From

The Director Public Instruction(S), Chandigarh Administration.

To

The District Education Officer, Chandigarh Administration.

Memo No.1596-DPI-UT-S5-11(85)11

Dated Chandigarh, the 17-8-11

Subject:-

Publicity material regarding scholarship/coaching schemes for minority communities.

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Reference on the subject cited above.

Enclosed please find herewith Letter No.SWI/Schol-Schemes/2011/5990-92 dated 08.06.2011 along with enclosures with a request to circulate the same to all the heads of the schools concerned and also put it on our website also.

You are also requested to send the action taken report in the matter at the earliest to this office.

DA:As above

Registrar Education(S), for Director Public Instruction(S), Chandigarh Administration.

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अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्रालय

भारत सरकार

योजनाओं का पूरा विवरण और अक्सर पूछे जाने वाले प्रश्नों के उत्तर www.minorityaffairs.gov.in पर हैं



- अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्रालय की छात्रवृत्ति योजनाएं
- यदि आप, पाँच अल्पसंख्यक समुदायों (मुस्लिम, सिख, ईसाई, बौद्ध या पारसी) में से किसी एक के सदस्य हैं।
- यदि आपने अपनी पिछली परीक्षा में 50 प्रतिशत से अधिक अंक प्राप्त किए हैं।
- तो छात्रवृत्ति के लिए अपनी राज्य सरकार/संघ शासित प्रशासन को आवेदन दे सकते हैं।
- परिवार की आय की जानकारी नीचे के बॉक्स से प्राप्त करें।

मेट्रिक-पूर्व छात्रवान

योग्यता-एवं-साधन छात्रवृत्ति

मैट्रिकोत्तर छात्रवृत्ति

पहली से दसवीं कक्षा के लिए। अभिभावकों की वार्षिक आय एक लाख रुपये से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए।

स्नातक तथा स्नातकोत्तर स्तर के तकनीकी तथा व्यावसायिक कोर्स के लिए। अभिभावकों की वार्षिक आय 2.5 लाख रुपये से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए। दसवीं कक्षा से पीएच.डी. तक। अभिभावकों की वार्षिक आय 2 लाख रुपये से अधिक नहीं होनी चाहिए

30 प्रतिशत छात्रवृत्तियाँ छात्राओं के लिए हैं



Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the candidates belonging to minority communities

Question 1: Which are the minority communities eligible for this scholarship?

Ans: Minority communities notified under section 2(c) of NCM Act, 1922 are eligible for this scholarship scheme. They are: Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis (Zoroastrians).

Question 2: Who can apply for free coaching?

Ans: Students belonging to minority communities can apply for free coaching in response to the advertisement published by the coaching institutes selected under this scheme.

Question 3: What are the eligibility criteria?

Ans; The annual income of the student/parent or guardian of student should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh from all sources and candidates must have secured the requisite percentage of marks in the qualifying examination prescribed for admission into the desired courses/recruitment examinations.

Question 4: What are the courses for which free coaching is provided for?

Ans: Free coaching is provided by the coaching institutes selected under this scheme for any of the following as approved by the Ministry of Minority Affairs:-

- a) Qualifying examinations for admission in technical/ professional courses such as engineering, law, medical, management, information technology etc. and language/aptitude examinations for seeking admission to foreign universities.
- b) Competitive examinations for recruitment to Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' services and other equivalent posts under the Central and State governments including police/security forces, public sector undertakings, Railways, banks, insurance companies as well as autonomous bodies.

- c) Coaching/training for jobs in the private sector such as in airlines, shipping, fisheries, information technology (IT), business process outsourcing (BPO) and other IT enabled services, hospitality, tours and travels, maritime, food processing, retail, sales and marketing, bio-technology and other job oriented courses as per the emerging trend of employment.
- d) Remedial coaching for technical & professional courses at undergraduate and post graduate level to improve academic knowledge and enable the student to catch up with the rest of the class and complete the course successfully. The remedial coaching will be imparted by the institute where the student is admitted to pursue technical/professional course at under graduate or post graduate level.

Question 5. What are the coaching and training courses normally approved under the scheme?

Ans: The following types of coaching courses/training programmes are normally approved under the scheme :-

- i) Coaching for various entrance examinations for admission into technical and professional courses such as engineering, medical, B.Ed, Law, MBA, C.A., DIET etc.
- ii) Coaching for competitive examinations conducted by UPSC/State Public Service Commission/SSC/State Sub-ordinate Services/Railways etc. for Govt. jobs for Group A, B & C services including Civil Services and PCS.
- iii) Competitive examinations for Bank/LIC/Other PSUs for jobs in public sector.
- iv) Coaching for recruitment as constables in security forces/railways etc. and group 'D' services.
- v) Trainings in various fields such as IT/ITES including BPO/various computer courses/sales & retail management, accounting etc. for jobs in private sector.
- vi) Other specialized trainings which has the potential to fetch a job in Govt. or private sector.

Question 6: How is the scheme implemented?

Ans: The scheme is implemented through the coaching institutes run by the following :-

- i) All institutes in the government sector, including universities and autonomous bodies, engaged in coaching/training activities.
- ii) All institutes in the government sector, including universities and autonomous bodies, engaged in imparting remedial coaching to students belonging to the minority communities.
- iii) Universities/colleges in private sector engaged in coaching/training activities, including deemed universities.
- iv) Institutes in the private sector engaged in coaching activities/job oriented coaching/training for placement in private sectors, which are a trusts, companies, partnership firms, or societies registered under the relevant law, preferably of relevant industry bodies or institutes identified by them.

Question 7: What is the rate of coaching fee & stipend?

Ans: Coaching fee is admissible to the coaching institutes keeping in view the rates prevailing in the locality for the particular coaching programme subject to the maximum limit as mentioned below. The rate of stipend for local and outstation candidates are also mentioned against each coaching programme.

SI. No.	Type of Coaching/ training/remedial coaching	Coaching/ training/remedial coaching fee	Amount of Stipend per month.
1.	Group 'A' Services	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 20000/-	Rs.1500 /- for outstation candidates, Rs. 750/-for local Candidates

2.	Group 'B' Services	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 15,000/	-Do-
3.	Group 'C' Services	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 10,000/	-Do-
4.	Entrance examination for technical/professional courses	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 20000/-	-Do-
5.	Coaching/Training for jobs in Private Sectors	As fixed by the institute, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 20,000/	-Do-
6.	Remedial Coaching/Tuition for the students pursuing technical/professional courses	As charged by the institute where the student is admitted to pursue technical/professional course, for the extra tuition classes.	Not Applicable
7.	Coaching for recruitment of constables and equivalent in police/security forces and railways. (For a period not exceeding five days)	At nominal rates, as proposed by the institute and fixed by the committee	Rs.100 /- per day for outstation candidates, Rs. 50/- per day for local candidates.

Question 8: What is maximum duration of a coaching programme?

Ans: The maximum duration of a coaching programme is 9 months which is relaxable upto 12 months.

Question 9: How many times can a student avail of the benefit of a particular coaching programme?

Ans: Benefits of coaching/training under the scheme can be availed by a particular student once only, irrespective of the number of chances he/she may be entitled to in a particular competitive examination. The coaching/training institution will be required to take an affidavit from the student that he/she has not taken any benefit under this scheme earlier. In case, where the examination is conducted in two stages i.e. preliminary and main, the candidates will be allowed to take coaching of the preliminary

as well as the main examination, but coaching for the main examination will be allowed only to those who have qualified in the preliminary examination for the year concerned.

Question 10. How does a student come to know, whether he has been selected for coaching programme by the coaching institute?

Ans: The name of the student selected by the coaching institute for a particular coaching programme is displayed by the coaching institute in its website. The student may also get in touch with the coaching institute where he/she has applied for the coaching course.

Question 10. How is the stipend distributed among the students/candidates?

Ans: Stipend is credited to the students accounts by the coaching institutes as per the prescribed rates for local and outstation candidates on monthly basis for the duration of the coaching programme.

Post-matric scholarship scheme for minority communities

Q.1. What is the post-matric scholarship scheme for minority communities?

A. The objective of the scheme is to award scholarships to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of minority community so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education, increase their rate of attainment in higher education and enhance their employability.

Post-matric scholarship scheme for minority communities provides the students class ΧI Ph.D scholarship to from to (XI, XII, Technical/Vocational, Under Graduate, Post Graduate, M.Phil & Ph.D) studying in Government/ recognised private schools/ colleges/ universities/ institutes in India including technical/ vocational courses in Industrial Training Institutes/ Industrial Training Centers and the courses not covered under merit-cum-means based scholarship scheme for minority communities. This scholarship is not available for LLB, MBA, MCA, BE and MBBS. (See website:-www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)

Q.2. Who is eligible to apply for the post-matric scholarship?

A. Students belonging to Muslim/ Christian/ Sikh/ Buddhist/ Parsi, who have secured not less than 50% marks in previous final examination and the annual income of his/her parents/ guardians from all sources not exceeding Rs. 2 lakhs, can apply for the post-matric scholarship in the prescribed application to the Department dealing with minority welfare of his/her State/UT, on advertisement published by the State Government/ Union Territory Administration concerned.

Q.3. What is the financial assistance given under post matric scholarship?

A. Under post-matric scholarship, financial assistance for admission & course/tuition fee and maintenance allowance is given, as under:

Class/ Course	Admission and Tuition fee per annum		Maintenance allowance per month for 10 months in an academic year.	
	Hosteller	Hosteller Day scholar		Day scholar
XI-XII	Actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 7,000/- Actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 10,000/- Actual subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 3,000/-		Rs. 235/-	Rs. 140/-
Technical and Vocational courses			Rs. 235/-	Rs. 140/-
Under Graduate and Post Graduate			Rs. 355/-	Rs. 185/-
M.Phil & Ph.D. Nil		Rs. 510/-	Rs. 330/-	

Q.4. How is the post-matric scholarship amount disbursed to the students?

A. State Government/ Union Territory Administration concerned or their designated agencies disburse the maintenance allowance to the student's bank accounts, and admission and course/ tuition fee to the bank account of School/ College/ University/ Institute concerned.

Q.5. When did the scheme commence?

A. It commenced from the year 2007-08.

Q.6. Who deals with the subject at the level of Deputy Secretary in the Ministry?

A. Shri Lucas L. Kamsuan.

Q.7. Do you have a suggestion?

A. Please communicate in the following mailing address:

Email:- postmatric-mma@nic.in

Fax:- 011-24364279

Q.8. What is the contact address of Principal Secretaries/Secretaries dealing with Post-matric Scholarship in States/UTs?

List of Principal Secretaries/Secretaries dealing with Post-matric Scholarship in States/UTs.

S.No.	Name & Address	Telephone No.
1	Principal Secretary, Minorities Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, 'A' Block, Ground Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad – 500 022.	040-23454385
2	Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Block No2, Civil Secretariat, (Near Public Service Commission Office), Itanagar.	0360-2212947
3	Secretary, Deptt. for Welfare of Minorities & Development, Govt. of Assam, Dispur.	0361-2237313
4	Principal Secretary, Minority Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Bihar, Barrack No.6, Main Old Sectt.	0612-2236742

	Patna	
5	Secretary, Tribal & Scheduled Castes Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Room No.266, Dou Kalyan Singh Bhawan, Raipur.	0771-2234110
6	Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Goa, Panaji.	0832-2419405
7	Principal Secretary. Social Justice & Empowerment Deptt., Govt. of Gujarat, New Sachivalaya Complex, Gandhinagar – 382 010.	079-23251203 23251201 23251209 23254817
8	Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment Deptt., Govt. of Haryana, Room No.403, SSO Building, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-17, Chandigarh.	0172-2711706
9	Principal Secretary, Social Justice& Empowerment Deptt., Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.	0177-2621892 2880722
10	Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir Civil Secretariat, Srinagar – 190 001.	0191-2579126
11	Principal Secretary, Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Jharkhand, Project Bhawan, Dhruva, Ranchi-834004.	0651-2400215
12	Secretary, Minority Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Karnataka, Vikas Soudha, M.S. Building, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedi,	080- 22200623 22034440

	Bangalore – 560001.	
13	Principal Secretary, Higher Education Deptt., Govt. of Kerala, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.	0471-2518459
14.	Principal Secretary, Backward Classes & Minority Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Madhya Pradesh Mantralaya, Vallabh Bhavan, Bhopal.	0755-2441509
15.	Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Deptt., Govt. of Mahrashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032.	022-22025301
16.	Principal Secretary, Welfare of Minorities & OBC Deptt., Govt. of Manipur, Imphal.	0385-2451902
17.	Commissioner & Secretary, Education Department, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.	0364-2226684
18.	Principal Secretary, Education & Human Resource Development Department, Govt. of Mizoram, Aizawl.	0389-2323224
19.	Commissioner & Secretary, Higher Education Deptt., Govt. of Nagaland, Kohima.	0370-2270339
21	Secretary, Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Punjab, Mini Secretariat, Sector – 9, Chandigarh.	0172-2742691 2743721 5097500

22	Principal Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment Deptt., Govt. of Rajasthan, Sachivalaya, Room No. 340, SSO Building, Jaipur.	0141-2227380 2220258 2227380
23	Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.	09434109826 03592-205596
24	Secretary, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Minorities Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, St. George Fort, Chennai-600009.	044-25670848
25	Commissioner & Secretary, SC, OBC & RM Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Tripura, Agartala-799001	0381-2322943
26	Principal Secretary, Minority Welfare & Wakf Deptt., Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Sachivalaya, 4th Floor, Bapu Bhawan, Lucknow.	0522-2237157
27	Secretary, Minority Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Uttarakhand, Secretariat, Dehradun.	0135-2712061
28	Secretary, Minorities Affairs & Madrasa Education Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.	033-22144015
29	Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Andaman & Nicobar Admn., Port Blair.	03192-232382
30	Secretary, Social Welfare-cum-Home Deptt.,	0172-2740008

	Chandigarh Admn., UT Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh.	
31	Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Dadra & Nagar Haveli Admn., Silvasa.	0260-2230088
32	Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Daman & Diu Admn. Moti Daman.	0260-2230088
33	Secretary, Deptt. for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minority, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, IInd Floor 'B' Block, Vikas Bhawan, I.P.Estate, New Delhi-110002.	011-23378278
34	Secretary, Social Justice, Empowerment & Culture Deptt., Lakshdweep Admn., Kavaratti.	04896-263180
35	Secretary, Social Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Puducherry, Secretariat, Puducherry.	0413-2334484

Pre-matric scholarship scheme for minority communities

Q.1. What is the pre-matric scholarship scheme for minority communities?

A. The objective of the scheme is to encourage parents from minority communities to send their school going children to school, lighten their financial burden on school education and sustain their efforts to support their children to complete school education.

Pre-matric scholarship scheme for minority communities provides the scholarship to students from class I to X studying in Government/recognised private schools/ institutes in India. (See website:-www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)

Q.2. Who is eligible to apply for the pre-matric scholarship?

A. Students belonging to Muslim/ Christian/ Sikh/ Buddhist/ Parsi who has secured not less than 50% marks in previous final examination and the annual income of his/her parents/ guardians from all sources not exceeding Rs. 1 lakh, can apply for the pre-matric scholarship in the prescribed application to the Department dealing with minority welfare of his/her State/UT, on advertisement published by the State Government/ Union Territory Administration concerned.

Q.3. What is the financial assistance given under pre matric scholarship?

A. Under pre-matric scholarship, financial assistance for admission & course/tuition fee and maintenance allowance is given, as under:

Class	Admissio ann	-	Tuition fee per month		Maintenance allowance per month for 10 months in an academic year.	
	Hosteller	Day scholar	Hosteller	Day scholar	Hosteller	Day scholar
I to V	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Rs. 100/-
VI to X	Rs. 500/- subject to actuals	Rs. 500/- subject to actuals	Rs. 350/- subject to actuals	Rs. 350/- subject to actuals	Rs. 600/- subject to actuals	Rs. 100/-

Q.4. How is the pre-matric scholarship amount disbursed to the students?

A. State Government/ Union Territory Administration concerned or their designated agencies disburse the maintenance allowance to the student's bank accounts, and admission and course/ tuition fee to the bank account of School/ Institute concerned.

Q.5. When did the scheme commence?

A. It commenced from the year 2008-09.

Q.6. What is State/UT-wise target achieved since inception?

A. Pre-matric scholarships sanctioned for 2008-09

S.No.	State/UT	No. of scholarships sanctioned	
1	Andhra Pradesh	25923	
2	Bihar	43582	
3	Chhattisgarh	1600	
4	Goa	151	
5	Haryana	3727	
6	Himachal Pradesh	540	
7	Jammu & Kashmir	4842	
8	Jharkhand	12003	
9	Karnataka	21018	
10	Kerala	46347	
11	Madhya Pradesh	13719	
12	Maharashtra	58052	
13	Manipur	1960	
14	Meghalaya	5479	
15	Mizoram	2661	
16	Orissa	3542	
17	Punjab	49996	
18	Rajasthan	18775	
19	Tamil Nadu	24135	
20	Tripura	821	
21	Uttar Pradesh	97785	
22	West Bengal	68235	
23	Andaman & Nicobar	220	
24	Chandigarh	398	
25	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	21	
26	Daman & Diu	30	
27	Delhi	6918	
28	Puducherry	177	
	Total 512657		

Q.7. Who deals with the subject at the level of Deputy Secretary in the Ministry?

A. Shri Virendra Singh.

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20.	Principal Secretary, Backward & Minorities Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.	0674-2536672

21	Secretary, Welfare Deptt., Govt. of Punjab, Mini Secretariat, Sector – 9, Chandigarh.	0172-2742691 2743721 5097500
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Merit-cum-Means scholarship scheme for minority communities

Question 1. Which are the minority communities eligible for this scholarship?

Ans: Minority communities notified under section 2(c) of NCM Act, 1922 are eligible for this scholarship scheme. They are: Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis (Zoroastrians).

Question 2: Who can apply for merit-cum means scholarship?

Ans: Students belonging to minority communities can apply for this scheme for studies in India only to the State/UT to which they belong through this institute/college.

Question 3. What are the eligibility criteria?

Ans; The annual income of the student/parent or guardian of student should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh from all sources and the student also should have secured at least 50% marks in his/her last examination

Question 4: What are the courses for which scholarship is provided for?

Ans: Financial assistance is provided for pursuing technical and professional courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels in a institute recognized by an appropriate authority.

Question 5. What are the technical and professional courses covered by the scheme?

Ans: The list of eligible technical and professional courses are available in the website of the Ministry for Minority Affairs. Please visit Ministry's website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in

Question 6: How is the scheme implemented?

Ans: The scheme is implemented through the State Government/UT administration who receive 100% central assistance from the Government of India.

Question 7. What is the rate of scholarship?

Ans: Students studying in other recognized institutes are entitled for reimbursement of a maximum course fee of Rs.20,000/- per annum. Students, studying in listed institutions (Reputed institutions shorted listed all over India, a total of 70 such institutions are there country-wide) are eligible for full reimbursement of course fee charged by these institutions. Detail list of the 70 institutions is available at Ministry's website www.minortiyaffairs.gov.in

Question 8. What is the rate of maintenance allowance?

Ans: Maintenance allowance is given @ Rs.5,000/- and 10,000 for 10 months in a yea to day scholars and hostlers respectively.

Question 9: How does a student come to know, whether he has been awarded scholarship or not?

Ans: The respective State/UTs Government should be approached for any specific information in this regard. Once scholarships are sanctioned, the States/UTs are required to plan the details of the selected students in the website of State Government/department concerned.

Question 10. How are the scholarship distributed among the different minority communities and States/UTs?

Ans: State-wise distribution of scholarship among the students belonging to the five minority communities is given at booklet of the merit-cum means scholarship scheme. This has been done in proportion to the population of minorities of the

States/UTs concerned. For details visit the website of the Ministry www.minorityaffairs.gov.in

Question 11. Is there any earmarking for girl students?

Ans: 30% scholarship has been earmarked for girls of each minority community in a state.

Question 12. What happens, if the earmarked number of scholarships for girls are not utilized?

Ans: In the meant 30% scholarships earmarked for girls of each minority community in a State/UTs is not fully utilized, it would be transferred to male students of that community in the State/UT concerned.

Question 13. When do I apply for fresh and renewed scholarship?

Ans. Advertisement would be published by the State Government/UT Administration every year inviting applications, giving the last date for receiving application forms, and the offices where the application forms are to be submitted. This advertisement should normally come out in the month of April every year. However, students are advised to keep touch of advertisement in the following months too in case it is issued after April.

Question 14: How do a student apply for merit-cum means scholarship?

Ans:. Students may contact the office dealing with the scholarships scheme in State/UT. For more details please contact Principal Secretary/Secretary of your States/UTs. List is in Ministry's website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in

Question 15: How do I know my status of application, sanction/release of scholarships?

Ans: The States/UTs are required to the detailed list of plan and scholarships sanctioned in the website of the department dealing with minority welfare/this scholarship scheme in the States/UTs.

Question 16. How do I furnish income certificate?

Ans: Income certificate could be submitted in any of the following manner:-

- (i) An income declaration by self-employed parents/guardians, stating income from all sources by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper.
- (ii) Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer and for any additional income from other sources, they would furnish declaration by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper.
- (iii) The income certificates issued by a duly authorized officer in State/UTs may also be acceptable of the affidavit.

Question 17. How do I furnish certificate that I belong to minority community?

Ans: A Self declaration by the student an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper that he/she belongs to a particular minority community notified under section 2(c) of NCM Act, 1922 is required to be submitted alongwith the affidavit.

Question 18. How many scholarships can a family avail?

Ans: Not more than two children in a family can avail scholarship under this scheme.

Question 19: Details of scheme of merit-cum means scholarships?

Ans: All details of this scheme available in the website of the Ministry for Minority Affairs. Please visit Ministry's website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in