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Government of India
Ministry of Minority Affairs

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Dated 24.07.2018.

To

The Chief Secretary/Administrator
All State Government/UT Administration.

Subject: Physical Allocation of Scholarship and Timeline Activities under the Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for minority communities for the year 2018-19-reg.

Madam / Sir,

I am directed to say that the three Scholarship Schemes viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes are being implemented as Central Sector Scheme, with 100% Central funding for the year 2018-19. Under these schemes, the scholarships are awarded to the economically weaker and meritorious students from six notified minority communities viz. Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Zoroastrian (Parsis) and Jain, pursuing studies in India in a Government or Private Universities/Institutes/ colleges/schools.

2. The Central Government has decided to open the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on 23rd July, 2018 for the three Scholarship Schemes for 2018-19. The last date for receipt of online applications will be 30th September, 2018. As such, it is incumbent upon this Ministry to initiate the process of issue of advertisement inviting online applications, by the State Government/UT Administrations, which shall be implemented as per existing guidelines. At the National level, Ministry of Minority Affairs will be issuing advertisement.

3. The State-wise/Community-wise physical allocation (as per Census 2011) for Fresh Scholarship in respect of three Scholarship Schemes for the financial year 2018-19 is 30 lakh, 5 lakh and 60,000 for fresh scholarships (Copy enclosed). As far as renewal applications are concerned, there is no target for them and all renewal applications are eligible for scholarship.

4. During 2018-19, the online implementation of the Pre-matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes will be done through the **National Scholarship Portal (NSP) of the Government of India**, under URL www.scholarships.gov.in. A link to the site is also made available in the website of this Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. **Only Online applications under the Schemes will be accepted and no request for Offline applications will be entertained.** This may be brought out clearly in the Advertisement. The detailed guidelines of the three Scholarship Schemes and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) with the timelines is available on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). A copy of the Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) has already been circulated last year (copy enclosed).

5. In view of above, all State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to take the following action:

- (i) All the schemes need to be announced by the concerned State Government/UT Administration well in time, through advertisements in the leading language newspapers and local dailies and by using other suitable publicity media well in time.
- (ii) The tentative timeline activities for receiving online applications and closing of portal for the year 2018-19 for fresh and renewal of scholarships in respect of Pre-matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means to the given to States/UTs at present are as under:-

(a) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme:- Timeline (for Fresh & Renewal Scholarship):

S. N.	Activities	Opening Date	Closing Date
1	Submission of Online applications for Fresh scholarship by students	23 rd July, 2018	30 th September, 2018
2	Submission of Online applications for Renewal scholarship by students		

(b) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme:- Timeline (for Fresh & Renewal Scholarship):

S. N.	Activities	Opening Date	Closing Date
1	Submission of Online applications for Fresh scholarship by students	23 rd July, 2018	30 th September, 2018
2	Submission of Online applications for Renewal scholarship by students		

(c) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme:- Timeline (for Fresh & Renewal Scholarship):

S. N.	Activities	Opening Date	Closing Date
1	Submission of Online applications for Fresh scholarship by students	23 rd July, 2018	30 th September, 2018
2	Submission of Online applications for Renewal scholarship by students		

- (iii) The advertisement will enable the minority students to avail the maximum benefits of scholarship schemes.
- (iv) All Universities/Institutes/colleges/schools located in your State/UT may be advised to register themselves and their courses details on the NSP by 15th August, 2018 so that their students can apply and they can verify such applications on the portal without any delay.
- (v) In the Advertisement, the State / UT Department may also invite attention of the students to the guidelines of the three Scholarship Schemes and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the NSP homepage of the website for filling up of Online Application.

(vi) All renewal applicants/students (applicants who have got scholarship during 2017-18) may apply by giving their existing Application ID.

(vii) All the three Scholarship schemes are an individual beneficiary oriented scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs and the whole scholarship is disbursed to the beneficiary under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. In this regard, it is stated that the linkage of beneficiary's identification with UID/Aadhaar number is presently non-mandatory. However, as the Gazette Notification under Section-7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (with respect to this scheme) has been notified (a copy of Gazette Notification – S.O.1284(E) (No.1137) dated 21.04.2017 is enclosed for reference), 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, detailed below:

(a) if she or he has enrolled, her or his Aadhaar Enrolment ID slip; or a copy of her or his request made for Aadhaar enrolment, as specified in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 2; and

(b) Bank passbook with photograph; or (ii) Ration Card, or (iii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card issued by the Income Tax Department; or (iv) Passport; or (v) Certificate of identity having photo of such student issued by a Headmaster or Principal of School under official seal of the school; or (vi) Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or (vii) any other documents specified by the State Government or Union territory Administration. [Note: for Assam, Jammu & Kashmir and Meghalaya, the documents mentioned in para (b) shall only be required].

(vii) All efforts may be made to adhere to the timelines given on the portal and resolve any technical issue that may crop up in the process of online submission, generation of merit lists and payment lots by coordinating with the State NICs.

6. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



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