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No.11014/01/2011-SCD-V
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated: 1st April, 2011.

To,

The Principal Secretary/Secretary,
In-charge of Scheduled Castes Development,
All State Governments and U.T. Administrations.

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Scheme of **Pre-Matric Scholarship to the children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations** - proposals for release of due central assistance during 2011-2012.

Sir/Madam,

The Government of India is implementing the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship to children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations since 1977-78. The Scheme aims to provide financial assistance for Pre-Metric education to children of those engaged in unclean occupations.

2. The scheme was revised w.e.f. 1.4.2008 and the rates of scholarship were enhanced, besides changing the funding pattern. These revisions were communicated to State Governments/UTs vide this Ministry's letters No. F.No.11014/28/2007- SCD-V dated 21.1.2009 and 6.2.2009.

3. In order to ensure that this scheme is implemented efficiently, so as to reach the target group, it is requested that you may kindly take early action to formulate the State Government's proposal for the year 2011-12 and send it to the Ministry to enable an early release of funds, and ensure timely disbursement of scholarships. You are, therefore, requested kindly to take early action on the following: -

(i) Proposals may be formulated in the prescribed proforma for release of Central Assistance under the Scheme. A copy of prescribed proforma for furnishing proposal for the year 2011-12 is **enclosed**, which may be duly filled and furnished along with your proposal. It may be ensured that the proposal has been formulated in accordance with the revised rates of scholarship introduced w.e.f. 1.4.2008.

(ii) Since the expenditure projection for 2011-12 is based on actual expenditure 2010-11, it may be categorically stated whether the actual expenditure reported for 2010-11 are based on departmental figures **duly audited**. In case the accounts have not been audited, the probable date by which the audit shall be completed may please be indicated.

(iii) In case the arrears for the year 2010-11 are also demanded for the beneficiaries who could not be covered during that year, then the detailed break-up of beneficiaries and expenditure –category-wise, gender-wise, district-wise etc. should be separately indicated, so as to have an idea about total expenditure on the Scheme in a year.

(iv) Urgent necessary steps may be taken to update the audit of expenditure under the scheme. Where audit under the scheme is pending for many years, special drive needs to be undertaken in co-ordination with the concerned Accountant General to bring the position of audit up-to-date. In the proposal for 2011-12, audited expenditure figures for 2010-11 may be provided, wherever available. In case audited figures for 2010-11 are not available the audited figures by Accountant General of last three years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 & 2009-10 must be provided. **(Annexure-I)**

(v) The utilisation certificate(s) for central assistance released in past may be furnished in prescribed proforma (GFR-19A) duly signed by the competent authority. **(Annexure-II)**

(vi) The unspent balances with State/UTs need to be reconciled immediately to avoid delay in release of funds.

(vii) It may be ensured that the respective State Finance Department does not hold the Central Assistance, which has been sanctioned for this scheme, which affects the proper implementation of the scheme. The Secretary-in-charge of implementing the scheme should, thus, ensure that this does not occur and that such instances must be brought to the notice of this Ministry at the earliest.

(viii) The concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are also requested to ensure that the application forms should be freely and timely available to all the eligible students intending to apply for the scholarship.

(ix) Timely payment of scholarship must be ensured to all eligible students covered under the Scheme. This Ministry has already written to all the State Governments/UTs to ensure that accounts are opened in Post-offices/ Banks in name of individual beneficiary students, so that the scholarship amount can be directly credited in these accounts. In due course, students should be able to get their scholarship money through ATM/ Smart Cards. In case your State Government/UT has still not introduced this system of payment, then immediate steps may be taken to ensure that the system is in place from the current financial year (2011-12). The status in this regard should be clearly indicated while forwarding your proposal. *While considering proposals for release of central assistance, preference will be given to State Govts./UTs, which have already introduced the system of disbursement of scholarship through Bank/Post office accounts.*

4. The Scheme covers all eligible children of such parents who are engaged in specified unclean occupations irrespective of their religion. The identification of all the eligible beneficiaries has to be occupation based and not on Caste/Religion basis. This must be ensured. It has also to be ensured that all eligible children are identified and covered as per regulations governing the Scheme.

5. Recently, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) had suggested that the concerned database in the state implementing departments may be integrated with UIDAI by (i) embedding Aadhar numbers (UID numbers) in it, (ii) using the UIDAI enabled bank account (UEBA) for crediting the scholarships and (iii) using the UIDAI authentication services for beneficiary identification. Since the process of issue of Aadhar numbers has

already commenced, I would request you to ensure that suitable action on the aforesaid points may be initiated on priority basis and the system is universalized in due course of time.

6. The Scheme is an important supportive instrument towards elimination of scavenging, to which the highest priority has been given. The State Governments/UT Admns. are, therefore, requested to ensure effective implementation of the scheme. They are also requested to make an assessment of the target groups as per revised scheme and furnish the details to this Ministry at the earliest.

7. It is the experience of the Ministry that the State Govts. /UT Admns. do not send their proposals in time inspite of several reminders and, therefore, it becomes very difficult to release due Central assistance to the State/UT under the scheme. In order to avoid last minute rush and to make full use of the funds provided under the scheme, it is requested that self contained proposal under the scheme be sent by **15.05.2011** with confirmation of required State Budget for 2011-2012 towards Committed Liability, so that due Central assistance is sanctioned in time.

8. The requisite information along with proforma is also available on the official website of the Ministry (**www.socialjustice.nic.in**).

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: As above

Copy forwarded for necessary action to the Director, Directorate in-charge of Scheduled Castes Development of all States and UTs.

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B.	<u>FINANCIAL ASPECTS</u>	(Rs. in lakhs)
	<u>Actual Expenditure incurred during 2010-2011</u>	
I	<u>HOSTELLERS</u>	
(a)	<u>On Scholarships</u>	
(i)	Classes III to X @ Rs.700/- per month	=
(ii)	Adhoc grant of Rs.1000/- per annum	=
(iii)	Total classes III to X	=
(b)	<u>On Other Items</u>	
(i)	Number of buildings rented for use as hostels, other than Govt. hostels.	=
(ii)	Total amount of rent for these rented buildings	=
(iii)	Salary of full time hostel warden/honorarium or extra remuneration to the school teacher if appointed as hostel warden.	=
(iv)	Total =(i) to (iii) =	
	<u>Total Expenditure on Hostellers (a+b)</u>	=
II	<u>DAY SCHOLARS</u>	
(i)	Classes III to X @ Rs.110/- per month	=
(ii)	Adhoc grant of Rs.750/- per annum	=
(iii)	Total classes III to X	=
III	<u>Total Expenditure under the Scheme during 2010-2011 (1+2)</u>	=
1.	Expenditure on arrears for 2009-2010 (if any)	=
2.	Total expenditure during 2010-2011 (including arrears for 2009-2010 (cl. 3+4)	=

Certified that the expenditure figures furnished above confirm to the actual payments as per regulations governing toward of Pre-Metric Scholarship to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations, as application w.e.f. 1.4.2008.

Signature
Name & Designation of
the Competent Authority

B.	<u>FINANCIAL ASPECTS</u>	(Rs. in lakhs)
	<u>Anticipated Expenditure during 2011-2012</u>	
1.	<u>HOSTELLERS</u>	
(a)	<u>On Scholarships</u>	
(i)	Classes III to X @ Rs.700/- per month	=
(ii)	Adhoc grant of Rs.1000/- per annum	=
	Total classes III to X	=
(2)	<u>On Other Items</u>	
(i)	Number of buildings rented for use as hostels, other than Govt. hostels.	=
(ii)	Total amount of rent for these rented buildings	=
(iii)	Salary of full time hostel warden/honorarium or extra remuneration to the school teacher if appointed as hostel warden.	=
	Total =(i) to (iii) =	
	<u>Total Expenditure on Hostellers (a+b)</u>	=
2.	<u>DAY SCHOLARS</u>	
(i)	Classes I to X @ Rs.110/- per month	=
(ii)	Adhoc grant of Rs.750/- per annum (Classes I to X)	=
	Total (Classes I to X)	=
3.	<u>HOSTELLERS+ DAY SCHOLARS</u>	
(i).	Total Anticipated Expenditure on the Scheme for 2011-2012 (1+2)	=
(ii)	Expenditure on arrears for 2010-2011 (if any)	=
(iii).	Total anticipated expenditure during 2011-2012 (including arrears for 2010-2011 (cl. 3+4)	=
(iv)	Committed Liability i.e. Total actual expenditure reached at the end of Xth Plan (2006-2007)	
(v)	Amount of State/UT Budget provision towards Committed liability requirement	=
(vi)	Central Assistance due during 2011-12 (iii)+(iv)	=
(vii)	Central Assistance already received during 2011-2012 if any,	=
(viii)	Unspent central assistance at the end of 2010-11/ Arrears due	
(ix)	Net Central Assistance required during 2011-12 {(vi)-(vii)-(viii)}	=

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CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME OF PRE- MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO THE CHILDREN OF THOSE ENGAGED IN 'UNCLEAN' OCCUPATIONS.

- I. Number of students actually provided scholarship during 2010-2011 occupation wise break-up: -

OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF STUDENTS ACTUALLY PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIP IN 2010-2011.	NUMBER OF STUDENTS PROPOSED TO BE PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIP IN 2011-2012
1. Scavengers engaged in manual cleaning/carrying of human extra. :		
2. Scavengers engaged in cleaning of manholes and open drains.		
3. Sweepers who have traditional link with scavenging		
4. Tanners		
5. Flayers		
6. Beneficiaries covered under the Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS) born before rehabilitation of their/guardian under (SRMS).		
5. Total		

2 .Coverage of Disabled students

2010-11 (Actual)	Male	Female
Day Scholars		
Hostellers		
Total		

2011-12(Anticipated)	Male	Female
Day Scholars		
Hostellers		
Total		

DISTRICT-WISE STATEMENT OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE INCURRED AND ACTUAL BENEFICIARIES COVERED IN YEAR 2010-2011 UNDER THE SCHEME AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURE AND PROPOSED BENEFICIARIES FOR 2011-2012.

Sl.No	Name of District	2010-11		2011-12	
		Actual expenditure	Actual beneficiaries	Proposed expenditure	Proposed beneficiaries
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
	Total				

Certified that the actual expenditure incurred during 2010-2011 and proposed expenditure during 2011-2012, is in according with the regulations governing the Scheme w.e.f.1.4.2008.

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Details About Implementation of the Scheme

1. Name of the Department in the State/UT implementing the Scheme: _____
2. Name, designation and address of the Secretary and Director In charge: _____

3. Designation of Authority responsible for sanction of scholarship; Head of Education Institution/District level Officer/Directorate. : _____
4. Mode of payment of Scholarship (Cash/Cheque/Bank etc.) : _____
5. Periodicity of Payment of Scholarship (Monthly/quarterly/six monthly/annually) : _____
6. Date of placing 1st installment of funds with the sanctioning authority by the State Govt./UT Admn. : _____
7. Date of sending the application forms to the educational institutions. : _____
8. Month of Actual sanction of 1st installment of scholarship during 2010-11. : _____
9. Month during which the 1st installment of Scholarship was actually disbursed during 2010-11.
- (i) Earliest Disbursement Date: _____
- (ii) Last Disbursement Date: _____

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF SUCH STATES/UTS WHICH PAY HIGHER SCHOLARSHIP THAN ADMISSIBLE UNDER THE CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME AND/OR PROVIDE CERTAIN OTHER ELIGIBILITY RELAXATIONS.

1. Scholarship rates adopted

(Rs. per month)

Classes	Hostellers	Classes	Day Scholars
III-X		I-X	

2. Details of eligibility relaxation being provided:

3. Details of expenditure

(Rs. in lakhs)

	<u>2009-10 (Actual)</u>	<u>2010-11(Anticipated)</u>
(i) Total expenditure under the Scheme as per 1+2 above.		
(ii) Total expenditure as per the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.		
(iii) Additional expenditure due to (1) & (2) above i.e. 3(i) -3(ii)		

4. Source of funding the additional expenditure

(Rs. in lakhs)

(i) Amount of State Budget Provision utilized towards meeting with the additional expenditure in 2009-2010.	
(ii) Amount of State Budget Provided towards meeting with the additional expenditure in 2010-2011.	

5. Certified that the expenditure details furnished above confirm to the actual ayments of scholarship made under the Scheme, and that separate record is being maintained towards the expenditure incurred over and above the expenditure permissible under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

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Statement of number of scholarships awarded and expenditure incurred during the last three years and 2011-12 (anticipated)**(Rs. in lakhs)**

Year	No. of Awards	Expenditure incurred
2008-09		
2009-10		
2010-11		
2011-12		

POSITION OF AUDIT OF EXPENDITURE BY CAG/AG

1. Year, up to which the audit has been completed under the scheme: - _____

2. Audited figures of Expenditure for the three years (latest) for which Audit under the scheme has been completed. These figures should be the total expenditure incurred (out of State Budget +Central Assistance) under the scheme. Complete documentary proof may also be attached with the proposal.

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year..... Audited figures of expenditure

Year..... Audited figures of expenditure

Year..... Audited figures of expenditure

Signature: _____

Name and Designation of the
Officer signing the Statement: _____
State Government of: _____

GFR 19-A
(See Rule 212 (1))
Form of Utilization Certificate

S.No.	Letter No. and Date	Amount (Rs)
	Total	

Certified that out of Rs. Of Grants-in-aid sanctioned during the yearsin favour ofunder this Ministry/Department letter No. given in the margin and Rs.....on account of unspent balance of the previous year, a sum of Rs.....has been utilized for the purpose offor which it was sanctioned and that the balance of Rs.....remaining unutilized at the end of the year has been surrendered to Government (vide No.....dated.....)will be adjusted towards the grants-in-aid payable during the next year.....

1. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled

and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

Kinds of checks exercised.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Signature-----

Designation-----

Date-----