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[Education Section]

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To

All Secretaries In-Charge of ST Welfare Deptt.,
All State Governments/UT Administrations

Subject: Revision in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for studies in India

Sir,

The Government of India has been implementing the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for studies in India since 1944-45. It aims to provide financial assistance to students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for pursuing post-matriculation courses through recognized institutions. Under the Scheme, Central assistance is provided on 100% basis to all States/UTs over and above their respective "Committed Liability" except in the case of the eight North Eastern States (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim), which are exempted from Committed Liability.

2. Components of the Scheme include:

- (i) maintenance allowance;
- (ii) reimbursement of non-refundable compulsory fee charged by educational institutions;
- (iii) Book Bank facility, and
- (iv) certain other allowances.

3. The Scheme was last revised **w.e.f. 01.04.2003**, and the revised Scheme was communicated to State Governments vide this Ministry's letter No. 20014/10/2000-TDA (Vol.III) dated 19th February, 2004.

4. The Scheme has now been revised **w.e.f. 01.07.2010**. The revision includes changes in (i) income ceiling; (ii) grouping of courses; and (iii) rates of maintenance and other allowances.

5. The changes effective from **01.07.2010** are summarized in the table below:-

| Sl. No. | Item/ Component | Present Provision/Rates (w.e.f. 01-04-2003) with relevant Section/para of the existing Scheme | Revised Provision / Rates (w.e.f. 01-07-2010) |
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| 1. | Annual ceiling on family income [Para-IV] | Rs. 1.45 lakh per annum [w.e.f. 01-04-2010] | Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum |
| 2. | Grouping of Courses [Para-V] | <p><u>Group - I</u> Degree and Post Graduate level courses (including M.Phil, Ph.D and Post Doctoral research) in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance, Business Administration and Computer Applications/ Science. Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and Multi Engine rating) Course.</p> | <p><u>Group - I</u> (i) Degree and Post Graduate level courses including M.Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral research in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance/ Administration, Computer Science/ Applications. (ii) Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and multiengine rating) course. (iii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of management & medicine. (iv) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc. (v) M. Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral Programmes (D. Litt., D.Sc. etc.) – a) In existing Group II courses b) In existing Group III courses (vi) L.L.M.</p> |

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| | | <p><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. C.A./ICWA/C.S. etc. courses. All Post Graduate, Graduate level Diploma courses, all Certificate Level Courses</p> | <p><u>Group - II</u> (i) Graduate/ Post Graduate courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma), Nursing(B Nursing), LLB, BFS, other para-medical branches like rehabilitation, diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition & Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.) for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr. Secondary (10+2). (ii) Post Graduate courses not covered under Group-I e.g. M.A./ M.Sc./ M.Com./ M. Ed./M. Pharma etc.</p> |
| | | <p><u>Group - III</u> All other courses leading to a graduate or above degree (not covered in group-I & II).</p> | <p><u>Group - III</u> All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group-I & II e.g. B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. etc.</p> |
| | | <p><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).</p> | <p><u>Group - IV</u> All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. Senior Secondary Certificate (class XI and XII); both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.</p> |

3. **Maintenance Allowance** [Para - V]

(In Rupees. per month)

| Group | Present Provision/Rates (w.e.f. 01-04-2003) with relevant Section/para of the existing Scheme | | Revised Provision / Rates (w.e.f. 01-07-2010) | |
|-------------|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| | Day Scholars | Hosteller | Day Scholars | Hosteller |
| Group - I | 330 | 740 | 550 | 1200 |
| Group - II | 330 | 510 | 530 | 820 |
| Group - III | 185 | 355 | 300 | 570 |
| Group - IV | 140 | 235 | 230 | 380 |

4. **Other Allowances** [Para - V]

(In Rupees)

| Items | Present Rates (w.e.f. 01-04-2003) | Revised Rates (w.e.f. 01-07-2010) |
|--|--|---|
| 1. Study Tour Charges (Per Annum) | 1000 | 1600 |
| 2. Thesis Typing/Printing Charges (Per Annum) | 1000 | 1600 |
| 3. Book Grant for Correspondence Courses (Per Annum) | 750 | 1200 |
| 4. Allowance for Students with Disability | | |
| (i) Reader Allowance for Blind Scholars (PM) | 150 (Group I&II) 125 (Group III) 100(Group IV) | 240(Group I&II) 200(Group III) 160 (Group IV) |
| (ii) Transport Allowance for Disabled Students : (as defined under the Persons with Disabilities Act 1995), if such students do not reside in the hostel which is within the premises of the Educational Institution. (PM) | 100 | 160 |
| (iii) Escort Allowance for Severely Handicapped : Day Scholars/Students with low extremity disability (PM) | 100 | 160 |
| (iv) Helper Allowance: admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopedically handicapped student residing in the hostel of an Educational Institution who may need the assistance of a helper. (PM) | 100 | 160 |
| (v) Coaching Allowance to Mentally Retarded and Mentally ill Students (PM) | 150 | 240 |

6. Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for studies in India, recurring expenditure of the last year of a Five Year Plan gets transferred to States as their **Committed Liability**, from the first year of the next Five Year Plan. In the instant case, however, as the revision is taking place late during the **XI Five Year Plan**, it has been decided, as a special case, that **additional Committed Liability arising on account of the revision of the Scheme w.e.f. 01.07.2010 shall be passed on to the States/UTs at the end of the XII Five Year Plan (w.e.f. 01.04.2017) and not at the end of the XI Plan**. However, committed liability as per old scholarship rates, at the end of the XI Plan, will get transferred to States/UTs from 1.04.2012 as per past practice.

7. Other provisions of the Scheme remain unchanged.

8. A copy of the revised Scheme is enclosed for your ready reference. Revised Scheme is also available on this Ministry's website www.tribal.nic.in.

9. Now it is extremely important and urgent that State Governments are required to submit proposals for release of Central Assistance for the year 2011-12 **including the arrears for the year 2010-11 in the light of the above revision of the Scheme. I shall be grateful if your proposals are sent early** so as to reach the undersigned (by name), preferably by 31st July, 2011.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy with a copy of the revised Scheme forwarded for information to:-

1. PS to Minister for Tribal Affairs
2. PS to Minister of State for Tribal Affairs
3. PS to Secretary (TA) and National Commission for ST
4. Joint Secretary (BS)
5. JS &FA (TA)
6. DDG/Economic Affairs
7. All Director/DS/US /SO/P&AO of Ministry of Tribal Affairs
8. PIO (Ministry of Tribal Affairs), PIB, Ministry of I&B, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. Dir (NIC) – request for posting on the Ministry's website.

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