

PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES

1. The Scheme has been proposed in pursuance of the Government's commitment to Prime Minister's new 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities.
2. The objective of the scheme is to award scholarship to meritorious students belonging to minority communities so as to provide those better opportunities from the very beginning of school education and to provide a strong foundation for increasing their percentage of attainment of higher education.
3. The scheme will be implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations. Funding pattern in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and States will be provided by the Central Government to the State Governments. 100 % financial assistance will be provided to UT Administrations.
4. 1 % of the Central share under the Scheme is proposed to meet the administrative expenditure for computers & accessories, furniture, printing of application form, advertisements, engagement of personnel on contract basis and evaluation & monitoring of the scheme for the State Governments/UT Administrations and Ministry of Minority Affairs.
5. The scholarship is proposed to be awarded for studies in India in a Government or private from class I to class X, including such residential Government Institutes and eligible private institute selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government/UT Administration concerned. Scholarship will be awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50 % marks in the previous final examination.
6. To be eligible, the annual income of student's parents/guardian from all sources should not exceed Rs. 1 lakh.
7. Award of scholarship will be restricted to not more than two students in a family.
8. Inter se selection weightage is to be given to poverty rather than marks.
9. 30 % of scholarship shall be earmarked for girl students. In case sufficient number of girl students is not available. It will be given to eligible boy students.
10. Actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.500/- per annum for admission fee and actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.350/- per month for tuition fee will be provided. Maintenance allowance will be given for 10 months only in an academic year at the rate of Rs.600/- per month from class VI to X for hostellers and Rs.100/- per month from class I to X for day scholars.
11. Distribution of scholarships among States/UTs will be made on the basis of population of the minorities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis notified under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.
12. The monitoring of the financial and the physical performance of the scheme will be evaluated by entrusting studies to reputed institutions/agencies.