SS-15/4/2021-Scholarship-MoMA Government of India Ministry of Minority Affairs

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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 2022-23 – regarding.

Madam / Sir,

I am directed to inform that 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 through National Scholarship Portal (NSP) of the Government of India and the Students can apply under these schemes through URL www.scholarships.gov.in. or through the link available on www.minorityaffairs.gov.in, Scholarships are awarded under these Schemes to the economically weaker and meritorious students from the six centrally notified minority communities viz. Buddhist, Christain, Jain Muslim, Sikh, and Zoroastrian (Parsi) pursuing studies in India in a Government or recognized private university / Institute / college/ school.

2. The Central Government has decided to open the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on 20th July, 2022 for the three Scholarship Schemes for 2022-23 as detailed below:-

For Pre-Matric Scholarship Schemes:

Opening of Portal	20 th July, 2022
Last date for application submission	30 th September, 2022
Last date for INO level verification	16 th October, 2022
Last date for second level verification	31 st October, 2022

For Post-Matric/Top-class/MCM scholarship schemes:

Opening of Portal	20 th July, 2022
Last date for application submission	31 st October, 2022
Last date for INO level verification	15 th November, 2022
Last date for second level verification	30 th November, 2022

*Only Online applications under the Schemes will be accepted and no request for Offline application will be entertained.

3. The States/ UTs should publicize the Schemes through advertisements in leading local newspapers and other popular means in their respective State/ UT to enable maximum minority students to avail the benefits under these scholarship Schemes. A copy of Draft Advertisement for their use, as approved by this Ministry, is at Annexure-I. At the National level, Ministry of Minority Affairs will be issuing an advertisement.

4. The State-wise/ Community-wise physical allocation under the three Scholarship Schemes for the financial year 2022-23 is yet to be done as the scheme and guidelines are likely to be revised shortly. Hence, the same shall be intimated separately in due course. In so far as Renewal applications (applicants / students, who have got scholarship during 2021-22) are concerned, there is no target for them and all Renewal applications are eligible for scholarship during the year. They shall apply by giving their existing Application ID.

5. Other actions to be taken by the State Governments / UT Administrations related to the implementation of the 3 Scholarship Schemes are at *Annexure-II* for Strict compliance.

6. The receipt of this Letter may please be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

(Dhruv Chakravarty) Deputy Secretary of the Government of India Tel: 011 2436 0852

Copy to :-

- Joint Secretary (DBT) (Shri Saurabh K Tiwari) Cabinet Secretariat, 4th Floor, Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.
- 2. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries In-charge Minority Welfare Department, All State Government/ UT Administration.
- 3. Nodal Officer of States / UTs (Dealing with minority welfare Department).
- 4. NIC, MoMA for uploading in the website of the Ministry.

Actions to be taken by the State Governments/ UT Administration related to the implementation of the 3 Scholarship Schemes:

- All Universities/ Institutions / Colleges/ Schools, having valid AISHE/U-DISE/NCVT/SCVT codes, located in the State/ UT should be advised to register themselves and get their KYC and Aadhaar-Demo-Authentication done at the orliest. They should also be advised to get their courses' details updated on the NSP at the earliest so that their students can apply and they can verify such applications on the Portal within the timelines.
- ii. The timelines need to be adhered to strictly. Technical issue, if any arising during the process of online submissions, verification, generation of merit lists and payment lots may be resolved immediately in consultation with the NIC HQ or State NICs at the earliest.
- iii. It has been observed that after the last date (s) of verification, a large number of Fresh as well as Renewal applications are left pending for verification at L1 level by Institute Nodal Officers and L2 level by State/ District Nodal Officers (SNOs/DNOs). All States / UTs are advised to look into this issue and ensure that no application remains unverified after the stipulated last date (s) of verification during 2022-23.
- iv. All Verification Authorities (INO/ DNO/SNO) are advised to mark an application fake only if he/ she is satisfied that the applicant is not a bonafide student. In other circumstances, in case of non-fulfilment of eligibility criteria or inconsistency of records, the verifying authority may either reject the application or mark it defective and give the applicant another opportunity to correct their records.
- v. It needs to be noted by all the INOs, DNOs and SNOs that in case if any application is marked fake at L2 Level by the DNO or the SNO then the entire bunch of applications from that School/ Institute will go back to the respective INO login of that School/ Institute for re-verification. Hence the DNOs/SNOs are advised to exercise caution while using the option of marking an application fake.