

## **SCHEME OF HOSTELS FOR OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES BOYS AND GIRLS**

### **1. OBJECTIVE:**

It is self-evident and universally accepted fact that education is one of the key instruments of effective development of weaker sections. The education facilities are not evenly distributed throughout the country. Many a times students from rural areas especially those belonging to weaker sections have to give up their educational pursuits for the reason that adequate hostel facilities are not available for them in the quality education centers. Having considered this problem, the Working Group on development and welfare of Backward Classes recommended a scheme of Hostels for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) Boys and Girls.

### **2. SCOPE AND ELIGIBILITY**

The Scheme aims at providing better education opportunities to students belonging to socially and educationally backward classes notified as such in the Central/State/UT Administration Lists of Backward Classes, generally referred to as Other backward Classes (OBCs). It would, however not cover students belonging to the Creamy Layer as defined in the Government of India, Ministry of Personnel , Public Grievances and Pensions(Department of Personnel & Training) O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1993. The Hostels under the scheme will be constructed in States/UTs which have a large OBC population but inadequate hostel facilities. These Hostels will be constructed for middle, secondary college and university level students. Out of the Hostels to be set up under this Scheme at least one third will be exclusively for girls. Five percent of the total seats in these Hostels shall be reserved for disabled students.

The hostels under the scheme should be constructed at any place where the concerned educational institutions are situated keeping in view the concentrations of OBC population in the particular place/ areas where the educational facilities are inadequate. These hostels could also be constructed in a particular place/area where quality education is available but residential facilities for the target group is not adequately available which will depend upon the number of students enrolled in that particular institution. Each institution will be provided central assistance for construction of girls/boys hostels for a maximum of 100 seats.

The hostels will have built space for residential facilities for students, hostel warden, chowkidar and provision of boundary wall surrounding the campus. The agency concerned will be assisted for construction of such complexes bases on State/UT PWD schedule of rates. However, if a State/UT is following CPWD rates also the costs will be worked out on the basis of "whichever is lesser" in the schedule rates. In the case of States/UTs following CPWD rates only CPWD rates will apply. The agency concerned will be assisted for construction of such facility only after proof of land availability is produced for the particular location and plan and estimates of the building is duly approved by the concerned technical department of State/UT and submitted to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The local materials would be used as far as possible in order to reduce cost of construction.

The following organizations eligible for assistance shall be as follows:-

The State Government and UTs concerned;  
Institution or organization set up by Government as autonomous body under statute or as a society under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860 or otherwise;  
Educational and other institutions owned and controlled by either Central Government/State Govt./UTs.

### **3. PROCEDURE FOR RELEASE OF GRANT-IN-AID & FUNDING PATTERN.**

Under the Scheme 50% central assistance will be given for such construction and the remaining 50% will have to be borne by the concerned State Govt. etc. The budget availability will have to be shown in advance while submitting the proposal for such construction. 100% central assistance will be given to the Central Government Institutions and UTs proposing to set up such hostels under this scheme. The entire expenditure on procurement of land, staffing and other maintenance and day to day expenditure shall be borne by the State Government/UT concerned.

Maintenance of such facilities will be the responsibility of the concerned agency to which such construction grant has been sanctioned. The concerned State Government may also explore the possibility of maintaining such facility through NGO functionaries in case if it is necessary.

### **4. MONITORING**

The monitoring of the financial and physical performance of the scheme will be done through seeking detailed information from the Agencies implementing the Scheme. On the physical aspects, the Agencies implementing the scheme will be required to furnish quarterly progress reports regarding the construction works. Once the hostel is thrown open to the beneficiaries information will be furnished by the Agencies, occupancy wise annually. On the financial side, details of actual expenditure incurred out of central assistance, during the last financial year and expenditure proposed for the present financial year will be submitted by the Agencies concerned. The Agencies implementing the scheme will also be insisted upon to submit the latest audited accounts.

### **5. EVALUTATION**

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment may get the scheme evaluated by entrusting a research study to reputed institutions/agencies, on the performance of the scheme in different parts of the country, under this Ministry's centrally sponsored Scheme of Research and training.

**ANNEXURE-I**

**PROFORMA FOR GRANT-IN-AID**

**Boys Hostels for Other Backward Classes(OBCs)**

S.No.	Action	No. of inmates	Whether land has been got Yes/No	Total Cost	State Share provided in the State Budget	Central Share proposed for 199	Nature of Hostel	If Non-Govt. whether 10% of the cost will be borne by organization

**Annexure -II**

S. No.	Year	Unspent balance of Central Assistance 31.3 of previous year	Central Assistance sanctioned by Ministry of Social Justice & empowerment	Actual amount utilized out of		Unspent balance of Central Assistance 31.3 of i.e year end(in lakhs)
				Central Share	State Share	