

EDN-HE (10) F (4)6/2021 PM-OBC/EBC/DNT PM-YASASVI-Vol.IV

Directorate of Higher Education,

Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Tel:0177-2656622, E.mail:nsphpsml@gmail.com,

Dated Shimla-1 the

August, 2026

To

The Vice Chancellor/Registrar/Principal,
All the Govt. and Pvt. Universities/Colleges/other Educational
Institutions, within and Outside of Himachal Pradesh, (Where bonafide Himachali Students
are studying and claiming
Scholarships from the State of H.P)

All the Deputy Directors of School/Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh

All the Principals/Headmasters,
Govt. Sr. Sec./High Schools in,
Himachal Pradesh.

Subject:-

**Ensuring 100% Biometric Aadhaar Authentication of beneficiaries under DBT
Schemes-regarding.**

I am directed to invite your kind attention to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith a copy of the communication received from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, regarding mandatory biometric Aadhaar authentication of beneficiaries under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes. (Copy enclosed)

In this regard, you are requested to ensure that 100% biometric Aadhaar authentication of all eligible beneficiaries/students covered under the following scholarship schemes is completed at least once every year, in accordance with the instructions issued by the Government of India:

1. Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.
2. Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.

You are further requested to take all necessary measures to facilitate Aadhaar authentication, including Face Authentication, wherever applicable, so that every eligible beneficiary/student is duly authenticated within the prescribed timeline.

Further, the matter may kindly be accorded top priority, and strict compliance of these instructions may be ensured in respect of all eligible beneficiaries/students studying in your institution. Any lapse in implementation may be viewed seriously.

Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

शिक्षा निदेशालय उच्चतर शिक्षा

Endst. No. Even Dated Shimla-1 the August, 2026

Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Director, School Education, H.P., Shimla-1, for information please.
2. The Technical Officer, IT Cell, with the direction to upload this letter on the Departmental website.
3. Guard file.

20 AUG 2026

Director of Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh

No BC -12013/26/2023-BC-I (e-72420)
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

GPOA 3, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi
Date: 29.07.2026

To

The Administrative Secretary
Department of Social Welfare for OBCs
(All States/Union Territories)

Subject: Ensuring 100% Biometric Aadhaar Authentication of beneficiaries under DBT Schemes – regarding.

Respected Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the D.O. letter No. D-11011/01/2026-DBT (copy enclosed), 2026 received from the Cabinet Secretariat regarding 100% Biometric Aadhaar Authentication of beneficiaries under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Schemes.

2. The Cabinet Secretariat has emphasized that biometric Aadhaar authentication is robust and reliable than other authentication modes and has further been strengthened through face authentication. It has been observed that while Ministries/Departments have initiated biometric authentication/e-KYC of beneficiaries, the target of 100% biometric Aadhaar authentication is yet to be achieved under several DBT schemes.

3. In this regard, all States/Union Territories are requested to take necessary action to ensure 100% biometric Aadhaar authentication (at least once every year) of beneficiaries covered under the following Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes of this Department:

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

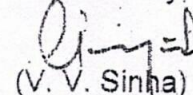
Necessary steps may also be taken to facilitate Aadhaar authentication through the available biometric authentication mechanisms, including face authentication, wherever applicable, so that the target of 100% biometric Aadhaar authentication of beneficiaries under the above schemes is achieved in a time-bound manner.

4. It is further requested that the progress made in this regard may be monitored closely and necessary action may be taken to ensure timely and accurate updation/reporting on the DBT Bharat Portal, wherever applicable.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl. As Above

Yours faithfully,


(V. V. Sinha)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
usbc1-dosje@gov.in