

സർക്കുലർ

അംഗപരിമിത വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കുള്ള പോസ്റ്റ് മെട്രിക് സ്കോളർഷിപ്പ്- (2017-18)

കേരള സംസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ വിവിധ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന അംഗപരിമിത വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ പഠനത്തിന് സാമ്പത്തിക സഹായം നൽകുന്ന കേന്ദ്രസർക്കാരിന്റെ പോസ്റ്റ് മെട്രിക് സ്കോളർഷിപ്പിനായി വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളിൽ നിന്നും അപേക്ഷ ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു. (അപേക്ഷകർക്ക് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി ബാധകമല്ല) പ്ലസ് വൺ മുതൽ ഉയർന്ന ക്ലാസ്സുകളിൽ പഠനം നടത്തുന്ന 40% ൽ കുറയാതെ ഡിസ്എബിലിറ്റിയുള്ളതും 2,50,000/- രൂപയിൽ കവിയാതെ കുടുംബവാർഷിക വരുമാനമുള്ളതുമായ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് നിശ്ചയിക്കപ്പെട്ട വ്യവസ്ഥകൾക്ക് വിധേയമായി **“www.scholarships.gov.in”** എന്ന വെബ്സൈറ്റിലെ നാഷണൽ സ്കോളർഷിപ്പ് പോർട്ടൽ മുഖാന്തിരം ഓൺലൈനായി അപേക്ഷകൾ സമർപ്പിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. മാനുവലായ അപേക്ഷകൾ പരിഗണിക്കുന്നതല്ല. ഇന്ത്യാഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ മിനിസ്ട്രി ഓഫ് സോഷ്യൽ ജസ്റ്റിസ് ആന്റ് എംപവർമെന്റിന് കീഴിൽ **Department of Empowerment of persons with Disabilities** നേരിട്ട് നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്ന ഈ സ്കോളർഷിപ്പിന്റെ തൃക വിതരണം **Public Financial Management System (PFMS)** എന്ന വെബ് സൈറ്റിലൂടെയാണ്. അപേക്ഷ സമർപ്പിക്കേണ്ട വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ അവസാന തീയതിയായ 2017 ഒക്ടോബർ 31 നകം ഓൺലൈനായി അപേക്ഷ സമർപ്പിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. (Fresh & renewal) -

“www.scholarships.gov.in” / **“www.dcescholarship.kerala.gov.in”** / **“www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in”** - വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ കൂടുതൽ വിവരങ്ങൾക്കായി ഈ വെബ്സൈറ്റുകൾ സന്ദർശിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

Contact no. 9446096580, 9446780308
0471 -2306580



സ്കോളർഷിപ്പ് സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഓഫീസർ

T3/100496/2015/Coll.Edn

Directorate of Collegiate Education
Vikas Bhavan, 6th floor,
Thiruvananthapuram-33

TIME-LINE AND GUIDE LINES FOR POST –MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (2017-18)

Online applications for Post Matric Scholarship for Students Disabilities (Fresh & renewal) are invited from students Studying in Kerala State irrespective of their community. Students are requested to submit their application with necessary documents immediately under prescribed instructions through www.scholarships.gov.in (National scholarship Portal). Guidelines for this scholarship can be seen in www.scholarships.gov.in, www.dcescholarship.kerala.gov.in

Email id - postmatric scholarship@gmail.com

Contact no: 9446096580, 9446780308, 0471-2306580

Name of scheme : Post–matric scholarship for students with disabilities (Fresh&renewal)

Student Registration last date : 31st October. (Fresh & renewal)

Verification by Institute : Up-to 15th November. (Fresh & renewal)

Verification by State : Up-to 30th November. (Fresh & renewal)



SPECIAL OFFICER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

14/06/2017

J3

**CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME
OF
PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP
&
POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP
FOR
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

*[As modified vide OM No.10-1/2014-SCH dated 1st November,
2016]*



**Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Government Of India**

**[Original Scheme was effective from 1st April, 2014.
Modifications effective from 1st April, 2016]**

**CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF PRE- MATRIC & POST- MATRIC
SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

CONTENTS

S.No.	Topic	Page No.
1.	Introduction	1
2.	Objectives	2
3.	Scope	2
4.	Implementing Agency	3
5.	Conditions of Eligibility	3
6.	Annual Parental/guardian's Income	6
7.	Value of Scholarship	6
8.	Duration and Renewal of Awards	11
9.	Other Conditions	12
10.	Number of Scholarships and Reservation for Girls	13
11.	Publicity of the Scheme & Inviting Applications	14
12.	Procedure of Application and Selection	14
13.	Mode of Disbursal of Scholarship	15
14.	Monitoring	15
15.	Administrative Expenses	16
16.	Litigation	16
17.	Change in the Provisions of the Scheme	16
18.	Review of Scheme	16
	Annexure-I	17

14-37/2013-DD.IV-B
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

.....

**SCHEME OF PRE MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP AND POST MATRIC
SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

(EFFECTIVE FROM 01-04-2014)

1. INTRODUCTION

Article 41 of Part IV ("Directive Principles of State Policy") of the Constitution provides that the State shall make effective provisions for securing the right to work, to education and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement, and in other cases of undeserved want. Education plays a pivotal role in socio-economic empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Article 46 of Part IV ("Directive Principles of State Policy") of the Constitution enjoins upon the State to promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people. Article 38(2) of the same Part also enjoins upon the State to minimize inequalities in income and to endeavour to eliminate inequalities in status, facilities and opportunities, not only amongst individuals but also amongst groups of people residing in different areas or engaged in different vocations.

Further, section 26 of The Persons with Disabilities (EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, PROTECTION OF RIGHTS AND FULL PARTICIPATION) Act, 1995 provides that the appropriate Governments and the local authorities shall (a) Ensure that every child with a disability has access to free education in an appropriate environment till he attains the age of eighteen years; (b) Endeavor to promote the integration of students with disabilities in the normal schools. Section 27 (f) of PWD Act, provides that the appropriate Governments and the local authorities shall by notification make schemes for providing every child with disability free of cost special books and equipments needed for his education.

According to Census 2011, there were 2.68 crore persons with disabilities in India who constituted 2.22 per cent of the total population. This includes persons with visual, hearing, speech, loco-motor, mental retardation, and other disabilities. Details of persons with disability in India, by type of disability, as per Census 2011 are as below:

Number of Persons with Disabilities as per Census, 2011		
Type of Disability	Population (in Crore)	Percentage (%)
Loco motor	0.55	20
Visual	0.50	19
Hearing	0.51	19
Speech	0.20	07
Mentally Retarded	0.15	06
Mentally ill	0.07	03
Multiple	0.21	08
Other Disabilities	0.49	18
Total	2.68	100

2. OBJECTIVES

Objectives of the schemes are:

- (a) To support students with disabilities for their study in classes IX and X onwards so that the incidence of drop-out, especially in the transition from the elementary to the secondary stage is minimized,
- (b) To improve participation of students with disabilities in classes IX and X and at the pre-matric stage of education.
- (c) To support students with disabilities to study further in order to prepare themselves to earn their livelihood and to find a dignified place for themselves in the society as they face several barriers physical, financial, psychological, mental in pursuing studies and living with dignity. At times such students are deprived of harnessing their latent skills and thereby miss the opportunity.
- (d) All Graduate & Post Graduate courses recognised by UGC will be covered under Post-Matric Scholarship

3. SCOPE

Scholarships under this scheme will be available for studying in classes IX, X, XI, XII, post-matriculation diploma/certificates and Bachelor's Degree or Diploma in India and Master's Degree from any University recognised by UGC, to students with disabilities who are covered under the Persons with Disabilities

(Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 and/or under any relevant legal statute in force.

Only Indian Nationals will be eligible for scholarships. Scholarship under the Scheme will be awarded by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Government of India.

4. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

The schemes of Pre-matric Scholarship and Post-matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities are Central Sector Schemes and will be implemented directly by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the scholarship amount will be disbursed through PFMS portal directly to the beneficiaries.

4-A. *[deleted]*

5. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

5.1 General Conditions for both pre-matric and post-matric scholarship schemes:

- (i) The scholarships are open to nationals of India only.
- (ii) The students having less than 40% disability (Certified by competent medical authority of the state Governments/UTs.) are not eligible.
- (iii) Not more than two disabled children of the same parents will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme. Provided in case the second child is a twin, the scholarship under this scheme will be admissible to both the twins.
- (iv) Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, she / he would not get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent) year.
- (v) A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her and should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts another

scholarship/stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or ad-hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.

- (vi) Scholarship holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Central Government/ State Government will not be eligible for stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.

5.2 For Pre-matric scholarship -

She/he should be a regular, full time student studying in class IX or X in a Government school or in a school recognized by Govt. or by a Central/State Board of Secondary Education.

5.3 For post-matric scholarship -

- (i) These scholarships will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognized institutions with the following exceptions:

"Scholarships are not awarded for training courses like Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Courses and Private Pilot license Courses. Courses at Training - Ship Duffer in (Now Rajendra), courses of training at the Military College, Dehradun, courses at Pre-examination Training Centres of all India and State levels."

- (ii) Only those candidates who have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognized University or Board of Secondary Education will be eligible.
- (iii) Courses at the level of post-graduate degree/diploma/ certificate are also covered under this scheme.
- (iv) Candidates who after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in different subject e.g. B.Com. after B.A. in other subject will not be eligible. However, students

pursuing L.L.B/B.Ed/B.El.Ed. after passing B.A./B.Sc./B.E. etc. are eligible for Post-Matric Scholarship under this scheme.

- (v) Students who are pursuing two different courses of study simultaneously can avail the scholarship for any one course only provided pursuance of such courses are permissible under the rules/regulations of the Educational Authority concerned.
- (vi) Students studying in Class XI of the Higher Secondary School courses of the XII Class of the Multipurpose High School will not be eligible for it being a continuous school course. However, in cases where Xth class examination of such courses is treated as equivalent to Matriculation and students who after passing Xth class join other courses, such students will be treated as post-matric students and will be eligible for the award of scholarships.
- (vii) Students who after failing or passing the under graduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognized professional or Technical certificate/diploma/degree courses will be awarded scholarships if otherwise eligible. No subsequent failure will be condoned except courses in Group-I.
- (viii) Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education.
- (ix) Employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/guardians does not exceed the maximum prescribed income ceiling are made eligible to post-matric scholarships to the extent of reimbursement of all compulsorily payable non-refundable fees.

Note 1: It is mentioned under para 5.3(i) (conditions of eligibility) above, of this scheme that the scholarship will be given for the study of all recognised post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognised institutions, the list of courses grouped (I to IV) is only illustrative and not exhaustive. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are, thus, themselves competent to decide the appropriate grouping of courses at their level.

6. ANNUAL PARENTAL/GUARDIAN'S INCOME

Scholarship will be paid to the students whose parents/ guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only) per annum in case of Pre-matric scholarship scheme and Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand only) per annum in case of Post-matric scholarship scheme.

NOTE 1: So long as either of the parents is alive, only income of the parents, as the case may be, from all sources has to be taken into account only and of no other member even though they may be earning. In the form of income declaration, income is to be declared on this basis. Only in the case where both the parents have died, the income of the guardian who is supporting the student in his/her studies has to be taken. Such students whose parent's income is affected due to unfortunate death of one of earning parents and resultantly comes within the income ceiling prescribed under the scheme, shall become eligible for scholarship, subject to their fulfilling other conditions of eligibility, from the month in which such sad incidence takes place. Applications for scholarships from such students can be considered even after lapse of last date of receipt of applications, on compassionate grounds.

NOTE 2: Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission to courses which are continuing for more than one year.

Note 3: Income Ceiling would be revised once in every two years linking it with Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers for the month of October of the year, preceding the year of revision and will be made effective from April.

7. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

7.1 Pre-matric Scholarship:

The value of Pre-matric scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:

- (i) Scholarship and other grant;
- (ii) Allowances, and

7.1 (i) Rates of Scholarship and Grant:

Items	Day Scholars	Hostellers
Rate of Scholarship (in Rs. Per month) payable for 10 months in	350	600

an academic year.		
Book and adhoc grant [Previously it was Rs.750 for day scholars which was revised to Rs.1000 per annum vide OM No.10-1/2014-Sch dated 1 st November 2016]	1000	1000

7.1 (ii) Allowances:

Allowances	Amount (in Rs.)
a) Monthly Reader Allowance for Blind students	160
b) Monthly Transport Allowance, if such students do not reside in the hostel which is within the premises of the Educational Institution.	160
c) Monthly Escort Allowance for Severely Disabled (i.e. with 80% or higher disability) Day Scholars	160
d) Monthly Helper Allowance admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopedically disabled students residing in the hostel of an Educational Institution who may need the assistance of a helper.	160
e) Monthly Coaching Allowance to Mentally Retarded and Mentally ill Students	240

7.2 Post-Matric Scholarship:

The value of Post-matric scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:

- (i) Maintenance allowance,
- (ii) Additional allowance for students with disabilities, for the complete duration of the course, and
- (iii) Reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees,
- (iv) Book allowance

The details are as follows:

7.2 (i) Maintenance allowance

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (in Rupees per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
<p>Group I</p> <p>All PG Degree/Diploma Course recognised by UGC in any discipline. All Bachelor's Degree courses 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.</p>	1200	550
<p>Group II</p> <p>Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B. Pharma), 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).</p>	820	530
<p>Group III</p> <p>All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I & II e.g. BA/B Sc/B Com etc.</p>	700	500

[Rates revised as per OM No.10-1/2014-Sch dated 1st

November 2016]		
For Hosteller from Rs.570 to Rs.700		
For Day Scholars from Rs.300 to Rs.500		
Group IV		
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.	Rs.650	Rs.400
[Rates revised as per OM No.10-1/2014-Sch dated 1 st November 2016]		
For Hosteller from Rs.380 to Rs.650		
For Day Scholars from Rs.230 to Rs.400		

7.2 (ii) Additional Allowances depending on disabilities of the student

- A. **Reader Allowance for blind Scholars:** Rs.240/- per month for all the groups of courses.
- B. **Transport Allowance:** Rs.160/- per month for disabled students, if such students do not reside in the hostel, which is within the premises of educational institution. The disability as per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 is defined as blindness, low-vision, leprosy-cured, hearing impairment, locomotors disability, mental retardation and mental illness.
- C. **Escort Allowance:** Rs.160/- per month for severely disabled day scholar students (with 80% or more disability).
- D. **Special Allowance:** Rs.160/- per month is admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopedically handicapped student residing in hostel of an educational institution, who may need the assistance of a helper.
- E. **Coaching Allowance:** Rs.240/- per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students.

The provisions in (B) to (D) will apply to leprosy-cured students also.

7.2 (iii) Reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees

Scholars will be paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board **upto to the maximum ceiling of Rs.1.50 lakh per annum**. Refundable deposits like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded. [Revised as per OM No.10-1/2014-Sch dated 1st November 2016]

Note : Compulsory non-refundable fee charged by recognized institutions against free and paid seats of recognized courses can be reimbursed as per the fee structure approved by the competent State/Central Government authority upto maximum ceiling of Rs.1.50 lakh per annum.

7.2 (iv) Study Tour Charges and 7.2 (v) Typing/printing charges for preparing Project Reports/Thesis

These provisions have been discontinued w.e.f. 1.4.2016 vide OM No.10-1/2014-Sch dated 1st November 2016].

7.5 (vi) Book Allowance

All students (irrespective of course being regular or distance education or otherwise) be paid a book allowance of Rs.1500/- per annum.

[Consequent upon modifications vide OM No.10-1/2014-Sch dated 1st November 2016 which is effective from 1.4.2016].

7.2 (vii) Book Banks

[Book Bank facilities have been discontinued vide OM No.10-1/2014-Sch dated 1st November 2016 which is effective from 1.4.2016].

7.3 Aids and Assistive Devices:

[This provision has been deleted vide OM No.10-1/2014-Sch dated 1st November 2016 as this part can be considered under the provision of ADIP Scheme of this Department].

7.4 General Conditions:

- (i) Normally the term 'Hostel' is applicable to a common residential building and common messes for the students run under the supervision of the educational institution authorities. In case the college authorities are unable to provide accommodation in the college Hostel, an approved place of residence can also be treated as Hostel for the purpose of this scheme. The place will be approved by the Head of the Institution after due inspection and keeping in view the rules and regulations laid down by the University/Institute, if any. In such case, a certificate to the effect that the student is residing in an approved place of residence, as he/she is unable to get accommodation in the school/college hostel should be furnished by the Head of the Institution.
- (ii) It is further clarified that such deemed hostels should consist of such accommodation as is hired at least by a group of 5(five) students living together, usually with common mess arrangements.
- (iii) Scholars who are entitled to free board and/or lodging will be paid maintenance charge at 1/3rd at hostellers' rate.

8. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

- (i) The award once made will be tenable from the stage at which it is given to the completion of course subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed from year to year provided that within a course which is continuous for a number of years, the scholar secures promotion to the next higher class irrespective of the fact whether such examinations are conducted by a University or the Institution.
- (ii) If a student with disability pursuing Group I courses mentioned in para 7.2 (i) above, (in case of post-matric scholarship) fails in the examination for the first time, the award may be renewed. For

second and subsequent failure in any class, the student shall bear his/her own expenses until he/she secures promotion to the next higher class.

- (iii) If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and or on account of any other unforeseeable event, the award may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and/or other required sufficient proof to the satisfaction of the Head of the Institution and his/her certifying that the scholar would have passed had he appeared in the examination.
- (iv) If according to the Regulations of a University/Institution, a student is promoted to the next higher class even though he/she may not have actually passed in lower class and is required to take examination of the junior class again after sometime, he/she will be entitled to scholarship for the class to which he/she is promoted if the student is otherwise eligible for scholarship.

9. OTHER CONDITIONS

- (i) The scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the scholar. If it is reported by the Head of the Institution at any time that a scholar has by reasons of his/her own act of default failed to make satisfactory progress or has been guilty of misconduct such as resorting to or participating in strikes, irregularity in attendance without the permission of the authorities concerned etc., the authority sanctioning the scholarship may either cancel the scholarships or stop or withhold further payment for such period as it may think fit.
- (ii) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statements, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered, at the discretion of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability, Government of India. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.
- (iii) A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the scholar changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship was originally awarded.

- (iv) A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount at the discretion of the Deptt. of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued by him/her.
- (v) Maintenance allowance is payable from 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year (including maintenance allowance during holidays), provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission. In case of pre-matric scholarship maintenance allowance shall be payable only up to ten months in an academic year.
- (vi) In case of renewal of scholarships awarded in the previous years, maintenance allowance will be paid from the month following the month up to which scholarship was paid in the previous year, if the course of study is continuous.
- (vii) Scholarship will not be paid for the period of internship/housemanship in the M.B.B.S. course or for a practical training in other courses if the student is in receipt of some remuneration during the internship period or some allowance/stipend during the practical training in other course.

10. NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESERVATION FOR GIRLS

- a) Number of Pre-matric scholarships to be sanctioned every year is 46,000 (forty six thousand) only.
- b) Number of Post-matric scholarships to be sanctioned every year is 16,650 (sixteen thousand six hundred fifty) only.
- c) The number of slots of scholarships as mentioned above will be distributed among all the States and Union Territories of India. The no. of slots available to any State/UT is decided on the basis of percentage of population of PwDs of that State/UT in comparison to the total PwD population of India.

Provided that in case the numbers of scholarships so allocated to a State/UT are not fully utilized, due to non-availability of eligible candidates, the unutilised slots shall be allocated amongst the other States/UTs where the number of eligible candidates is much more than the slots allocated to that State/UT.

The No. of scholarships allocated to each of the State/UT is shown in Annexure I.

- d) 50% of the total scholarships available each year shall be reserved for girl candidates. However, in case adequate number of girl candidates are not available or not found eligible as per the terms and conditions of the scheme, the unutilized slots can be utilized by selecting suitable male candidates.

11. PUBLICITY OF THE SCHEME & INVITING APPLICATIONS

The scheme will be advertised at the appropriate time and will be suitably publicised through media and website to bring it to the notice of the target group.

11-A. [Deleted].

12. PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION AND SELECTION

- a) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will announce the details of the scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers and through the websites and other media outfits. Applications will be called for through National e-Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in).
- b) The applicants should submit their application through the on-line system within the last date prescribed for receipt of applications. All requisite documents like photograph, proof of age, disability certificate, income certificate of the parent, etc. duly filled in the prescribed format will be required to be uploaded in the on-line system if the scholarship amount including tuition fee is more than Rs.50,000/-per annum. In case the total scholarship amount is less than Rs.50,000/- support documents may be kept in safe custody of Head of School/Institution, keeping in view the connectivity issue that exist in far flung areas. *[This is as per minutes of the meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) held under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary on 17th June 2016 to discuss issues pertaining to Harmonization of Scholarship Schemes].*
- c) The institutions in which the candidate is studying shall also register itself in the same website and verify the details provided by the candidates. The nodal officer nominated by the State shall oversee all the applications and process the same the State Government who shall forward the final list in PFMS portal for disbursement of scholarship amount to the beneficiaries.

- d) Final selection will be done by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities based on the recommendations of the concerned Department of the State Government considering, inter alia, the no. of slots available to that particular State. The no. of slots available to any State is decided on the basis of percentage of population of PWDs of that State in comparison to the total PWD population of India.
- e) In case a candidate is a permanent resident of one State but studying in another State, his application will be considered under the slot of his home State and his application needs the recommendation of the Education/Welfare Department of the State of which he is a permanent resident.
- f) **Merit Criteria for Selection:** The following factors will be taken into consideration:
 - (i) Fulfillment of eligibility conditions as given in the scheme.
 - (ii) Recommendation of the State Education Department.
 - (iii) No. of slots available to the State.
 - (iv) Merit of the candidate in terms of percentage of marks obtained in the qualifying examination.
 - (v) In case of a tie in percentage of marks, the percentage of disability will be considered i.e. the candidate with higher percentage of disability will get preference. In case there is still a tie, the age will be considered i.e. the older candidate will get preference.

12-A. [Deleted]

13. MODE OF DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship amount will be directly credited into the account of the beneficiaries through PFMS system by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

13-A. [Deleted]

14. MONITORING

- a) Monitoring of the scheme will be done by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through the on-line portal.
- b) The State Government shall ensure that list of beneficiaries, with necessary particulars, are maintained district-wise, and category-wise.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

In order to implement the scheme the following administrative expenses are likely to be involved –

- a) [Deleted]
- b) [Deleted]
- c) Engagement of manpower at the Department for execution of the project. As the magnitude of data to be entered and processed would be enormous and the scheme gets implemented over the years there would be a need to engage qualified skilled personnel right from the beginning to ensure the data base of computerized systems are operational.
- d) Publishing advertisements and other publicity materials to generate awareness among the targeted beneficiary group.

In order to meet the above expenditure or any other expenditure incidental to implementation of the scheme, a provision of not exceeding 3% of the total budget shall be kept as administrative expenditure.

16. LITIGATIONS

Any litigation on matters arising out of this scheme will be subject to sole jurisdiction of the courts situated in National Capital Territory of Delhi.

17. CHANGE IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE SCHEME

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of India may, at its discretion, make necessary changes in the provisions of this scheme, as and when felt necessary, with the approval of Secretary of that Department in consultation with the Financial Adviser concerned.

18. REVIEW OF SCHEME

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities may, at its discretion, undertake review of the scheme as and when required.

.....