Guidelines for implementation of Post Matric Scholarship and Pre Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Students.

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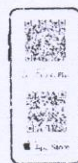
Sir/Madam,

Please find attached herewith letter dated 25/06/2025 on the subject cited above, received from Directorate of Social Welfare, Panaji Goa for your information and necessary action.

Regards,
Development Section,
Directorate of Higher Education.
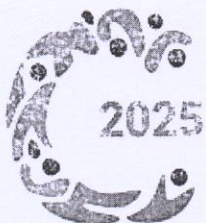
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No. 305-DSW-BC-2025-26/PMS-SC-Awareness/ 3375   Date: 25/06/2025

To,
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   The Directorate of Higher Education,
   Alto, Porvorim- Goa.
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   The Directorate of Technical Education,
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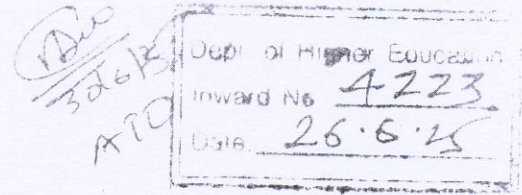
Sub :- Guidelines for implementation of Post Matric Scholarship and Pre Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste students.

Sir ,

With reference to the above said subject, please find enclosed herewith the copy of guidelines issued by ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi with the request to examine the same and bring it to the notice of all the educational institution in order to give instructions to the students to follow the guidelines before applying for the Post Matric Scholarship and Pre Matric Scholarship.
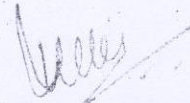
It is further inform that suitable instructions may kindly be issued to the students to get their Aadhaar card seeded with the bank account failing which the applications of the students will not be entertain.

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It is also requested that, kindly provide this Department the data base of the Students belonging to the SC/OBC/EBC/ and Minority Communities who are enrolled in your Schools/Institutions/ Colleges for the F.Y 2025-26 Separately in excel Sheet in Soft copy so as to forward it to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi.

Yours faithfully

(Ajit Panchwadkar)
Director of Social Welfare &
Ex- Officio Addl. Secretary

Encl:- as above

Copy to:

1. The Under Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information.
2. Office copy.
3. Guard file.

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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
(Department of Social Justice & Empowerment)
(SCD-V)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
the dated :-19th June, 2025

To

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary/Additional
Secretary, Social Welfare Department/SC/OBC Welfare Department
All State Governments/UT Administration.

Subject: -Sharing of State Share paid data to NSP for payment of Central
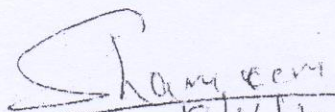Share - reg.

Respected Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the instructions letter dated 29th
May,2025 and to inform that Centrally Sponsored 'Pre-Matric Scholarships
Scheme for SCs & Others' and 'Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC
Students (PMS-SC)' of the Govt. of India have the basic objective to improve
the Gross Enrollment ratio and thereby the educational status of poor SC
students in the country.

2.   These aforementioned schemes are implemented in the DBT mode in
which Central Share is directly paid through Aadhar Payment Bridge System
into the accounts of the beneficiaries only after payment of State Share
(40%). For payment of Central Share, States/UTs are required to push State
Share paid data to NSP.

3.   Therefore, to avoid delays in release of Central Share in regard of the
above said schemes, and in view of the grievances received from the
students; States/UTs may please ensure that the State share paid data are
pushed to NSP on the very same day so that central share could be
disbursed to the SC student beneficiaries in time.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully

(Shameem Alam)

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Copy to:

1. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary/Additional Secretary Social Welfare Department/School Education Department, All State Governments/UT Administration.
2. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary/Additional Secretary Social Welfare Department/ Higher Education Department, All State Governments/UT Administration.
3. Commissioner/Director, SC Welfare Department, State Governments/UT Administrations.

No.K-11017/1/2022-SCD-V
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

(SCD-V)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated:-29th May, 2025

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal
Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner/Additional Secretary Incharges/ Social
Welfare Department/SC/OBC Welfare Department
All State Government/UT Administrations.

Subject:-Instructions regarding Implementation of Post Matric Scholarship
Scheme (SC) Students and Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students
& Others for AY 2025-26-reg.

Respected Madam/Sir,

With reference to implementation of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme
(SC) Students and Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs & Others for AY
2025-26, it is informed that in addition to the instructions already issued to
all States/UTs vide letter dated 08th July,2024 (copy enclosed), following
instructions as approved by the competent authority are required to be
implemented by all States/UTs:

1.   **AY:2025-26** – Opening of State portals for registration of applications
for AY 2025-26. As discussed during various meetings including Chintan
Shivir, the State/UTs portals should start registration of applications for the
academic year at the beginning of the academic year, starting 2025-26.
States/UTs are requested to open their portals at the earliest. Further, the
portals are required to be open throughout the academic year for registration
of applications.

2.   **Addition of APAR ID Field** –Starting from the academic year 2025-
26, the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) has
introduced a new field in the API called 'APAR ID (Automated Permanent
Academic Account Registry)'. This field, marked as optional, will be provided
to State/UT Departments for sharing data with the Central Portal to
facilitate the disbursement of the Central Share. States/UTs are required to
integrate their portals with the respective State education departments and
capture the APAR ID.

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3. **Implementation of Biometric Authentication (BioAuth) for applicants and INOs/HoIs/DNOs/SNOs** – With reference to this Department's letter dated 06th January 2025, a one-time relaxation for mandatory provision of Bio-metric Authentication was approved by the competent authority for AY 2024-25. However, **Aadhaar based Biometric Authentication is mandatory for all States/UTs for AY:2025-26.** All eligible beneficiaries from AY 2025-26, need to have their Aadhaar based biometric eKYC to be mandatorily completed during the application registration process. States/UT departments to ensure that entire exercise is completed along with the registration and verification. The States and UTs shaould take proactive steps to facilitate Aadhaar based biometric eKYC for the beneficiaries and also to ensure that no eligible student is deprived for lack of Aadhaar based biometric eKYC.

4. **Implementation of One-Time Registration (OTR) for de-duplication purposes** – With reference to this Department's letter dated 03rd December 2024, all non-NSP boarded States/UTs are encouraged to implement OTR on their portals, to ensure de-duplication of applications.

5. **Reduction in turnaround time** – As per observation of last number of years the turnaround time i.e., the total time taken between registration of application till disbursement of central share, is unduly long. The States/UTs are required to examine/review the various the steps/processes, and take necessary effective steps to ensure that the turnaround time is substantially reduced. For this, States/UTs may undertake following steps (but not limited to):

(a) **Renewal applications** – as renewal applications require less processing, States/UTs may ensure that renewal applications are processed for State share at the start of the academic year, without any delay. Further, **for such renewal applicants the State share paid may be pushed to NSP for release of central share before end of July for every academic year.**

(b) **Verification** – It has been observed that many States/UTs initiate the verification process only after the closure of the application portal. Additionally, the presence of multiple complex levels of verification contributes to significant delays in the processing of applications. To address these challenges, States/UTs may explore options such as:

(i) **Real time verification** – Upon registration of an application, the concerned State/UT should initiate the verification process immediately for the purpose of disbursing the State's share.

(ii) **Technological solutions** – States/UTs may explore and adopt appropriate technological solutions to streamline processes and minimize multiple complex layers of implementation.

(iii) **Fetching of documents from related State portals** – States/UTs should ensure that the scholarship portal is integrated with relevant departmental portals such as Revenue, Education, and others, to enable seamless online fetching of required documents.

(c) States/UTs may explore and implement any other relevant measures or innovative practices that can contribute to reducing the turnaround time for scholarship disbursement.

6. All scholarship payments to be made using Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB) System to ensure that payments are made only to the eligible beneficiary. States/UTs to also use APBS for disbursement of state share under the said scheme. No Account based payments are accepted for disbursement of central share under the scholarship schemes.

7. Real time integration (REST API) of State Scheme portals with NPCI-State portals is mandatory to show the real time status of Aadhaar seeding for applicant at the time of registration. This would help in reducing the payment failure issues related to non Aadhaar seeding faced in previous years, while at the same time help applicants get their Aadhaar seeding status.

8. In case of non-seeding of Aadhaar with beneficiary's account, INO must ensure that the student's Aadhaar seeding is completed and form is finally submitted within 15 days of registration of application. Thereafter, the State Governments are requested to ensure that the state share of scholarship is disbursed within 30 days of INO verification. Reducing the turnaround time for scholarship disbursement is extremely important and the emphasis of the Ministry.

9. SNOs and DNOs are requested to arrange and organise Aadhaar seeding camps for the applicants in coordination with the banks at the institution level.

10. Institute must have valid and active AISHE or UDISE + of NCVT or SCVT code in each record. Mandatory integration of State portals with AISHE & other similar databases for authentication of School/College/Institutions from AY-2025-26.

11. **Capturing the Institution type**- The State Scholarship Portals should also capture the Institute type (Government/Government Aided/Private) during the application verification process. The INO shall be responsible to capture, check and verify the type of Institution. It is imperative that the API be updated to include additional mandatory parameters that captures the type of institution from the State/UT.

12. For States/UTs, it is required that there is mandatory integration with Digilocker/API Setu/State Database for Digital/online Verification of eligibility certificates since AY 2024-25. For online verification of eligibility certificates/documents, States/UTs shall use Digilocker/API Set-extensively for eligibility verif

specially the Caste Certificate, Income Certificate, Educational Certificates and Domicile Certificate required for applying for the scholarships should be fetched online.

13. Geo-tagging of all Institute to be completed.

14. States must ensure that a facility/provision is in place through which beneficiaries are informed regularly about the status of their scholarship application. Once scholarship is released, the State Governments/UTs are required to notify the beneficiaries as well as the institutions through SMS, Email, or any other means.

15. Students must ensure that scholarship benefit received from the State and Central Government viz. Tuition Fee/Non Refundable Fee is paid to the institute within 7 days from the date of receiving of scholarship amount. It shall be the responsibility of the State Governments and concerned Institutions to mentor/counsel/guide the beneficiaries to pay/remit the said amount to the Institutions. States/UTs must have appropriate systems and policies in place to ensure the same.

16. **Disbursement of State share**: States shall have to clear all the pendency of AY 2023-24 and 2024-25, i.e., Disbursement of State Share, Aadhaar seeding failed cases and any other failure cases if any, at the earliest. States/UTs must also ensure data purification exercises are undertaken at regular intervals so that all redundant data, dummy data, duplicate data and incomplete data are removed from the system and scholarship portals.

17. **Pending Utilization Certificates** - States/UTs are required to submit the pending Utilization Certificates for Administrative Funds released during earlier years.

18. **Aadhaar based Biometric eKYC for all INOs/HoIs/DNOs/SNO** - From AY 2025-26, central share disbursement will take place only if, the concerned INOs/HoIs/DNOs/SNO has completed their Aadhaar based Biometric eKYC.

19. **IEC & Capacity building**: for all the activities related to IEC & Capacity building, States/UTs are suggested to arrange suitable & adequate publicity, mass awareness and outreach programs which may be undertaken at regular and frequent intervals to ensure that the beneficiary students/ parents / communities /institutions/department officials are aware of these requirements.

20. States/UTs are guided to create, maintain and regularly update the course master for the courses in Post Matric Scholarship Scheme.

21. As per the scheme guidelines, States/UTs need to ensure that Fee Rationalization/Fixation Committee is in place/existing. Compulsory non-refundable fees including tuition fee, as fixed by the Fee Fixation/Rationalization Committee of the State Government shall be paid to the beneficiaries. It shall be ensured that Rates of academic allowance fixed by DoSJ&E and Govt.of India in the scheme guidelines shall be given to the beneficiaries.

22. States/UTs may decide/act for gainfully utilizing the administrative funds towards the suggestive activities that may be undertaken for smooth implementation of these two schemes:

(a) Development and upgradation of IT Infrastructure;

(b) Strengthening of existing capacity including of technical experts and manpower;

(c) Capacity building and training of the existing staff and human resources;

(d) Data integration, scheme implementation, analysis, monitoring and evaluation;

(e) IEC awareness, print, media & social media campaigns and outreach activities for saturation of these schemes; and

(f) Physical verification including Social Audits o at least 10% Institutions/beneficiaries as per Scheme Guidelines.

23. States/UTs are guided to take appropriate action on the below mentioned issues:

(a) States/UTs need to capture active mobile number of INO mandatorily;

(b) States/UTs need to capture date of birth of applicant as per Aadhaar details. In case of missing details, States/UTs need to ensure that Aadhaar details of beneficiaries are updated;

(c) It is important to reiterate that all the Academic allowances for scholarships are on an annual basis, and not on month/semester basis;

(d) As per scheme guidelines, in case of minor students where the guardian/parent are providing their Aadhaar, biometric authentication of the guardian/parent shall only be taken (whose Aadhaar has been provided). Further, a single guardian/parent's Aadhaar shall be allowed for a maximum of 2 children (students).

24. States are requested to stay vigilant while pushing the State share paid data on the National Scholarship Portals. The following issues were flagged/faced during pushing of data for central share disbursements in the earlier years:
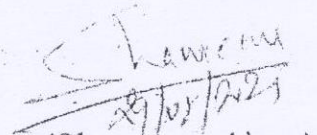
(a) State Government pushed the scholarship data to the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) without the disbursement of the state's share, leading to delays in fund release and confusion among beneficiaries.

(b) Incorrect allowance amounts/Tuition fee were released to students, resulting in inaccurate data being pushed to the National Scholarship Portal (NSP), which led to discrepancies in record

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(c) Additional payments were done which resulted in inaccurate data being uploaded to the National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

(d) The data was uploaded/pushed under the API of a different academic year.

25. States/UTs are required to ensure that necessary steps are taken to make sure such changes are implemented in the application process for AY 2025-26, to ensure that scholarships are disbursed in a timely manner.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yoursfaithfully

(Shameem Alam)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

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