

Revised Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (w.e.f. 19.08.2013)

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF
PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CHILDREN OF THOSE ENGAGED IN
'UNCLEAN' OCCUPATIONS i.e. SCAVENGING, TANNING and FLAYING
APPLICABLE WITH EFFECT FROM 19th August, 2013**

1. Object

The object of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to children whose parents/guardian belongs to one of the following categories, to pursue Pre-matric education:-

- i. Persons who are either presently engaged in manual scavenging or were so engaged upto or after 1.1.97 or the date on which the "The Employment of manual scavengers and construction of Dry latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993" came into force in their State/UT; whichever is earlier;
- ii. Tanners
- iii. Flayers; and
- iv. Waste pickers

Note 1:-"Manual scavenging" in this Scheme will mean as defined in Sec. 2(i) of the "The Employment of manual scavengers and construction of Dry latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993".

Note 2:-"Presently engaged in manual scavenging" would include those who may be cleaning human excreta, on a regular basis, either from dry latrines or drains, sewers, septic tanks, manholes etc.

2. Conditions of Eligibility

- i. Scholarship will be admissible to the children/wards of Indian Nationals who irrespective of their religion are:
 - a. either presently engaged in manual scavenging or were so engaged upto or after 1.1.97 or the date on which the "The Employment of manual scavengers and construction of Dry latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993" came into force in their State/UT, whichever is earlier;
 - b. presently engaged in Tanning and/or Flaying/or waste picking.
- ii. Children who are born to parents who are not engaged in such occupations, but have been adopted by such person (**as mentioned in sub para 2(i) above**) will be eligible for scholarship only after a lapse of three years from the date of such adoption. provided that they have been living with the adopted parents since the date of such adoption. Such children will be eligible only if their parents furnish such certificates (such as proof of their occupation, date of adoption etc.) as may be required by the concerned State Government/Union Territory administration.
- iii. A certificate should be obtained from the eligible candidates as follows:
 - a. From Children/wards mentioned in sub- para 2(i)(a): **only once**, at the time of their first application/renewal, as the case may be, to the effect that at least one parent belongs to the relevant categories;
 - b. From Children/wards mentioned in sub- para 2(i)(b): **every year**, to the effect that at least one parent is currently engaged in tanning and/or flaying.

3. Duration and Course of Studies

The scholarships may be given to students enrolled in class I or any subsequent class or pre-matric stage in the case of day scholars, and class III or any subsequent class of pre-matric stage in case of hostellers. The scholarship will

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terminate at the end of class X. The duration of scholarship in an academic year is ten months.

Institution of Study

The scholarship will be tenable only in such institutions and for such pre matriculations courses, which have been duly recognized by the concerned State Government and Union Territory Administrations.

5. Definition of Hostel

Normally, the term 'Hostel' means a common residential building having a common mess for students. However, a residence run by R.K. Mission or and such other reputable organization approved by the Government of India may also be deemed as a Hostel.

6. Coverage, Value of Scholarship and Ad-Hoc Grant

I Hostellers

The students as hostellers will be covered from class III to X. The rates of scholarships are as under:-

Class III to X	Rs. 700/- per month for 10 months
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II Day Scholars

The students as day scholars will be covered from Class I to Class X. The rates of scholarships are as under:-

Class I to X	Rs. 110/- per month for 10 months
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III Ad-Hoc Grant

An adhoc grant of Rs. 750/- per student per annum to all day scholars and Rs. 1000/- per student per annum to hostellers would be admissible.

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IV. Additional Provisions for Students amongst Target Groups with Disabilities

- a. Reader Allowance of Rs.100 per month for blind students in classes IX and X.
- b. Transport allowance of Rs.50 per month for the disabled students not residing in the hostel located within the premises of educational institution.
- c. Special pay of Rs.100 per month would be admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopedically handicapped student residing in a hostel managed by the educational institution or by the State Government/Union Territory Administration who may need the assistance of a helper.
- d. Escort allowance of Rs.50 per month for severely handicapped day scholars students with lower extremity disability.
- e. Allowance of Rs.100 per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students in classes IX and X.

The provisions proposed in (b) to (d) above also apply to leprosy cured students.

Note 1: The students amongst target groups with disabilities covered under this scheme can, however, also get such additional benefits from other schemes, which are not covered in the above provision.

Note 2: The disability as per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation Act, 1955 is defined as blindness, low-vision, leprosy-cured, hearing impairment, locomotor disability, mental retardation and mental illness, which has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Government/Union Territory Administration.

The scholarship amount will be payable from the date of joining to the date of leaving the school, excluding the period of vacation, which will be about 10 months in a year except in the cases where the students enters or leaves early in the midst of academic year.

The scheme will be implemented and administered by the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in accordance with its regulations in force.

8. Selection

The concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations will lay down the detailed procedure for selection of students.

9. Authority Responsible for Providing Hostel Accommodation

The concerned State Government and Union Territory Administration will be responsible to provide hostel accommodation to the hostellers. The scheme covers provision for renting of building for such hostellers near the school if hostel facilities are not available in the school itself. Rent reasonably to be certified by competent authority of the State Government. Provisions is also there for appointment of full time paid hostel warden where the number of students are large, otherwise one of school teachers is to be appointed as hostel warden on an honorarium as extra remuneration for doing the work of hostel warden.

10. Other Conditions for Award

- i. The students may not be allowed to take up employment or render help to parents in their work during the course of studies.
- ii. The award will be discontinued if a student fails to secure annual promotion except in case of unavoidable reasons to be certified by the competent authority of the scheme.
- iii. Coaching facilities, especially to weak students may be provided.
- iv. If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or even cancelled, subject to the satisfaction of the competent school authority. The State Government/Union

Territory Administrations can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the Scheme.

- v. Migration of students from one institution to another would not normally be allowed during the course of the academic year except under exceptional circumstances and in the interest of student's academic career.
- vi. The scholar obtaining benefits under this scheme is not allowed to avail of benefits under any other pre-matric scholarship scheme.
- vii. The students should be regular in attendance for which the yardstick is to be decided by the competent authority of the school.

11. Renewal of Scholarship

The scholarship, once awarded, may be renewed during next academic year also by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration unless the competent authority of the school recommends to the State Government/Union Territory Administration, to discontinue the award with reference to relevant clause of these regulations governing the scheme.

12. Announcement of Scheme

The scheme will be announced by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration well in time, by giving advertisements in the leading language newspapers local dailies and by using other suitable publicity media.

13. Mode of Applying

The concerned Department of the State Government/Union Territory Administration will supply the application forms, which should be received back by that Department alongwith prescribed certificate, by the last date.

14. Pattern of Financial Assistance

The Scheme is implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which receive 100% central assistance from Government of India for the total expenditure under the scheme, over and above their respective

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Committed Liability. The level of Committed Liability of respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for a year is covalent 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.

All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the Scheme will furnish data of beneficiaries and expenditure under the Scheme, to Government of India, as and when required. Financial assistance given under the Scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose.

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MODE OF DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

In order to ensure timely and correct payment of scholarship amount to the beneficiaries, State Governments/UT administrations should ensure payment of scholarship through their accounts in banks through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) as prescribed by the Govt. of India. All State Govts/UT Administrations will implement a computerized management system of scholarships, including 'e-payment' system.

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PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING AND RELEASE OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE (CA)

CA will be released to the States/UTs, for meeting the 100% expenditure under the Scheme over and above their committed liability.

Disbursement would be done in one of the following manner :-

(a) The States/UTs, would forward the digitized list of beneficiaries, as prescribed by the Central Govt., for claiming the Scholarship amount, to the extent of due Central Assistance. After the Ministry receives such list, duly authenticated by the nominated officer of the respective State/UT, it would:

- Transfer the Scholarship amount in the Bank A/cs of the beneficiaries,
- The information of such transfer having been made would be forwarded to the States/UTs; or

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- (b) Disburse the CA to the States/UTs for making payments in the Bank A/c of the beneficiaries upto the extent of due CA.

MONITORING

State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the scheme will:

- i. prepare the data base of the beneficiaries which would be integrated with UIDAI by (a) embedding Aadhaar numbers (UID numbers) in it, (b) using the UIDAI enabled bank account (UEBA) for crediting the scholarships and (c) using the UIDAI authentication services for beneficiary identification.
- ii. furnish data of the beneficiaries and the expenditure under the scheme to the Government of India, regularly in form of the Quarterly Progress Reports. The forms for such reporting would be prescribed separately. Financial assistance given under the scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose.
- iii. ensure that an institution-wise list of awardees, with necessary particulars, for award of scholarships is displayed on the web-site of NIC at the District level.
- iv. designate Grievance Redressal Officers (GROs) at the State and District levels to redress scholarship-related grievances of the students.

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Administration of the Scheme

Upto 6 % of total B.E. towards Scholarship would be utilized on administrative expenditure, Management, Monitoring & Evaluation, Publicity and Awareness Generation etc. The funds would be utilized for this purpose by the Central Govt. or it could release a part of the funds (to the extent of 2% of total B.E.) to States/UTs, over and above the Scholarship amount, on the basis of proposals received from them in this regard. However, no new posts would be created under this component.

These funds could inter-alia be utilized for developing a secure, uniform and standard automatic system,, National Portal/National Data base and evolving a procedure for collection of applications and processing thereof. For this purpose outsourcing/ contractual hiring

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