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Implemented by: State Governments/UT Administrations

How to apply : States/UTs may apply to Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, as indicated below

I. OBJECT

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Tribe students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

II. SCOPE

These scholarships are available for studies in India only and are awarded by the Government of the State/Union Territory Administration to which the applicant actually belongs i.e. where permanently settled.

III. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- i) The scholarships are open to nationals of India.
- ii) These scholarships will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation for post-secondary courses pursued in recognized institutions with the following exceptions :

“Scholarships are not awarded for training courses like Aircraft Maintenance Engineer’s Courses and Private Pilot Licence courses, courses at Training – Ship Dufferin (Now Rajendra), courses of training at the Military College, Dehradun and courses at pre-examination training centres of all India and State levels.”

- iii) Only those candidates who belong to Scheduled Tribes so specified in relation to the State/Union Territory 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 a different subject e.g. I.Sc after I.A. or B.Com after B.A. or M.A. in other subject will not be eligible.
- v) Students who, after having completed their educational career in one professional line, wish to study for another profession e.g. LLB after B.T./B.Ed. will not be eligible. From the academic year 1980-81, however, studies in two professional courses are allowed.
- vi) Students studying in Class XI of Higher Secondary Schools which have a continues school course of 12th class will not be eligible. However, in cases where the X class examination of such courses is treated as equivalent to Matriculation and students after passing tenth class can 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 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 courses in *Group 'I'*, and no further change in the course will be allowed.
- ix) Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education.
- x) Employed students who take leave without pay for the entire duration of the course and study as full time students will be eligible for scholarships.

From the academic year 1980-81, employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/guardians does not exceed the maximum prescribed income ceiling are made eligible to post-matric scholarships to the extent of reimbursement of all compulsorily payable non-refundable fees.

- xi) All children of the same parents/guardians will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme.
- xii) 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.
- xiii) Students who have already received coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Government will not be eligible.

Note 1 : Since it is clearly mentioned under the item III (condition of eligibility) of these regulations that the scholarship will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognized institutions, the list of courses grouped (I to IV) is, thus, 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 as advised vide Ministry of SJ & E's letter No.11017/13/88-Sch.Cell, dated 3.8.1989.

IV. MEANS TEST

Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed **Rs. 1,08,000/-** per annum.

NOTE 1 : So long as either of the parents (or husband in the case of married unemployed girl student) is alive, only income of the parents/husband, as the case may be, from all sources has to be taken into account 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 (or husband in the case of married but unemployed girl student) have died, the income of the guardian who is supporting the student in his/her studies has to be taken. Such students whose parents' 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 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.

NOTE 4 : The revised income ceilings account for Consumer Price Index for Industrial workers ***upto October, 2004*** . Income Ceiling would be revised once in every two years linking it with Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers *for the month of October of the year, preceding the year of revision and will be made effective from April.*

V. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of scholarship includes maintenance allowance, provision for students with disabilities, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees, Study Tour Charges, thesis typing/printing charges and book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses, for complete duration of the course. The details are given below:-

(i) **Maintenance allowance:**

Groups	Rate of Maintenance Allowance (in Rupees per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
<u>Group I</u> Degree and Post Graduate level courses (including M. Phil, Ph. D and Post Doctoral research) in Medicines (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized system of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance, Business Administration and Computer Applications/Science. Commercial Pilot Licence (including helicopter pilot and Multi Engine rating) course.	740	330
<u>Group II</u> Other professional and technical graduate and Post Graduate (including M. Phil., Ph. D and Post Doctoral research) level courses not covered in Group I. CA/ICWA/CS/ etc. courses. All Post Graduate, Graduate level Diploma courses, all Certificate Level Courses.	510	330
<u>Group III</u> All other courses leading to a graduate or above degree (not covered in group 1 & II).	355	185
<u>Group IV</u> All post matriculation level courses before taking up graduation like classes XI and XII in 10 + 2 system and intermediate examination etc., not covered in Group 'II' or 'III'. ITI courses, other vocational courses (if minimum required qualification to pursue the course is at least matriculation).	235	140

Note 1: **Commercial Pilot License Course (CPL):** *CPL course is covered under Group 'I'. The number of awards for CPL will be 10 per annum. The selection of 10 ST students for CPL course will be made through Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Applications for CPL course will be invited through advertisement. Interested ST students may apply for selection for grant of scholarship for pursuing CPL course. Selected candidates shall be provided a maintenance allowance at rates applicable to Group 'I' courses i.e. Rs.740 per month for hostellers and Rs.330 per month for day scholars. In addition all compulsory fees, including flight charges are to be provided as fee.*

Note 2 : M.Phil and Ph.D courses are post-graduation courses. Scholarship to such students may be paid at the rates of maintenance allowance for Group 'I' or 'II' depending on the course under these groups.

Note 3 : 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 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 : Scholars who are entitled to free board and/or lodging will be paid maintenance charge at 1/3rd of the rate for Hostellers

(ii) **Additional Provision for ST students with disabilities**

(A) Reader Allowance for blind Scholars

(Rs. per month)

Level of Course	Reader Allowance
<i>Group I & II</i>	150
<i>Group III</i>	125
<i>Group IV</i>	100

- (B) Provision of transport allowance upto Rs.100/- per month for disabled students, if such student does not reside in the hostel, which is within the premises of educational institution. The disability as per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act,1995 is defined as blindness, low-vision, leprosy-cured, hearing impairment, locomotor disability, mental retardation and mental illness.
- (C) Escort Allowance of Rs.100/- per month for severally handicapped day scholar students with low extremity disability.
- (D) Special Pay of Rs.100/- per month is admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopedically handicapped student residing in hostel of an educational institution, who may need the assistance of a helper.
- (E) Allowance of Rs.150/- per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students.

The provisions in (B) to (D) will also apply to leprosy - cured students.

Note 1: The disabled students belonging to Scheduled Tribes covered under the Scheme can also get such additional benefits from other Schemes, which are not covered under the scheme.

Note 2: The disability as defined under the said Act has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration.

(iii) **Fees**

Scholars will be paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the Institution or University/Board. Refundable deposit like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

(iv) **Study Tours**

Study tour charges upto a maximum of Rs.1000 per annum, limited to the actual expenditure incurred by the student on transportation charges etc. will be paid to the scholars studying professional and technical courses, provided that the head of the institution certifies that the study tour is essential for the scholar for completion of his/her course of study.

(v) **Thesis Typing/Printing Charges**

Thesis typing/printing charges upto a maximum of Rs.1000/- will be paid to research scholars on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.

(vi) **Correspondence courses including distance and continuing education**

The students pursuing such courses are also eligible for an annual allowance of Rs.750/- for essential/prescribed books, besides reimbursement of course fees.

VI SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

- i) All the eligible Scheduled Tribes candidates will be given scholarships subject to the application of Means Test prescribed in these Regulations.
- ii) Candidates belonging to one State but studying in other State will be awarded scholarships 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 fees or other concessions also they will be treated as if they were studying in their own State.

VII DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

- i) The award once made will be tenable from the stage at which it is given to the completion of course subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed from year to year provided that within a 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 Scheduled Tribe scholar pursuing *Group I* course 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 and/or on account of any other unforeseeable 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.

VIII PAYMENT

- i) 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.

- ii) In case of renewal of scholarship awarded in the previous years, maintenance allowance will be paid from the month following the month upto which scholarship was paid in the previous year, if the course of study is continuous.
- iii) The Government of the State/Union Territory Administration, to which the student belongs, in accordance with the procedure laid down by them in this regard, will pay the scholarship money to the selected students.
- iv) 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.

IX OTHER CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD

- i) 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 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.
- 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. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.
- iii) 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 them and stop payment of the scholarship money. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the State Government.

- iv) 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.
- v) The regulations can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEME

All the State Governments will announce in May-June, the details of the scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers of the State and through other media outfits. All requests for application forms and other particulars should be addressed to the Government of State/Union Territory Administration to which the scholars actually belong. The applicant should submit the completed application to the prescribed authority before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications.

XI. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING

- 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) One attested copy of certificates, diploma, degree etc. in respect of all examinations passed.
 - d) A certificate (in original) of Caste duly signed by an authorised Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.
 - e) 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.

- f) A receipt in acknowledgement of the scholarship in the previous year on the form attached to the application only duly countersigned by the Head of the Institution 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, being attended or last attended by the candidates and shall be addressed to an officer specified for this purpose by the Government of State/Union Territory to which the student belongs, in accordance with the instructions issued by them from time to time.

XII. FUNDING PATTERN OF THE SCHEME

The Scheme is implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which receive 100% central assistance from Government of India, over and above their respective Committed Liability. The level of Committed Liability of respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for a year is equivalent to the level of actual expenditure incurred by them under the Scheme during the terminal year of the last Five Year Plan Period and is required to be borne by them for which they are required to make required provision in their own budget. The North Eastern States have, however, been exempted from making their own budgetary provisions towards Committee Liability from Ninth Plan Period (from 1997-98 to 2001-02) onwards. ***The State of Sikkim has, however, also been exempted from making their own budgetary provisions towards Committee Liability from Eleventh Plan Period (from 2007-08 to -2011-12) onwards.*** The entire expenditure under the Scheme in respect of them will be borne by Government of India.

XIII Book Bank for Scheduled Tribe Students

1. Object

The object behind the Scheme is to establish Book Banks in each Medical (including Indian systems of Medicine and Homeopathy), Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnics, Law Course, Chartered Accountancy, MBA and Bio-Sciences to Scheduled Tribe students who can not afford expensive education but for adequate state support. The inability of these students to buy costly text books, results in large number of failures and drop outs which retards the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes.

2. Scope

These 'Book Banks' are to be set up in all the Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Law and Veterinary Degree Colleges and Institutes imparting Chartered Accountancy, MBA and alike Management Courses and Polytechnics where Scheduled Tribe students receiving Post Matric Scholarship under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to Scheduled Tribes for studies in India belonging to the parent state or from other state, are studying. Purchase of books for these 'Book Banks' will be restricted to the prescribed text books for the entire courses for recognized Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Law Courses, Chartered Accountancy, MBA, Bio-Sciences and Polytechnic courses being pursued by ST students therein. The set of text books will be purchased for 2 such ST students at various stages except in respect of Post-graduate courses and Chartered Accountancy where it will be one set for each student. However, the ratio of sets and students will have to be adjusted to the total number of sets that could be procured within the total resources allocated to the State concerned. The State Government may constitute an expert group consisting of members from selected colleges of different regions to decide the adequate number of text books in a set (not reference books) required for each course. Thereafter estimate may be worked out keeping in view the price of cheap Indian editions. The State Government may constitute a set within the total cost of text books. The life period of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years.

3. Course-wise Pattern of Assistance

Central assistance to States/UTs for setting up of Book Banks is limited to the following ceiling or actual cost of a set, whichever is less:

I. Degree Courses

(Amount in Rupees)

Sl. No.	Course	Cost of one set (1 set for 2 students)
1.	Medical	7,500
2	Engineering	7,500
3.	Veterinary	5,000
4.	Agriculture	4,500
5.	Polytechnic	2,400

II. Post-Graduate Course

(Amount in Rupees)

Sl. No.	Course	Cost of one set (1 set per student)
1	Post Graduate courses in Medical, Engineering, Agriculture and Veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as are approved by the Universities/Institutes of higher learning.	5,000
2	Law courses, L.L.B. (3 years and 5 years) L.L.M. (2 years)	5,000
3	Chartered Accountancy (inter-mediate and final)	5,000
4	M.B.A. (2 years) and similar courses	5,000
5	Bio-Science	5,000

Note: The said sets of books will also include Braille Books, Talking Books, and Cassettes for the visually Handicapped students.

The essential books purchased, limiting the amount to the ceilings indicated above are to be supplied to the ST students in instalments, depending on the course, semester structure etc.

The life span of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years so as to ensure that Book Banks beneficiaries have access to the latest books/editions. At the end of 3 years these books may be kept in the library of the concerned

institution for loan to other ST students until such time as the books remain relevant and serviceable. Thereafter the books may be disposed off by the institution in the same manner as the books in the library subject to the guidelines, if any, of the State Government/UT Administration in this regard. Purchase of text books for these Book Banks is restricted to the prescribed text books for the entire course referred to above.

4. Preference to Girl Student and Handicapped Students

While selecting students for 'Book Bank' Scheme the State/UT should set a target to be implemented, wherever possible, that at least 30% of the beneficiaries are girl ST students and at least 3% disabled ST students.

5. Financial Assistance

Central assistance for the setting up of 'Book Banks' will be given for the purchase of prescribed text books for Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary and Polytechnic courses and Post-Graduate courses in Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as are approved by the Universities/Institutions of higher learning, Law Courses, Chartered Accountancy (Inter-mediate and final), MBA and Bio-Sciences limited to the amount as indicated above or actual cost of a set, whichever is less.

For storage of books and contingencies etc., the cost of steel almirah for storing books of each 'Book Banks' including contingencies like transportation etc. the following expenses are admissible.

- (i) Rs. 2000/- or actual cost whichever is less.
- (ii) 5% of the grant may be earmarked for expenses on binding, stitching etc.

6. Placement of funds and Administration of the Scheme

The total expenditure on the scheme of 'Book Banks' will be shared between the Central and the State Government on matching grant basis (50:50) (100% central assistance to the UT Administration). State Govt. may consider

making the Heads of the Institutions responsible for the running of the Scheme and place funds at their disposal.

7. Submission of Data

The State Governments UT Administrations will inform the Government of India about the amount allotted college-wise specifying the number of sets to be purchased for that college and the number of beneficiaries.

8. Utilization of funds

Financial assistance given under the Scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose. If the college concerned fails to utilize the grant for the purpose for which it is given, the amount shall be refunded to the Central Government. The State Government/UT Administration should furnish statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificates.

9. Distribution of Books to Students

The following rules shall govern the distribution of books to the students:

- (i) Each ST student will be provided with an identity card for this purpose.
- (ii) Each ST student will be required to submit the requisition for borrowing books from the Book Bank in a form to be provided for this purpose.
- (iii) Books will be suitably distributed among the ST students keeping in view the norm that one set is meant for 2 students for the entire course, except in respect of Post-Graduate courses and other courses as stated in para XIV (I) & XIV (II) above.
- (iv) The books should be returned to the Book Bank at the end of each term. The Principal of the College/Institution will make every effort to ensure that those students who complete their course or those who drop out in the middle, return the books belonging to the Book Bank.
- (v) It is the responsibility of the student concerned to maintain the books supplied to them from the Book Bank, in good condition.

- (vi) Any case of loss or damage to the books would attract penalty. In case of serious damage or loss of books, the student concerned will have to bear the cost of the book.

REFERENCES :

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2	III(x)	No.11017/23/-80-SC&BCD-III dated 21-6-1980
3	III(xi),III((xii)	No.11017/4/97-SCD-V dated 10-7-1998
4	IV Note 1	No.11017/2/94-Sch.Cell dated 29-12-1995
5	IV Note 2	No.11017/1/92-Sch.Cell dated 14-2-1996
6	IV Note 3	No.11017/10/94-Sch.Cell dated 22-7-1994
7	IV Note 4	No.11017/8/97-Sch.Cell dated 3-4-1998
8	V Group 'A' (I)	No.11017/1/93-Sch.Cell dated 7-4-1995
9	V(I) Note 1	1. No.11017/2/91-Sch.Cell dated 24-7-1992 & 2. No.11017/9/91-Sch.Cell dated 1-2-1994
10	V(I) Note 2	No.11017/2/92-Sch.Cell dated 8-4-1994
11	V(I) Note 3	No.11017/11/93-Sch.Cell dated 31-3-1995
12	XI	No.11017/4/97-SCD-V dated 10-7-1998
13	V (i),(ii),(iv)(v), (vi) IV, XIII	<u>Ministry of Tribal Affairs' Circular</u> No. 20014/10/2000-TDA (Vol. III) dated 19-2-2004.
14	V (iii)	No. 20014/10/2000-TDA (Vol. IV) dated 29-5-2006
15	V (i) Note 1.	No. 20014/4/2006-Education dated 9-8-2006
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17	V (iii)	No. 20014/10/2000-Education (Vol. IV) dated 5-7-2007
18	V (iii)	No.19012/85/2006-Education dated 28-9-2007
19	V (iii)	No.19012/85/2006-Education dated 27-11-2007
20	XII	No. 20014/1/2007-Education dated 19-12-2007
21	V (iii)	No.19012/85/2006-Education dated 4-3-2008



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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110 001
Dated the 19th February, 2004

To

All State Governments and UT Admns.

Subject: CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED TRIBES-CONTINUATION OF THE SCHEME DURING THE 10th FIVE YEARPLAN (2002-07) WITH MODIFICATIONS-REGARDING.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that the Government of India have decided to continue the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Students belonging to Scheduled Tribes during the 10th Five Year Plan period (2002-2007) with the following modifications effective from 01-04-2003:-

- (i) The existing grouping of the courses into five groups viz. A,B,C,D &E stands changed to four groups viz. Group I, Group II, Group III and Group IV. The existing and revised grouping of courses are given in the annexure. The list of courses is only illustrative and not exhaustive.
- (ii) The maintenance allowance rates stand revised for all students in receipt of the Scholarship under this scheme with effect from 1-4-2003 are as under:

Maintenance Allowance rate (Rs. Per month)					
Existing Rates			Revised Rates		
Groups	Hostellers	Day Scholars	Groups	Hostellers	Day Scholars
A	425	190	I	740	330
B&C	290	190	II	510	330
D	230	120	III	355	185
E	150	90	IV	235	140

- (iii) The income ceilings stand revised as under:

Existing		Revised	
Annual Income Ceiling	Admissibility of Scholarship	Annual Income Ceiling	Admissibility of Scholarship
Rs.49,000/-	Full maintenance allowance and full fee for all courses	Rs. 1,00,000/- (One lakh only)	Full maintenance allowance and full fee for all courses
Rs.65,290/-	(i) Full maintenance allowance and full fee for all courses in Group 'A'. (ii) Half maintenance allowance and full fee for courses in Group B,C,D &E		

The revised income ceiling accounts for Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPIIW) upto October, 2002. The Income Ceiling would be revised once in every two years linking it with CPIIW.

(iv) The existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Book Banks for Scheduled Tribe students stands merged with the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship of ST students, implying that Book Banks will be one of the components of the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme.

(v) The following allowances admissible under the scheme stand revised as under:

S.NO.	Particulars	Existing Rate	Revised Rate
1.	Study Tour Charges	Rs. 500 p.a.	Rs. 1000 p.a.
2.	Thesis Typing/Printing Charges	Rs.600	Rs.1000
3.	Book Grant for Correspondence Courses	Rs.500 p.a.	Rs. 750 p.a.

2. The regulations governing the Scheme w.e.f. 1.4.2003 will be issued separately. Hindi Version will be sent later.
3. These modifications may please be brought to the notice of all concerned and the proposals for seeking central assistance as per the revised norms may please be furnished at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

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Annexure

**CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP
TO STUDENTS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED TRIBES-EXISTING AND PROPOSED
REGROUPING OF COURSES.**

PRE-REVISED GROUPING OF COURSES	REVISED GROUPING OF COURSES
Group A	Group 1
<p>Medical/Engineering including Degree level courses in Indian Medicine, B.A.M. & S. and comparable courses in Ayurvedic, Unani/Tibia and Homeopathic System of Medicine. B.Sc (Agriculture/B.V. Sc/B.F.Sc (Fisheries), Higher Technical and Professional studies like Degree and Post-Graduate Courses in Agricultural and Veterinary Science.</p>	<p>Degree and Post Graduate Level Courses (Including M.Phil, Ph.D and Post Doctoral research) in Medicines (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized System of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Science, Management, Business Finance, Business Administration and Computer Applications/Science. Commercial Pilot Licence (including helicopter Pilot & Multi Engine Rating) Course.</p>
Group B & C	Group 2
<p>Group B : Diploma level courses in Indian Medicine and comparable Courses in Ayurvedic, Unani/Tibia and Homeopathic system of Medicine. Diploma & comparable courses in Engineering, Technology, architecture, medicine, diploma level courses in Printing technology and courses for overseer draftsman, Surveyor. Commercial Pilot Licence .Diploma and higher courses in Hotel Management catering technology and applied Nutrition. Degree and post-graduate courses in Nursing and Pharmacy. Wireless and television operators/ sound recording and sound engineering motion picture, photography, film direction/ Acting/screenplay/writing. Degree/post-graduate diploma courses in business management, chartered and Cost/Works Accountancy. Post graduate courses in science subjects.</p>	<p>Other professional and technical graduate and Post Graduate (including M.Phil, Ph.D and Post Doctoral research) level courses not covered in Group 1. C.A./ICWA/CS etc. courses. All Post Graduate, Graduate level Diploma Courses, all certificate level Courses.</p>
<p>Group C : Certificate course in Engineering/Technology, Architecture and Medicine. Diploma and Certificate course in Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Fisheries, Dairy Development, Hygiene and Public Health, Sanitary Inspector's Course, Courses for Rural Services, Cooperation and Community Development, Sub-Officer's Course at the National Fire Service College, Nagpur,</p>	

Library Science. Degree/Post-graduate Diploma and Post Graduate courses in Teachers Training, Library Science and Physical Education, Music, Fine Arts and Law, Craft Instructor's Training Course, Certificate Course in Hotel Management/Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition. Passenger Transport Management, Associate Degree in Pharmacy. Post-Graduate courses in Arts and Commerce Subjects.	
Group D	Group III
General Courses upto graduate level (2nd year and onward)	All other courses leading to a graduate or above degree (not covered in group I & II)
Group E	Group IV
Class XI and XII in 10 + 2 system, Intermediate courses and first year of general courses upto graduate level.	All post matriculation level courses before taking up graduation like classes XI and XII in 10+2 system and intermediate examination etc. not covered in Group 'II' or 'III'. ITI courses, other vocational courses (if minimum required qualification to pursue the course is at least matriculation).



No. 20014/10/2000-Education (Vol. IV)
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[Education Section]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 29th May, 2006.

To

All States/UTs
Tribal Welfare Deptt.
Govt. of

Subject:- Reg. reimbursement of fees under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) for ST students.

Sir,

I am directed to say that Ministry of Tribal Affairs has decided that reimbursement of tuition fees under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) for ST students would be payable in the following manner:-

(a) For Government Schools/Colleges:

Full amount of fee as was prevailing on 31.3.2005 will be reimbursed. The PMS amount on account of fees will not be increased by the Central Govt. even if the State Govt. increases the fees in an institution. The matter of revision of fees may be reviewed after 3 years.

(b) For Private Colleges:

The PMS amount on account of fees for seats in private colleges filled up on merit or competition basis will be same as for students in Government Colleges/Institutions. Any extra amount will have to be borne by the student himself/herself.

(c) For Private Colleges against management quota seats:

The PMS for management quota seats will be same as for comparable courses in Govt. colleges/institutions but the number of students will be limited to the reservation quota for STs in the concerned State/UT.

2. You are therefore requested to ensure that this pattern is followed for reimbursement of fees under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST students in your State. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. C.V. Dharma Rao)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.



No.20014/5/2002-Scheme/Education
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[Education Section]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
Dated the 3rd July, 2007.

To

The Secretaries-in-charge of
Tribal Development Department,
All State Governments/UT Admns.

Sub : Revision of Income Ceiling under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for studies in India with effect from 1-4-2007.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above-mentioned subject and to say that the Government has decided to revise the existing Income Ceiling of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) per annum as contained in para IV (Mean Test) in the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes, for studies in India – Regulation Governing the Award of Scholarship, to Rs. 1,08,000/- (Rupees one lakh eight thousand only) per annum, linked to the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers up to October 2004, effective from the year 2007-08. The Post-Matric Scholarships for the current financial year may be disbursed accordingly.

2. The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are also requested to give wide publicity to the above decision through various media outfits and through State and District Administrations, including various Academic Institutions.

3. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged immediately.

Yours faithfully,

[Juthika Patankar]
Director
Tele# 23073176

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi (Adviser. Planning Commission, Backward Classes Division).
2. The Adviser, Projects Appraisal and Management Division, Planning Commission, New Delhi.
3. Ministry of Finance, Deptt. Of Expenditure, Plan Finance-II, North Block, New Delhi.
4. The Ministry of Human Resources Development, Deptt. Of Secondary & Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Ministry of Law and Justice, Deptt. Of Legal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, SCD V, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Information Officer, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, PIB, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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Director
Tele # 23073176

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2. PS to JS&FA/JS(RP)/JS(Admn)/DDG (Statistic)
3. All Directors/Deputy Secretaries/USs/DD
4. All Sections/IFD/P&AO, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

[Juthika Patankar]
Director



No. 20014/10/2000-Education (Vol. IV)
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[Education Section]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 5th July, 2007.

To

The Secretary,
Tribal Welfare /Development Deptt.
All State Governments/UT Administrations

CORRIGENDUM

Subject:- Regarding re-imburement of fees under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of
Post - Matric Scholarship (PMS) for ST students.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated the
29th May, 2006 on the above subject and to say that sub-para (a) i.e. "For
Government Schools/Colleges" has now been amended to read as under:-

"(a) For Government Schools/Colleges:-

Full amount of fee charged by Government institutions will be reimbursed under
PMS Scheme".

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Juthika Patankar)
Director
Tel. # 23073176



No. 19012/85/2006-Education
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[Education Section]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
Dated the 28th September, 2007.

To

The Secretary/In-charge of
Tribal Development/SC Welfare Deptt.,
All State Governments/ UT Administrations,

Sub : Regarding reimbursement of fees under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of
Post Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs' letters No. 20014/10/2000-Education (Vol. IV) dated 29th May, 2006 and dated 5th July, 2007 on the above subject and to state that in supersession of the above mentioned letters, the reimbursement of fees under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes may be implemented with the following modifications, w.e.f. 2007-2008 :-

- (i) in case of professional courses, the Post Matric Scholarship would be available only to those students who are admitted against "free seats" (also known as Government seats or aided seats), whether in Government or private institutions; and
- (ii) in case of private institutions, where admissions is on the basis of 12th standard examination marks, there shall be a bench mark of 60% for availing of the Post Matric Scholarship scheme.

Yours faithfully,

[Juthika Patankar]
Director



No. 19012/85/2006-Education
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[Education Section]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
Dated the 27th November, 2007.

To

The Secretary/In-charge of
Tribal Development/SC Welfare Deptt.,
All State Governments/ UT Administrations,

Sub : Reimbursement of fees under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric
Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes – Requirement of
additional Central Assistance regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs' letter dated 28th
September, 2007 (copy enclosed) on the above subject and to state that part (ii) of the
said letter is applicable for Professional Courses only.

2. These modifications may please be brought to the notice of all concerned and
the proposals for seeking additional requirement of Central Assistance as per the said
modifications may please be furnished at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

[Sunil Garg]
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tele # 011-23385770



No.20014/1/2007-Education
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[Education Section]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
Dated the 19th December, 2007.

To

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary,
Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Deptt.,
(Welfare Division)
Government of Sikkim,
Gangtok.

Sub: Exemption of the condition of Committed Liability under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for studies in India in line with North-Eastern States with effect from the Eleventh Five Year Plan (from 2007-08 to 2011-12) onwards.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. 417/PO/SJE&WD/07 dated 13th March, 2007 on the above subject and to say that the State of Sikkim has been included in the North Eastern Council as per the North Eastern Council (Amendment) Act, 2002 (No. 68 of 2002) published in the Gazette of India dated 23-12-2002 also issued by Government of Sikkim vide Gazette Notification on 30th June, 2003.

2. However, the condition of the Committed Liability of the State of Sikkim in line with North-Eastern States under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribe for studies in India has been exempted from the Eleventh Five Year Plan (from 2007-08 to 2011-12) onwards.

3. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance of this Ministry vide their Dy. No. 4833/JS & FA/2007 dated 14-12-2007.

Yours faithfully,

[Juthika Patankar]
Director
Tele # 011-23073176

No.20014/1/2007-Education

Dated the 19th December, 2007

Copy forwarded for information to:-

1. The Planning Commission, Deputy Adviser (BC&TD), Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi. w.r.t. their OM No. M-11012/18/2001-BC (Vol.II) dated 26th October, 2007.
2. The Planning Commission, (Shri G B Panda, Adviser,), Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Advisor, Project Appraisal and Management Division, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, North Block New Delhi.
5. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, (SCD V), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Deptt. Of Sr. Secondary Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. National Commission for STs, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Dir (NIC), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi is requested to post of this letter on the website of this Ministry.

[Juthika Patankar]
Director
Tele # 011-23073176

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No.19012/85/2006-Education
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001.
Dated the 4th March, 2008.

To

The Secretary/In-charge of
Tribal Development/SC Welfare Deptt.
All State Governments/UT Administrations.

Subject: Modifications in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters of even number dated 28.9.2007 and 27.11.2007 (copies enclosed) on the subject of reimbursement of fees under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to ST students and to state that it has been decided to withdraw the modifications mentioned in the letters referred to above, namely letter No.19012/85/2006-Education dated 28.9.2007 and the clarification issued by letter No.19012/85/2006-Education dated 27.11.2007. It may also be noted that in addition to the above mentioned letters, the letters No.20014/10/2000-Education (Vol.IV) dated 29.5.2006 and 5.7.2007 of this Ministry on the subject of fees remain superseded.

2. In view of the above, the additional requirement of funds under PMS Scheme may be indicated by 30th March 2008. Further, the proposals under the scheme, complete in all respects may be sent by the end of June 2008, in order to ensure timely release of funds by the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Juthika Patankar)
Director
Tele:23073176
