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Government of India
Ministry of Minority Affairs

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To

The Chief Secretary/Administrator
All State Governments/UT Administrations
(Implementing Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for Minorities).

**Subject: State/UT/Community-wise Physical Allocation of Scholarships and
Timeline Activities under the three Scholarship Schemes for minority
communities for the year 2019-20- regarding.**

Madam / Sir,

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three Scholarship Schemes viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the Minorities as Central Sector Schemes, with 100% Central funding. Under these Schemes, scholarships are awarded to the economically weaker and meritorious students from six centrally notified minority communities viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh, and Zoroastrian (Parsis) pursuing studies in India in a Government or recognised private university/institute/ college/school.

2. The Central Government has decided to open the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on 15th July, 2018 for the three Scholarship Schemes for 2019-20. Other timelines are as under:

a. Opening of Portal for submission of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Mean based scholarship application	15 th July 2019
b. Last date for Pre-Matric scholarship application	15 th October 2019
c. Last date for making Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Mean based scholarship application	31 st October, 2019
d. Last date for first level verification for Pre-Matric scholarship application	31 st October, 2019
e. Last date for second level verification for Pre-Matric scholarship application	15 th November, 2019
f. Last date for first level verification for Post-Matric and Merit-Cum-Mean based scholarships application	15 th November, 2019
g. Last date for second level verification for Post-Matric and Merit-Cum-Mean based scholarship application	30 th November, 2019

3. It is, thus, incumbent upon this Ministry to initiate the process of inviting online applications through the State Government/UT Administrations for the aforesaid Schemes, as per existing guidelines. The States/UTs should publicise the Schemes through advertisements in leading newspapers and other popular means in their respective State/UT to enable the minority students to avail the maximum benefits of these scholarship schemes. A copy of draft Advertisement for their use, as approved by MoMA is at Annex-IV. At the National level, Ministry of Minority Affairs will be issuing an advertisement.

4. The State-wise/Community-wise physical allocation (as per Census 2011) for Fresh Scholarship in respect of three Scholarship Schemes for the financial year 2019-20 shall be is 30 lakh, 5 lakh and 60,000 scholarships respectively. The States/UT-wise and Community-wise physical distribution of scholarships for above schemes is placed at Annex- I, II & III. As far as renewal applications are concerned, there is no target for them and all valid renewal applications are eligible for scholarship.
5. During 2019-20, the online implementation of the Pre-matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes shall be done through the **National Scholarship Portal (NSP) of the Government of India**, under URL www.scholarships.gov.in. A Mobile App- **National Scholarships (NSP)** has also been prepared for the same for use by all applicants in the remote/hilly areas. 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.** The detailed guidelines of the three Scholarship Schemes and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) with the timelines is available on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) as well.
6. In view of above, all State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to take the following actions, in addition to the actions as requested vide D.O. letter No. 8-3/2019-SS dated 5.07.2019, from Secretary (Minority Affairs), a copy of which is annexed:
- (i) All the Schemes need to be announced by the concerned State Government/UT Administration well in time, through advertisements in the leading vernacular language newspapers and local dailies and by using other suitable publicity media well in time.
 - (ii) The advertisement will enable the minority students to avail the maximum benefits of scholarship schemes.
 - (iii) All renewal applicants/students (applicants who have got scholarship during 2017-18) may apply by giving their existing Application ID.
 - (iv) All Universities/Institutes/colleges/schools located in your State/UT may be advised to register themselves and their courses details on the NSP at the earliest so that their students can apply and they can verify such applications on the portal within the aforesaid timelines.
 - (v) All Institutes/Schools that do not have valid AISHE/DISE codes have been deregistered. A provision has been made for their re-registration after obtaining valid AISHE/DISE code. States/UTs need to be proactive in re-registering such Institutes/Schools.
 - (vi) Email IDs and mobile numbers of all Institutes/Schools registered/stored in NSP have been deactivated. District/State/UT Nodal officers, as the case may be, will verify credentials of the Institute/School Nodal Officer and reset his/her password through a well-defined procedure, wherein, the Institute/School Nodal Officer will fill up an online form on the Portal and get the printout authenticated in duplicate by his/her Head of the Institute/School and submit it to the District/State Nodal officer. On verification, District/State Nodal officer will activate the account of the Institute/School on the Portal using their login credentials.

District/State/UT Nodal officer will retain a copy of duly authenticated online form, received from the Institute/School and return the second copy to the Institute/School for their respective records. It will be the responsibility of the Institute/School to retain the copy received from District/State Nodal Officer and produce it to the appropriate authority on demand.

(vii) All the three Scholarship Schemes are 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 as per the Gazette Notification, issued with respect to these Schemes, under Section-7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) on 21.04.2017 (copy enclosed at Annex-V), it will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar number while applying for 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 subparagraph (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].

(viii) All efforts may be made to adhere to the aforesaid timelines 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 NIC HQ or State NICs at the earliest.

7. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,



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In-charge Minority Welfare Department,
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