. 2.5 lakh	50%
3	Top Class Education	Graduate and Post-graduate Degree/Diploma in institutes notified by DEPwD	300 (including renewal cases)	Rs. 8 lakh	50%
4	National Overseas	Master Degree and PhD in foreign universities/institutes	20 + ongoing cases	Rs. 8 lakh	30%
5	National Fellowship	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 3rd 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 DISABILITIES

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. POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES:

a. Eligibility conditions:

Post- Matric Scholarship will be given for study of all recognized post-matriculation 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.
- iii. 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:

Groups	(Amount in Rs.)	
	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 recognized by UGC/AICTE in any discipline	1600	750

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group II 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
Group III All other courses leading to a Graduate degree not covered under Group I & II, e.g. ,BA/B.Sc/B.Com, etc.	950	650
Group IV 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:

Sl. No.	Type of Disability	(Amount in Rs.)
		Disability Allowance (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.

6.2. QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Sl. No.	Components of Scholarship	Financial Assistances
a)	Reimbursement of tuition fees and non-refundable charges paid/payable to the Institute	Up to Rs. 2.00 lakh – per annum (subject to actual amount).
b)	Maintenance Allowance	Rs.3,000/- per month for hostellers, Rs. 1,500/- per month for day-scholars

Sl. No.	Components of Scholarship	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.	Rs. 45,000/- as a one time grant in the first year of the course. (For getting the benefit, student has to submit requisite documents viz., bill/receipt as proof of purchase of the Laptop/Computer)
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 course. (The reimbursement is made based on the requisite documents viz., bills/vouchers submitted by the students to ensure genuineness of the claim.)

7. PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION AND SELECTION for PRE MATRIC, POST MATRIC AND TOP CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

- Applications will be called for through National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in).
- 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.
- 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 disbursement 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 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year (including maintenance allowance during holidays), provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.

(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. NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES (NFPwD)

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.
- iii. 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 1st 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 Humanities, Social Sciences and Commerce) (including Arts/Fine Arts)	@ Rs. 10,000/- p.a. for initial two years. @ Rs. 20,500/- p.a. for remaining tenure.
3	Contingency for Science, Engineering & Technology	@ Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for remaining tenure.
4	Escort/Reader assistance (as per verification of the respective Nodal Officer of the University/Institute)	@ Rs. 2,000/- per month.
5	House Rent Allowances (HRA)	@ 9%, 18% and 27% to those students 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 1st January of the year of application.

13.4. QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Types of Assistance	Rates	Purpose
Tuition fee	As per actual	
Maintenance allowance		
For US & Other countries	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.
Contingency allowance		
For US & Other countries	US\$1500 p.a	Admissible for books/essential apparatus/study tour/travel cost for attending subject related conferences, workshops etc./ typing and binding of thesis, etc.
For U.K	GBP 1100 p.a	
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	
Mandatory travel expenditure on medical tests etc. As per the requirements of the host country	Actual will be paid upon submission of bills.	
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	
Medical insurance premium	As per actual	
Cost of air passage	a) The awardees shall be allowed to purchase air tickets (from nearest Airport to Hometown in India to the nearest place to the educational institution and back to India) from the three authorized travel agents viz. Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT), Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC) with the condition that the ticket purchased must be of economy class/shortest route on date of booking. b) The choice of the travel agent for booking of the ticket is left open to the awardees. No Booking charges/excess baggage/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 University and providing joining report from University. The revised conditions will be effective from 1st April , 2022. d) Return tickets will be booked by Indian Mission abroad	
Examination fee for appearing in English language/other tests	One time examination fee for appearing in English language/other tests such as GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS., etc., required for admission to institutions /universities abroad would be reimbursed by Indian Mission Abroad as per actual subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/-.	
Local travel	Second Class railway fare from the port of disembarkation to the place of study and back. In case of far flung places not connected by rail, bus fare from the place of residence to the nearest railway station, actual charges of crossing by ferry, air fare to the nearest rail-cum-air Station and/or second class	

	railway fare by the shortest route to the port of embarkation and back will be reimbursed by the Indian Mission abroad.
Earning from research/teaching assistance-ship	The awardees are permitted to supplement their admissible allowance by undertaking 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 non-judicial 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 abroad 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. COMMON PROVISIONS FOR ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SCHEME

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.

Annexure -I**LIST OF NOTIFIED INSTITUTES OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

Sl. No	Name of the Institute	Location	State
1.ENGINEERING/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	Maharashtra
5.	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	Institute of Engineers Building, Pan Bazar, Guwahati-781001	Assam
6.	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	Roorkee-247667	Uttarakhand
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	Rajasthan
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, Yeddemailaram- 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-NITs[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	Jharkhand
22.	National Institute of Technology Surathkal	Surathkal-574157	Karnataka
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	Maharashtra
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	Rajasthan
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	Chhattisgarh
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 Durgapur- 713209)	Arunachal Pradesh
40.	National Institute of Technology Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand (NIT Kurukshetra-136119,Haryana)	Uttarakhand
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)	Meghalaya
44.	National Institute of Technology Goa	Goa(NIT Surathkal -575025,Karnataka)	Goa

45.	National Institute of Technology Puducherry	Puducherry (NIT Tiruchirappalli 620015, Tamil Nadu)	Puducherry
46.	National Institute of Technology Delhi	Delhi (NIT Warangal-506004, A.P.)	Delhi
III-IIITs 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 Koonu, 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	Village Nimeta, Talauk Vaghodiya , District Vadodara	Gujarat
55.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Sonapat	Village Killord, Sonapat	Haryana
56.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Una	Una	Himachal Pradesh
57.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Dharwad	Campus of Karnataka University, Dharwad	Karantaka

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	Maharashtra
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	Rajasthan
63.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Village Sethurappatti, Srirangam Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District	Tiruchirappalli	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
IV– Other Central Technical Education Institution of MHRD & Other Ministries, Central Universities and Govt. Colleges of Engineering [15]			
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	Jharkhand

69.	National Institute of Industrial Engineering Mumbai	ViharLake, Mumbai -400087	Maharashtra
70.	Indian School of Mines Dhanbad	Dhanbad-826004	Bihar
71.	North Eastern Reg. Inst. of Science & Technology Itanagar	Nirjuli-79110, Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
72.	Sant Longowal Inst. of Engg. & Technology Chandigarh	KothiNo.178,Sector II-A, Chandigarh	Chandigarh
73.	Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University Varanasi	Varanasi-221005	Uttar Pradesh
74.	Punjab Engineering College Chandigarh	Sector-12, Chandigarh-160012	Chandigarh
75.	Delhi Technological University (formerly Delhi College of Engineering)	Shahbad Daulatpur, Bawana Road, Rohini, New Delhi- 110042	Delhi
76.	School of Planning & Architecture, Bhopal	1st Floor, Sports Complex, MANIT, Bhopal-51	Madhya Pradesh
77.	School of Planning & 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, New Delhi	Delhi
V-Non-Govt. Institutes of Information Technology[3]			

82.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad	Gachibowli, Opposite CMC, Hyderabad-500032	Andhra Pradesh
83.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Bangalore	26/C, Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560100	Karnataka
84.	Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management Thiruvananthapuram	Park Centre, Techno park Campus, Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
VI-Other Non-Govt. Engineering Institutes[9]			
85.	Birla Institute of Technology Pilani	Pilani-333031	Rajasthan
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, Bhadsan Road, Patiala-147004	Punjab
89.	CV Raman Institute of Engg. & Tech Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
90.	Kalinga Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
91.	Shri Govindram Seksaria Institute of Technology and Science (SGSITS) Indore	23, Park Road, 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
2. MANAGEMENT			
I-IIMs[19]			
94.	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	Vastapur, Ahmedabad-380015	Gujarat

95.	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore	Bannerghat Road, Bangalore- 560076	Karnataka
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	Meghalaya
101.	Indian Institute of Management Raipur	Government Engineering College Campus, Old Dhamtari Road, Sejbahar, Raipur- 492015	Chhattisgarh
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	Jharkhand
104.	Indian Institute of Management Udaipur	Polymer Science Building, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Rajasthan
105.	Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli	Located at NIT Trichy	Tamil Nadu
106.	Indian Institute of Management Kashipur	Escort Farm, Kashipur, Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand
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	Maharashtra
111.	Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar	Amritsar	Punjab
112.	Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur	Sambalpur	Odisha
II-Other Govt./Semi-Govt. Management 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	Maharashtra
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-Non-Govt. Management Institutes[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	Maharashtra
122.	Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies Mumbai	VL Mehta Road, Vile Parle(W), Mumbai-400056	Maharashtra
123.	Bharati Vidyapeeth Pune	Pune	Maharashtra
124.	S.P Jain Institute of Research & Mgt Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra
125.	Jamnalal Bajaj Institute Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra
126.	XLRI School of Business and Human Resources, Jamshedpur	Circular House Area (East),Jamshedpur- 831035	Jharkhand
127.	L.N.Mishra Institute of Economic Development & Social Change Patna	Patna	Bihar

3. Law (14)

I. National Law Universities[12]

128.	National Law School of India University	POBag-7201, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072	Karnataka
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	Rajasthan

132.	The WB National University of Juridical Sciences Kolkata	Dr.Ambedkar Bhavan 12, LB Block, Sector III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700098	West Bengal
133.	Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur	HNLU Bhawan, Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 492001	Chhattisgarh
134.	Gujarat National Law University Gandhinagar	E-4, GIDC Electronics Estate, Sector 26, Gandhinagar- 382028	Gujarat
135.	Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow	Sector-D1, LDA Colony, Kanpur Road Scheme, Lucknow-226012	Uttar Pradesh
136.	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala	Mohindra Kothi, Mall Road, Patiala-147001	Punjab
137.	Chanakya National Law University, Patna	Nyaya Nagar, Mithapur, Patna-800001	Bihar
138.	National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi	Kaloor, Kochi-682 017	Kerala
139.	National Law University, Delhi	Sector 14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078	Delhi
II-Other Law Institutes[2]			
140.	ILS Law College Pune	Law College Road Pune-411004	Maharashtra
141.	Symbiosis Law College Pune	Senapati Bapat Rd, Wadervadi, Pune	Maharashtra
4.MEDICINE (27)			
I-Central Government Medical Institutes[8]			
142.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi	Ansari Nagar, New Delhi	Delhi

143.	Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education & Research Pondicherry	Dhanvantri Nagar, Gorimedu, Pondicherry-605 006	Puducherry
144.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna	Patna	Bihar
145.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur	Raipur	Chhattisgarh
146.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
147.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
148.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
149.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences Rishikesh	Rishikesh	Uttarakhand
II-Other Government Medical Colleges[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	TamilNadu
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, New Delhi-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	Maharashtra
163.	King Edward Memorial Hospital Mumbai	Acharya Donde Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400012	Maharashtra
III-Non-Government Medical College[5]			
164.	SDM Medical College Dharwad	Sattur, Dharwad-580009	Karnataka
165.	Padmashree Dr. DY Patil Vidyapeeth, Nerul, Mumbai	New Mumbai-400706	Maharashtra
166.	Christian Medical College Vellore	Thottapalayam, Vellore	TamilNadu
167.	Christian Medical College Ludhiana	Ludhiana141008	Punjab

168.	Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medial Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
5.AGRICULTUREANDALLIEDSCIENCES[5]			
Central 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	Maharashtra
172.	Indian Veterinary Research Institute Izatnagar	Izatnagar-243122	Uttar Pradesh
173.	Indian Institute of Plantation Management Bangalore	Jnana Bharathi Campus, P.O.Malathalli, Bangalore560056	Karnataka
6.SCIENCESTATISTICALSTUDIESFUNDAMENTALRESEARCH[4]			
INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTES/IISc			
174.	Indian Statistical Institute Delhi	7,SJSSansanwal Marg,NewDelhi-110016	Delhi
175.	Indian Statistical Institute Bangalore	8thMile,Mysore Road, Bangalore-560059	Karnataka
176.	Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata	203,Barrackpore Trunk Road, Kolkatta-700108	West Bengal
177.	Indian Institute of Science Bangalore	Bangalore-560012	Karnataka
7.FASHION/DESIGN(17)			
National Institute of Fashion Technology			
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	Karnataka
180.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Bhopal	NIFT Block, MP Bhoj Open University Campus, Kolar Road, Bhopal-462042	Madhya Pradesh
181.	National Institute of 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	Maharashtra
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	Meghalaya
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, Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
193.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
194.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Srinagar	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir

8.HOSPITALITY(25)

I-Institute Of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition [22]

195.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering & Nutrition Delhi	Pusa, New Delhi-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	Karnataka
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	Chandigarh
214.	Inst. of Hotel Mgt. Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Bhubaneswar	Veer Surender Sai Nagar, Bhubaneswar-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-Private Hotel Management Institutes[3]			
217.	B.V.Institute of Hotel Management& Catering Technology Mumbai	Sector-8,CBD,Navi Mumbai-400614	Maharashtra
218.	B.V.(Bharti Vidyapeeth's) Instt. of Hotel Mgmt.& Catering Technology Pune	Katraj-Dhankavdi, Pune-411043	Maharashtra
219.	All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Institute of Hotel Mgmt & Catering Technology Pune	55/56,Shivajinagar, Pune-411005	Maharashtra
9.NATIONAL INSTITUTES (dealing with various disabilities) UNDERM/OSOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT[7]			
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	Maharashtra
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	Uttaranchal
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. Indian Institute of Science Education & 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	Maharashtra
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.MISCELLANEOUS[7]			
234.	Tata Institute of Social Science Mumbai	PO Box 8313, Deonar,Mumbai-400088	Maharashtra
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	Maharashtra
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

SCHEME OF
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SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

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. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- 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. BROAD FEATURES OF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

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	Post-Matric	XI, XII, Post-matriculation Diploma/Certificates, Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in India, Master's Degree/Diploma from any University recognized by UGC/AICTE.	17,000 (including renewal cases)	Rs. 2.5 lakh	50%
3	Top Class Education	Graduate and Post-graduate Degree/Diploma in institutes notified by DEPwD	300 (including renewal cases)	Rs. 8 lakh	50%
4	National Overseas	Master Degree and PhD in foreign universities/institutes	20 + ongoing cases	Rs. 8 lakh	30%
5	National Fellowship	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 3rd 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 DISABILITIES

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. POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES:

a. Eligibility conditions:

Post- Matric Scholarship will be given for study of all recognized post-matriculation 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.
- iii. 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:

Groups	(Amount in Rs.)	
	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 recognized by UGC/AICTE in any discipline	1600	750

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group II 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
Group III All other courses leading to a Graduate degree not covered under Group I & II, e.g. ,BA/B.Sc/B.Com, etc.	950	650
Group IV 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:

Sl. No.	Type of Disability	(Amount in Rs.)
		Disability Allowance (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.

6.2. QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Sl. No.	Components of Scholarship	Financial Assistances
a)	Reimbursement of tuition fees and non-refundable charges paid/payable to the Institute	Up to Rs. 2.00 lakh – per annum (subject to actual amount).
b)	Maintenance Allowance	Rs.3,000/- per month for hostellers, Rs. 1,500/- per month for day-scholars

Sl. No.	Components of Scholarship	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.	Rs. 45,000/- as a one time grant in the first year of the course. (For getting the benefit, student has to submit requisite documents viz., bill/receipt as proof of purchase of the Laptop/Computer)
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 course. (The reimbursement is made based on the requisite documents viz., bills/vouchers submitted by the students to ensure genuineness of the claim.)

7. PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION AND SELECTION for PRE MATRIC, POST MATRIC AND TOP CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

- Applications will be called for through National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in).
- 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.
- 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 disbursement 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 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year (including maintenance allowance during holidays), provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.

(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. NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR PERSONS WITH BENCHMARK DISABILITIES (NFPwD)

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.
- iii. 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 1st 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 Humanities, Social Sciences and Commerce) (including Arts/Fine Arts)	@ Rs. 10,000/- p.a. for initial two years. @ Rs. 20,500/- p.a. for remaining tenure.
3	Contingency for Science, Engineering & Technology	@ Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for remaining tenure.
4	Escort/Reader assistance (as per verification of the respective Nodal Officer of the University/Institute)	@ Rs. 2,000/- per month.
5	House Rent Allowances (HRA)	@ 9%, 18% and 27% to those students 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 1st January of the year of application.

13.4. QUANTUM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Types of Assistance	Rates	Purpose
Tuition fee	As per actual	
Maintenance allowance		
For US & Other countries	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.
Contingency allowance		
For US & Other countries	US\$1500 p.a	Admissible for books/essential apparatus/study tour/travel cost for attending subject related conferences, workshops etc./ typing and binding of thesis, etc.
For U.K	GBP 1100 p.a	
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	
Mandatory travel expenditure on medical tests etc. As per the requirements of the host country	Actual will be paid upon submission of bills.	
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	
Medical insurance premium	As per actual	
Cost of air passage	a) The awardees shall be allowed to purchase air tickets (from nearest Airport to Hometown in India to the nearest place to the educational institution and back to India) from the three authorized travel agents viz. Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT), Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC) with the condition that the ticket purchased must be of economy class/shortest route on date of booking. b) The choice of the travel agent for booking of the ticket is left open to the awardees. No Booking charges/excess baggage/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 University and providing joining report from University. The revised conditions will be effective from 1st April , 2022. d) Return tickets will be booked by Indian Mission abroad	
Examination fee for appearing in English language/other tests	One time examination fee for appearing in English language/other tests such as GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS., etc., required for admission to institutions /universities abroad would be reimbursed by Indian Mission Abroad as per actual subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/-.	
Local travel	Second Class railway fare from the port of disembarkation to the place of study and back. In case of far flung places not connected by rail, bus fare from the place of residence to the nearest railway station, actual charges of crossing by ferry, air fare to the nearest rail-cum-air Station and/or second class	

	railway fare by the shortest route to the port of embarkation and back will be reimbursed by the Indian Mission abroad.
Earning from research/teaching assistance-ship	The awardees are permitted to supplement their admissible allowance by undertaking 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 non-judicial 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 abroad 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. COMMON PROVISIONS FOR ALL COMPONENTS OF THE SCHEME

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.

Annexure -I**LIST OF NOTIFIED INSTITUTES OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

Sl. No	Name of the Institute	Location	State
1.ENGINEERING/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	Maharashtra
5.	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	Institute of Engineers Building, Pan Bazar, Guwahati-781001	Assam
6.	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	Roorkee-247667	Uttarakhand
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	Rajasthan
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, Yeddu mailaram- 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-NITs[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	Jharkhand
22.	National Institute of Technology Surathkal	Surathkal-574157	Karnataka
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	Maharashtra
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	Rajasthan
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	Chhattisgarh
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 Durgapur- 713209)	Arunachal Pradesh
40.	National Institute of Technology Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand (NIT Kurukshetra-136119,Haryana)	Uttarakhand
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)	Meghalaya
44.	National Institute of Technology Goa	Goa(NIT Surathkal -575025,Karnataka)	Goa

45.	National Institute of Technology Puducherry	Puducherry (NIT Tiruchirappalli 620015, Tamil Nadu)	Puducherry
46.	National Institute of Technology Delhi	Delhi (NIT Warangal-506004, A.P.)	Delhi
III-IIITs 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 Koonu, 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	Village Nimeta, Talauk Vaghodiya , District Vadodara	Gujarat
55.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Sonapat	Village Killord, Sonapat	Haryana
56.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Una	Una	Himachal Pradesh
57.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Dharwad	Campus of Karnataka University, Dharwad	Karantaka

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	Maharashtra
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	Rajasthan
63.	Indian Institute of Information & Technology, Village Sethurappatti, Srirangam Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District	Tiruchirappalli	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
IV– Other Central Technical Education Institution of MHRD & Other Ministries, Central Universities and Govt. Colleges of Engineering [15]			
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	Jharkhand

69.	National Institute of Industrial Engineering Mumbai	ViharLake, Mumbai -400087	Maharashtra
70.	Indian School of Mines Dhanbad	Dhanbad-826004	Bihar
71.	North Eastern Reg. Inst. of Science & Technology Itanagar	Nirjuli-79110, Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
72.	Sant Longowal Inst. of Engg. & Technology Chandigarh	KothiNo.178,Sector II-A, Chandigarh	Chandigarh
73.	Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University Varanasi	Varanasi-221005	Uttar Pradesh
74.	Punjab Engineering College Chandigarh	Sector-12, Chandigarh-160012	Chandigarh
75.	Delhi Technological University (formerly Delhi College of Engineering)	Shahbad Daulatpur, Bawana Road, Rohini, New Delhi- 110042	Delhi
76.	School of Planning & Architecture, Bhopal	1st Floor, Sports Complex, MANIT, Bhopal-51	Madhya Pradesh
77.	School of Planning & Architecture, Vijayawada	Sy.No.71/1,NH-5, Nidamanuru, Vijayawada-521104	Andhra Pradesh
78.	Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (RGIT), Rae Bareilly	Tatapur Chowk, Rae Bareilly-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, New Delhi	Delhi
V-Non-Govt. Institutes of Information Technology[3]			

82.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad	Gachibowli, Opposite CMC, Hyderabad-500032	Andhra Pradesh
83.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Bangalore	26/C, Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560100	Karnataka
84.	Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management Thiruvananthapuram	Park Centre, Techno park Campus, Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
VI-Other Non-Govt. Engineering Institutes[9]			
85.	Birla Institute of Technology Pilani	Pilani-333031	Rajasthan
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 Institute of Engg. & Tech Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
90.	Kalinga Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
91.	Shri Govindram Seksaria Institute of Technology and Science (SGSITS) Indore	23, Park Road, 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
2.MANAGEMENT			
I-IIMs[19]			
94.	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	Vastapur, Ahmedabad-380015	Gujarat

95.	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore	Bannerghat Road, Bangalore- 560076	Karnataka
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	Meghalaya
101.	Indian Institute of Management Raipur	Government Engineering College Campus, Old Dhamtari Road, Sejbahar, Raipur- 492015	Chhattisgarh
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	Jharkhand
104.	Indian Institute of Management Udaipur	Polymer Science Building, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Rajasthan
105.	Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli	Located at NIT Trichy	Tamil Nadu
106.	Indian Institute of Management Kashipur	Escort Farm, Kashipur, Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand
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	Maharashtra
111.	Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar	Amritsar	Punjab
112.	Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur	Sambalpur	Odisha
II-Other Govt./Semi-Govt. Management 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	Maharashtra
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-Non-Govt. Management Institutes[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	Maharashtra
122.	Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies Mumbai	VL Mehta Road, Vile Parle(W), Mumbai-400056	Maharashtra
123.	Bharati Vidyapeeth Pune	Pune	Maharashtra
124.	S.P Jain Institute of Research & Mgt Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra
125.	Jamnalal Bajaj Institute Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra
126.	XLRI School of Business and Human Resources, Jamshedpur	Circular House Area (East),Jamshedpur- 831035	Jharkhand
127.	L.N.Mishra Institute of Economic Development & Social Change Patna	Patna	Bihar

3. Law (14)

I. National Law Universities[12]

128.	National Law School of India University	POBag-7201, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072	Karnataka
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	Rajasthan

132.	The WB National University of Juridical Sciences Kolkata	Dr.Ambedkar Bhavan 12, LB Block, Sector III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 700098	West Bengal
133.	Hidayatullah National Law University Raipur	HNLU Bhawan, Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 492001	Chhattisgarh
134.	Gujarat National Law University Gandhinagar	E-4, GIDC Electronics Estate, Sector 26, Gandhinagar- 382028	Gujarat
135.	Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow	Sector-D1, LDA Colony, Kanpur Road Scheme, Lucknow-226012	Uttar Pradesh
136.	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala	Mohindra Kothi, Mall Road, Patiala-147001	Punjab
137.	Chanakya National Law University, Patna	Nyaya Nagar, Mithapur, Patna-800001	Bihar
138.	National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi	Kaloor, Kochi-682 017	Kerala
139.	National Law University, Delhi	Sector 14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078	Delhi
II-Other Law Institutes[2]			
140.	ILS Law College Pune	Law College Road Pune-411004	Maharashtra
141.	Symbiosis Law College Pune	Senapati Bapat Rd, Wadervadi, Pune	Maharashtra
4.MEDICINE (27)			
I-Central Government Medical Institutes[8]			
142.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi	Ansari Nagar, New Delhi	Delhi

143.	Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education & Research Pondicherry	Dhanvantri Nagar, Gorimedu, Pondicherry-605 006	Puducherry
144.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna	Patna	Bihar
145.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur	Raipur	Chhattisgarh
146.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
147.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
148.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
149.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences Rishikesh	Rishikesh	Uttarakhand
II-Other Government Medical Colleges[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	TamilNadu
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, New Delhi-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	Maharashtra
163.	King Edward Memorial Hospital Mumbai	Acharya Donde Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400012	Maharashtra
III-Non-Government Medical College[5]			
164.	SDM Medical College Dharwad	Sattur, Dharwad-580009	Karnataka
165.	Padmashree Dr. DY Patil Vidyapeeth, Nerul, Mumbai	New Mumbai-400706	Maharashtra
166.	Christian Medical College Vellore	Thottapalayam, Vellore	TamilNadu
167.	Christian Medical College Ludhiana	Ludhiana-141008	Punjab

168.	Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medial Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
5.AGRICULTUREANDALLIEDSCIENCES[5]			
Central Government Institutes			
169.	Indian Agricultural Research Institute Delhi	Pusa, New Delhi- 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	Maharashtra
172.	Indian Veterinary Research Institute Izatnagar	Izatnagar-243122	Uttar Pradesh
173.	Indian Institute of Plantation Management Bangalore	Jnana Bharathi Campus, P.O.Malathalli, Bangalore-560056	Karnataka
6.SCIENCESTATISTICALSTUDIESFUNDAMENTALRESEARCH[4]			
INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTES/IISc			
174.	Indian Statistical Institute Delhi	7, SJS Sansanwal Marg, New Delhi- 110016	Delhi
175.	Indian Statistical Institute Bangalore	8th Mile, Mysore Road, Bangalore- 560059	Karnataka
176.	Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata	203, Barrackpore Trunk Road, Kolkata-700108	West Bengal
177.	Indian Institute of Science Bangalore	Bangalore-560012	Karnataka
7.FASHION/DESIGN(17)			
National Institute of Fashion Technology			
178.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Delhi	Hauz Khas, Near Gulmohar Park, New Delhi-110016	Delhi

179.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Bangalore	NIFT Campus,CA SiteNo:21,Sector-1,27thMain, Bangalore	Karnataka
180.	National Institute of Fashion Technology Bhopal	NIFT Block, MP Bhoj Open University Campus, Kolar Road, Bhopal-462042	Madhya Pradesh
181.	National Institute of 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	Maharashtra
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	Meghalaya
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, Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
193.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan
194.	National Institute of Fashion Technology, Srinagar	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir

8.HOSPITALITY(25)

I-Institute Of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition [22]

195.	Institute of Hotel Management, Catering & Nutrition Delhi	Pusa, New Delhi-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	Karnataka
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	Chandigarh
214.	Inst. of Hotel Mgt. Catering Tech.& Applied Nutrition Bhubaneswar	Veer Surender Sai Nagar, Bhubaneswar-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-Private Hotel Management Institutes[3]			
217.	B.V.Institute of Hotel Management& Catering Technology Mumbai	Sector-8,CBD,Navi Mumbai-400614	Maharashtra
218.	B.V.(Bharti Vidyapeeth's) Instt. of Hotel Mgmt.& Catering Technology Pune	Katraj-Dhankavdi, Pune-411043	Maharashtra
219.	All India Shri Shivaji Memorial Institute of Hotel Mgmt & Catering Technology Pune	55/56,Shivajinagar, Pune-411005	Maharashtra
9.NATIONAL INSTITUTES (dealing with various disabilities) UNDERM/OSOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT[7]			
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	Maharashtra
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	Uttaranchal
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. Indian Institute of Science Education & 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	Maharashtra
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.MISCELLANEOUS[7]			
234.	Tata Institute of Social Science Mumbai	PO Box 8313, Deonar,Mumbai-400088	Maharashtra
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	Maharashtra
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

**SCHEME OF
“BEGUM HAZRAT MAHAL NATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP”
FOR MERITORIOUS GIRL STUDENTS
BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES**

1. BACKGROUND

The Scheme of “Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship” for Meritorious Girl Students belonging to the Minority Communities was earlier known as “Maulana Azad National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging Minorities” and the same was launched by the then Prime Minister of India (late) Atal Bihari Vajpayee at National Conference of Educational & Economic Development of Minorities held on 03.05.2003 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. OBJECTIVE

To recognize, promote and assist girl students belonging to National Minorities who cannot continue their education due to lack of financial support.

3. SCOPE

Scholarship will be admissible for expenditure on payment of School/College fee, purchase of syllabus books, purchase of stationery/equipments required for the course and payment of Boarding/Lodging charges.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEME

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

5. MODE OF APPLYING

The scheme is implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). It is mandatory for all students to apply online on the website i.e. www.scholarships.gov.in.

6. AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Amount of scholarship will be provided Rs.5000/each for Class IX & X and Rs.6000/-each for Class XI & XII.

7. DISTRIBUTION

Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. The distribution of scholarship among the States/Union Territories will be made on the basis of population of the above notified minorities in the States/ Union Territories of Census 2011.

8. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection of eligible students is based on the %age of marks obtained by the candidates in qualifying exam and parent's/ guardian's annual income. Merit lists are prepared for selection of students based on the marks obtained in qualifying exam. State-wise-community-wise quota is fixed on the basis of minority population of the state in accordance to 2011 Census.

9. EARMARKING FOR BALANCE QUOTA

Out of total scholarships each State/UTs will be allocated a fixed number of scholarships quota on the basis of the population of the minorities' in the concentrated area, for which population figures as per 2011 census may be relied upon. In case sufficient number of eligible application are not available from any State/ UTs/Community, then its balance quota will be allocated to the same community of other State/UTs from where eligible applications have been received.

10. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- (i) Only girl students belonging to six notified Minority Communities i.e. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis are eligible.
- (ii) Scholarship will be awarded to minorities' girl students who are studying in Class 9th to 12th, and have secured at-least 50% marks or equivalent grade in aggregate in previous class/qualifying exam.
- (iii) Annual income of student's parent/guardian from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh.
- (iv) An Income certificate, issued from a Competent Authority in the State/UTs Governments is required in respect of parent/guardian of the student.
- (v) A self-Certified community Certificate is required from a student who has attained 18 years of age. For others the Community Certificate certified by parent/guardian of the student is required.

- (vi) If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or cancelled. The State Government/Union Territory Administration can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme.
- (vii) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered by the concerned State/UT Govt.
- (viii) The student obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other scheme for this purpose.
- (ix) A student shall be eligible for only one scholarship out of all the available Scholarships of Central Government meant for SC/ST/OBC/minority.
- (x) Scholarship will not be given to more than two students from a family of the same class.
- (xi) No scholarship shall be given for studies abroad for any course.
- (xii) There are no fees/charges for either online application form or for any other service in this regard.
- (xiii) Students who have entered Aadhaar in their online application correctly and Aadhaar seeded with any of their bank account, in such cases the amount of scholarship will be credited to Aadhaar seeded bank account only (though student has mentioned any other non-seeded bank account in online application).

11. INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (to be filled by the students in online application form are as under):

- (i) Students must select their bank/branch name carefully from the drop down list.
- (ii) Thereafter the complete account no. must be entered correctly. Students are suggested to get their account number verified by their concerned Bank Branch including Bank account number and IFS Code.
- (iii) Disclaimer (*If bank details entered by students are found incorrect or not validated by the student's bank, the scholarship will be cancelled/amount will not be transferred even though the application is approved for scholarship).
- (iv) Bank Account holders must check their 'Know your Customer' (KYC) status from bank and if required the KYC must be done for successful transaction of scholarship amount.
- (v) Bank Account must be operational/active till the scholarship is disbursed.
- (vi) Bank Account must be preferably in any scheduled Bank with core banking facility and proper IFS Code.
- (vii) Bank Account must be in the name of either the student or a joint account of student with either mother or father or a legal guardian only.

12. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP:

No applications for renewal of scholarships will be entertained. Since the applications are open for all classes, i.e. from 9th to 12th, the beneficiaries will have to apply afresh for each class.

13. MODE OF TRANSFER OF AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Amount of scholarship will be credited to the Beneficiary Bank Account directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

14. STUDENTS ALREADY GETTING SCHOLARSHIP:

Student getting scholarship under any scholarship scheme, being implemented by the Central/State Government shall not be eligible to get scholarship under this scheme.

15. CANCELATION OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- i. Scholarship shall be deemed discontinued with any gap of academic session in studies at any time due to any reason; the awarded scholarship may be suspended or cancelled.
- ii. No claim for fresh/renewal of scholarship will be entertained from those applicants who have failed to submit their application in the prescribed time limit.
- iii. If student is found to have obtained scholarship by false statement/certificates, scholarship will be cancelled and the amount of the scholarship paid shall be recovered, at the discretion of the concerned State Government/UTs Administration.

16. CHANGING IN RULES:

All rules are subject to change from time to time, as and when required, which will be binding on all.

SCHEME OF 'PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP' FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES FOR 2017-20

1. BACKGROUND

The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. It provides that a Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for meritorious students from minority communities would be implemented.

2. OBJECTIVE

The scholarship at pre-matric level will encourage parents from minority communities to send their school going children to school, lighten their financial burden on school education and sustain their efforts to support their children to complete school education. The scheme will form the foundation for their educational attainment and provide a level playing field in the competitive employment arena. Empowerment through education, which is one of the objectives of this scheme, has the potential to lead to upliftment of the socio economic conditions of the minority communities.

3. SCOPE

The scholarship will be awarded for studies in India in a government or private school from class I to class X, including such residential Government institutes and eligible private institutes selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government and Union Territory Administration concerned.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship will be awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50% marks in the previous final examination and annual income of their parents/guardian from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakh.

5. DISTRIBUTION

Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. A total of thirty (30) lakh scholarships are targeted to be distributed as 'Fresh' Scholarships, besides, Renewal scholarships. The distribution of scholarship among the States/Union Territories will be made on the basis of population of minorities in the States/Union Territories as per Census 2001 for 2017-18 and as per the population of minorities in the States/Union Territories of Census 2011 for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as per Appendices- A & B).

6. EARMARKING

- i) 30% scholarship is earmarked for girls students of each minority community in a State/UT which is transferable to male students of that community in case of non-availability of female students in that community in the concerned State/UT. 30% is the floor and not the ceiling for eligible girl students.
- ii) If the physical target of scholarship for a particular minority community in a state/UT is not utilized, it will be distributed among the same minority community in other States/UTs strictly in accordance with merit and without disturbing the national ratio for the Community. Any unutilized community quota shall be distributed amongst other communities again in accordance with merit and without affecting overall national quota.

- iii) A student residing in a particular State/UT will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State/UT only irrespective of his/her place of study.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Fresh - As the number of scholarships for minorities available in a year is fixed and limited, it is necessary to lay down preference for selection. Inter-se selection weightage is to be given to poverty rather than marks (the applicant is required to submit an Income Certificate as per para-11(ii)). In case of same income, merit shall be generated from 'Date of Birth' criteria of applicant (senior is preferred).

Renewal – There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same Institute and in same course) and his/her application is verified by all authorities (as designated by Ministry of Minority Affairs) and approved by State Governments/UTs.

8. DURATION

The scholarships shall be provided for the entire course. Maintenance allowance will be given as fixed lump sum amount in an academic year (as per para-9 below) for 2017-18 to 2019-20.

9. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission/tuition fee and maintenance allowance as given below subject to a maximum ceiling indicated against item concerned.

The details of the scheme interventions for 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as under:

Item	Rate of Scholarship
Rate of Scholarship Admission + Tuition Fee	Admission Fee for Class VI to X: Rs. 500/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
	Tuition Fee for Class VI to X: Rs. 350/- per month subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
Maintenance Allowance	For Class I to V*: Rs. 100/- per month for Day Scholar
	For Class VI to X*: Rs. 600/- per month for Hosteller Rs. 100/-per month for Day Scholar

* For 10 months in an academic year.

10. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES:

The scheme is being implemented/funded by Ministry of Minority Affairs through the States/UT's Administration.

11. CONDITIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

- Scholarship will be available to the students of minority community studying in Classes I to X.
- An Income Certificate, issued from a Competent Authority in the State/UT Governments is required in respect of parent/guardian of the student.
- A Self-Certified Community Certificate is required from the student who has attained 18 years of age. For others the Community Certificate certified by

- parent/guardian of the student is required.
- (iv) The continuance of award (for Renewal applicants) will be subject to securing 50% marks in the previous years examination.
 - (v) Maintenance allowance will be provided to hostellers and day scholars.
 - (vi) Scholarship will not be given to more than two students from a family (applicable for all Scholarship schemes meant for minorities under this Ministry taken together).
 - (vii) Students should be regular in attendance for which the yardstick will be decided by the competent authority of the school.
 - (viii) The school/institute will certify the claim of student of being an outstation student not residing in hostel of the school/institute concerned on the basis of permanent address and parents' address.
 - (ix) If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or cancelled. The State Government/Union Territory Administration can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme
 - (x) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered by the concerned State/UT Govt.
 - (xi) The course/tuition fees and maintenance allowance will be credited to the student's bank account directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
 - (xii) The student obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other scheme for this purpose.
 - (xiii) A student shall be eligible for only one scholarship out of all the available Scholarships of Central Government meant for SC/ST/OBC/minority.**
 - (xiv) The amount of Administrative Expenses (@ 1%) for States/UTs in subsequent year shall be released after receiving the Utilization Certificate for the previous years.
 - (xv) The scheme will be evaluated at regular intervals by the Ministry or any other agency designated by the Ministry and the cost of the evaluation will be borne by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under the provision of the scheme.
 - (xvi) The State/Union Territory shall place all relevant details of financial and physical achievements on their website.
 - (xvii) The regulations can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.
 - (xviii) It will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar number while applying for the scholarship and in case, an individual does not possess Aadhaar one can provide the details of alternative identification documents, as stated in the Gazette Notification- S.O. No. 1284 (E) No. 1137, dated 21.04.2017 (as per Appendix-C).
 - (xix) Students who have entered Aadhaar in their online application correctly and Aadhaar seeded with any of their bank account, in such cases the amount of scholarship will be credited to Aadhaar seeded bank account only (though student has mentioned any other non-seeded bank account in online application).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

As the magnitude of data to be entered and processed would be enormous and the scheme gets implemented over the years, there would be a need to engage qualified

skilled personnel right from the beginning to ensure that the data based computerized systems are operational. Qualified skilled personnel possessing requisite expertise to operate computer programme designed for this purpose, enter, process, analyse, monitor, retrieve and transfer data should be engaged on contract basis as per need.

A provision not exceeding 1% of the total budget will be made to meet the administrative and allied costs viz. expenditure of the States/Union Territories for office equipments including computers and accessories, furniture, printing of application forms, advertisement, engagement of personnel, etc. This provision will also be used for evaluation and monitoring of the scheme, through outside reputed institutions/agencies engaged by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India or by the State Governments/Union Territory administrations.

13. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship, once awarded, may be renewed during the next academic year of the course on the production of certificate that the student has secured 50% marks in the previous year's examination (provided the students pursues the same course and same Institute/School).

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEME

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

15. MODE OF APPLYING

The scheme is implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). It is mandatory for all students to apply online on the website i.e. www.scholarships.gov.in.

16. PATTERN OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The scheme is Central Sector Scheme and 100% funding is provided by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

17. MONITORING & TRANSPARENCY

The State/Union Territory shall maintain year-wise details of the students receiving scholarship, indicating school/institute, location of school/institute, government or private, class, gender, new or renewal, permanent address and parents' address. The States/ Union Territories shall place relevant physical and financial details in their official website.

18. EVALUATION

The monitoring of the financial and physical performance of the scheme will be evaluated by assigning evaluation/impact studies to reputed institutions/agencies by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

19. INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (to be filled by the students in online application form are as under):

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- (ii) Thereafter the complete account no. must be entered correctly. Students are suggested to get their account number verified by their concerned Bank Branch including Bank account number and IFS Code.
- (iii) Disclaimer (*If bank details entered by students are found incorrect or not validated by the student's bank, the scholarship will be canceled/amount

will not be transferred even though the application is approved for scholarship).

- (iv) Bank Account holders must check their 'Know your Customer' (KYC) status from bank and if required the KYC must be done for successful transaction of scholarship amount.
- (v) Bank Account must be operational/active till the scholarship is disbursed.
- (vi) Bank Account must be preferably in any scheduled Bank with core banking facility and proper IFS Code.
- (vii) Bank Account must be in the name of either the student or a joint account of student with either mother or father or a legal guardian only.

20. MODIFICATION (if any, during 2017-18 to 2019-20)

Minor modifications, if any, in the scheme having no financial implications may be made by the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Minority Affairs without seeking recourse to SFC/EFC/Cabinet. However, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure would be consulted
