

SCHEME OF 'POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP' FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES

1. BACKGROUND

The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. It provides that a post-matric scholarship scheme for meritorious students from minority communities would be implemented.

2. OBJECTIVE

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.

3. SCOPE

The scholarship is to be awarded for studies in India in a government or private higher secondary school/college/university, including such residential institutes of the Government and eligible private institutes selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned. It will also cover technical and vocational courses in Industrial Training Institutes/ Industrial Training Centres affiliated with the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) of classes XI and XII level including Polytechnics and other courses (any course of less than one year duration is not covered under this scheme; Certificate courses are also not covered).

4. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship will be awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination and the annual income of whose parents/guardians from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh.

11. DISTRIBUTION

Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. A total of five (05) lakh scholarships are targeted to be distributed as 'Fresh' Scholarships, besides, Renewal scholarships. The distribution of scholarship among the States/Union Territories will be made on the basis of population of minorities in the States/Union Territories as per Census 2001 for 2017-18 and as per the population of minorities in the States/Union Territories of Census 2011 for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as per Appendices- A & B).

6. EARMARKING

- i) 30% scholarship is earmarked for girls students of each minority community in a State/UT which is transferable to male students of that community in case of non-availability of female students in that community in the concerned State/UT. 30% is the floor and not the ceiling for eligible girl students.
- ii) If the physical target of scholarship for a particular minority community in a state/UT is not utilized, it will be distributed among the same minority

community in other States/UTs strictly in accordance with merit and without disturbing the national ratio. Any unutilized community quota shall be distributed amongst other communities again in accordance with merit and without affecting the overall national quota.

- iii) A student residing in a particular State/UT will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State/UT only irrespective of his/her place of study.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Fresh - As the number of scholarships for minorities available in a year is fixed and limited, it is necessary to lay down preference for selection. Inter-se selection weightage is to be given to poverty rather than marks (the applicant is required to submit an income certificate as per para-11(ii)). In case of same income, merit shall be generated from 'Date of Birth' criteria of applicant (senior is preferred).

Renewal – There is no merit list generation for renewal cases. Renewal applicant will get the scholarship if one has obtained 50% in his/her previous year's examinations (at the same institute and in same course) and his/her application is verified by all authorities (as designated by Ministry of Minority Affairs) and approved by State Governments/UTs.

8. DURATION

The scholarships shall be provided for the entire course of the academic year. Maintenance allowance will be given as fixed lump sum amount in an academic year (as per para-9 below) for 2017-18 to 2019-20.

9. RATES OF SCHOLARSHIP

Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission & course /tuition fee and maintenance allowance as given below subject to a maximum ceiling indicated against item concerned for 2017-20. The details of the scheme interventions for 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

Item	Rate of Scholarship
Rate of Scholarship Admission + Tuition Fee	Admission and tuition fee Class XI & XII: Rs. 7,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
	Admission and course/tuition fee for technical and vocational courses of XI and XII level (Courses of one or more year of duration): Rs. 10,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
	Admission and tuition fee for UG & PG level: Rs. 3,000/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
Maintenance Allowance	For Class XI & XII including Tech. & Voc. Course*: Rs. 380/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 230/- per month for Day Scholar

	For Courses other than Tech. & Prof. courses at UG & PG level*: Rs. 570/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 300/- per month for Day Scholar
	For M.Phil & Ph.D.*: Rs. 1,200/- per month for Hosteller & Rs. 550/- per month for Day Scholar

* For 10 months in an academic year.

10. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

The scheme is being implemented/funded by Ministry of Minority Affairs through the States/UT's Administration.

11. CONDITIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

- (i) Scholarship will be awarded to the students studying in Classes XI and XII including technical and vocational courses of this level including Polytechnics, ITIs, and other courses.
- (ii) An Income Certificate, issued from a Competent Authority in the State/UT Governments is required in respect of parent/guardian of the student.
- (iii) A Self-Certified Community Certificate is required from the student who has attained 18 years of age. For others the Community Certificate certified by parent/guardian of the student is required.
- (iv) The continuance of award (for Renewal applicants) will be subject to securing 50% marks in the previous year's examination (provided the students pursues the same course and same Institute/School).
- (v) Maintenance allowance will be provided to hostellers and day scholars.
- (vi) Scholarship will not be given to more than two students from a family (applicable for all Scholarship schemes meant for minorities under this Ministry taken together).
- (vii) Students should be regular in attendance for which the yardstick will be decided by the competent authority of the school.
- (viii) The school/institute will certify the claim of student of being an outstation student not residing in hostel of the school/institute concerned on the basis of permanent address and parents' address.
- (ix) Migration of students from one school/institute to another is not allowed for renewal applicants during the period of academic course.
- (x) If a student violates school discipline or any other terms and conditions of the scholarship, scholarship may be suspended or cancelled. The State Government/Union Territory Administration can also directly cancel the award if duly satisfied of the reasons of violation of these regulations governing the scheme.
- (xi) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered by the concerned State/UT Govt.
- (xii) The course/tuition fees and maintenance allowance will be credited to the student's account directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
- (xiii) The student obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other scheme for this purpose.
- (xiv) A student shall be eligible for only one scholarship out of all the available Scholarships of Central Government meant for SC/ST/OBC/ minority.**
- (xv) The amount of Administrative Expenses (@ 2%) for States/UTs in subsequent

year shall be released after receiving the utilization certificate for the previous years.

- (xvi) The scheme will be evaluated at regular intervals by the Ministry or any other agency designated by the Ministry and the cost of the evaluation will be borne by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under the provision of the scheme.
- (xvii) The State/Union Territory shall place all relevant details of financial and physical achievements on their website.
- (xviii) The regulations can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.
- (xix) It will be necessary for the eligible applicants to provide Aadhaar number while applying for the scholarship and in case, an individual does not possess Aadhaar one can provide the details of alternative identification documents, as stated in the Gazette Notification- S.O. No. 1284 (E) No. 1137, dated 21.04.2017 (as per Appendix-C).
- (xx) Students who have entered Aadhaar in their online application correctly and Aadhaar seeded with any of their bank account, in such cases the amount of scholarship will be credited to Aadhaar seeded bank account only (though student has mentioned any other non-seeded bank account in online application).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

As the magnitude of data to be entered and processed would be enormous as the scheme gets implemented over the years, there would be a need to engage qualified skilled personnel right from the beginning to ensure that the data based computerized systems are operational. Qualified skilled personnel possessing requisite expertise to operate computer programme designed for this purpose, enter, process, analyse, monitor, retrieve and transfer data should be engaged on contract basis as per need. Data provided by the States/Union Territories will be maintained and managed by the Ministry with personnel of similar expertise to be engaged on contract basis.

A provision not exceeding 2% of the total budget will be made to meet the administrative and allied costs viz. expenditure of the States/Union Territories and the Ministry for office equipments including computers and accessories, furniture, printing of application forms, advertisements, engagement of personnel, etc. This provision will also be used for evaluation and monitoring of the scheme, through outside reputed institutions/agencies engaged by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

13. RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship, once awarded, may be renewed during the next academic year of the course on the production of certificate that the student has secured 50% marks in the previous year's examination (provided the students pursues the same course and same Institute/School).

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEME

The scheme will be announced by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration well in time, through advertisements in the leading language newspapers and local dailies and by using other suitable publicity media.

15. MODE OF APPLYING

The scheme is implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). It is mandatory for all students to apply online on the website i.e. www.scholarships.gov.in.

16. PATTERN OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The scheme is Central Sector Scheme and 100% funding is provided by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

17. MONITORING & TRANSPARENCY

The State/Union Territory shall maintain year-wise details of the students receiving scholarship, indicating school/institute, location of school/institute, government or private, class, gender, new or renewal, permanent address and parents' address. The States/ Union Territories shall place relevant physical and financial details in their official website

18. EVALUATION

The monitoring of the financial and physical performance of the scheme will be evaluated by assigning evaluation/impact studies to reputed institutions/agencies by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

19. INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (to be filled by the students in online application form are as under):

- (i) Students must select their bank/branch name carefully from the drop down list.
- (ii) Thereafter the complete account no. must be entered correctly. Students are suggested to get their account number verified by their concerned Bank Branch including Bank account number and IFS Code.
- (iii) Disclaimer (*If bank details entered by students are found incorrect or not validated by the student's bank, the scholarship will be canceled/amount will not be transferred even though the application is approved for scholarship).
- (iv) Bank Account holders must check their 'Know your Customer' (KYC) status from bank and if required the KYC must be done for successful transaction of scholarship amount.
- (v) Bank Account must be operational/active till the scholarship is disbursed.
- (vi) Bank Account must be preferably in any scheduled Bank with core banking facility and proper IFS Code.
- (vii) Bank Account must be in the name of the student/applicant only.

20. MODIFICATION (if any, during 2017-18 to 2019-20)

Minor modifications, if any, in the scheme having no financial implications may be made by the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Minority Affairs without seeking recourse to SFC/EFC/Cabinet. However, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure would be consulted.

State/UT- wise & Community- wise distribution under Post-matric Scholarship for fresh cases for students belonging to the minority communities 2017-18 (as per Census 2001)

S.No.	States/UTs	Physical Allocation						Total
		Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Parsi	
1	Andhra Pradesh	8091	2059	19	6	56	1	10232
2	Telangana	9948	992	61	77	52	1	11131
2	Arunachal Pradesh	53	520	5	369	1	2	950
3	Assam	21276	2547	58	132	62	2	24077
4	Bihar	35428	137	54	49	42	2	35712
5	Chhattisgarh	1058	1035	180	169	145	2	2589
6	Goa	238	928	3	2	2	14	1187
7	Gujarat	11858	733	118	46	1356	16	14127
8	Haryana	3157	70	3022	18	148	2	6417
9	Himachal Pradesh	309	20	187	196	4	2	718
10	Jammu & Kashmir	17539	52	535	294	7	2	18429
11	Jharkhand	9633	2823	215	15	42	2	12730
12	Karnataka	16687	2605	40	1015	1065	2	21414
13	Kerala	20300	15639	7	5	12	2	35965
14	Madhya Pradesh	9918	440	389	540	1408	2	12697
15	Maharashtra	26516	2732	556	15074	3361	63	48302
16	Manipur	493	1904	4	5	4	2	2412
17	Meghalaya	256	4206	8	12	2	2	4486
18	Mizoram	26	1995	1	182	0	2	2206
19	Nagaland	90	4622	3	4	5	2	4726
20	Orissa	1967	2318	45	25	24	2	4381
21	Punjab	986	756	37675	107	101	2	39627
22	Rajasthan	12362	188	2113	27	1679	2	16371
23	Sikkim	20	93	3	393	0	2	511
24	Tamil Nadu	8961	9772	25	14	215	2	18989
25	Tripura	657	265	3	255	1	2	1183
26	Uttar Pradesh	79265	549	1751	780	535	2	82882
27	Uttarakhand	2613	70	547	32	24	2	3288
28	West Bengal	52227	1330	171	628	143	2	54501
29	Andaman & Nicobar	76	199	4	1	0	2	282
30	Chandigarh	92	20	375	3	7	2	499
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	17	16	0	1	2	1	37
32	Daman & Diu	32	9	0	0	1	11	53
33	Delhi	4192	336	1434	61	400	2	6425
34	Lakshadweep	129	1	0	0	0	2	132
35	Puducherry	153	175	0	0	2	2	332
Total:		356623	62156	49611	20537	10908	165	500000

State/UT-wise & Community-wise Physical distribution (for Fresh only) for the years 2018-20 under the scheme of Post-matric Scholarship Scheme (as per Census 2011)								
S.No.	States/UTs	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Parsi	Total (Physical)
1	Andhra Pradesh	7776	1619	20	6	60	0	9481
2	Telangana	9505	797	66	72	55	1	10496
3	Arunachal Pradesh	58	895	7	348	2	0	1310
4	Assam	22834	2493	44	118	55	0	25544
5	Bihar	37541	276	51	54	40	0	37962
6	Chhattisgarh	1101	1049	150	151	132	0	2583
7	Goa	260	783	3	2	2	0	1050
8	Gujarat	12501	676	125	65	1239	21	14627
9	Haryana	3809	108	2659	16	112	0	6704
10	Himachal Pradesh	320	27	171	168	4	0	690
11	Jammu & Kashmir	18318	76	502	241	5	0	19142
12	Jharkhand	10250	3033	153	19	32	0	13487
13	Karnataka	16876	2443	62	205	941	1	20528
14	Kerala	18973	13131	8	10	10	0	32132
15	Madhya Pradesh	10209	456	324	462	1212	1	12664
16	Maharashtra	27734	2309	477	13965	2994	96	47575
17	Manipur	513	2521	3	15	4	0	3056
18	Meghalaya	279	4732	7	21	1	0	5040
19	Mizoram	32	2045	1	200	1	0	2279
20	Nagaland	105	3720	4	14	6	0	3849
21	Odisha	1949	2484	47	30	20	0	4530
22	Punjab	1145	745	34220	71	96	0	36277
23	Rajasthan	13289	206	1866	26	1330	0	16717
24	Sikkim	21	129	4	358	1	0	513
25	Tamil Nadu	9043	9447	31	24	191	0	18736
26	Tripura	676	342	2	268	2	0	1290
27	Uttar Pradesh	82283	762	1376	441	456	0	85318
28	Uttarakhand	3008	81	505	32	20	0	3646
29	West Bengal	52715	1408	136	605	129	1	54994
30	Andaman & Nicobar	69	173	3	1	0	0	246
31	Chandigarh	110	19	296	2	4	0	431
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	28	11	0	1	3	0	43
33	Daman & Diu	41	6	0	0	1	0	48
34	Delhi	4616	312	1220	39	355	0	6542
35	Lakshadweep	133	1	0	0	0	0	134
36	Puducherry	162	168	1	1	3	0	335
Total:		368282	59483	44544	18051	9518	121	499999



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का. आ. 1284 (अ).- सेवाओं या प्रसुविधाओं या सहायिकियों के परिदान के लिए पहचान दस्तावेज के रूप में आधार का प्रयोग सरकार की परिदान प्रक्रियाओं को सरल बनाता है, पारदर्शिता और कार्यक्षमता लाता है और फायदाग्राहियों को अपनी हकदारियां एक आसान और धाराप्रवाह तरीके से सीधे प्राप्त करने में सक्षम बनाता है और आधार किसी व्यक्ति की पहचान को प्रमाणित करने के लिए बहुत से दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत करने की जरूरत का निराकरण करता है;

और भारत सरकार में अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्रालय (जिसे इसमें इसके पश्चात् मंत्रालय कहा गया है) छात्रों (जिसे इसमें इसके पश्चात् फायदाग्राही कहा गया है) के लिए निम्नलिखित केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र की योजनाओं (जिसे इसमें इसके पश्चात् योजनाएं कहा गया है) के जरिए छात्रवृत्ति प्रसुविधाओं (जिसे इसमें इसके पश्चात् प्रसुविधा कहा गया है) के रूप में सहायता प्रदान कर रहा है:

- (i) मैट्रिक-पूर्व छात्रवृत्ति योजना;
- (ii) मैट्रिकोत्तर छात्रवृत्ति योजना;
- (iii) मेरिट-सह-साधन छात्रवृत्ति योजना;

और उपर्युक्त योजनाओं में भारत की संचित निधि से किया गया व्यय अंतर्वलित है;

अब, इसलिए, आधार (वित्तीय और अन्य सहायिकियों, प्रसुविधाओं और सेवाओं का लक्षित परिदान) अधिनियम, 2016 (2016 का 18) (जिसे इसमें इसके पश्चात् अधिनियम कहा गया है) की धारा 7 के उपबंधों के अनुसरण में केन्द्रीय सरकार एतद्वारा निम्नलिखित अधिसूचित करती है, अर्थात्:-

1. (1) योजनाओं के अधीन प्रसुविधा प्राप्त करने के लिए इच्छुक किसी पात्र व्यक्ति को उसके पास आधार होने का सबूत प्रस्तुत करना या आधार अधिप्रमाणन करवाना अपेक्षित है।
- (2) योजनाओं के अधीन प्रसुविधा प्राप्त करने के लिए इच्छुक किसी व्यक्ति, जिसके पास आधार नहीं है या आधार के लिए अभी तक नामांकन नहीं किया है, को एतद्वारा 30 जून, 2017 तक आधार नामांकन के लिए आवेदन करना अपेक्षित है बशर्ते कि वह उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 3 के अनुसार आधार प्राप्त करने का हकदार है और ऐसे व्यक्ति आधार नामांकन के लिए किसी भी आधार नामांकन केन्द्र (सूची भारतीय विशिष्ट पहचान प्राधिकरण (यूआईडीएआई) की वेबसाइट www.uidai.gov.in पर उपलब्ध) पर जा सकते हैं।

(3) आधार (नामांकन और अद्यतन) विनियम, 2016 के विनियम 12 के अनुसार राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन में योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के लिए प्रभारी संबंधित विभाग, जिसे किसी व्यक्ति द्वारा आधार प्रस्तुत किया जाना अपेक्षित है, द्वारा उन फायदाग्राहियों को आधार नामांकन सुविधाएं प्रदान कराना अपेक्षित है जिन्हें अभी तक आधार के लिए नामांकित नहीं किया

गया है और यदि संबंधित ब्लॉक या ताल्लुक या तहसील में कोई आधार नामांकन केन्द्र स्थित नहीं है तो उस राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन में योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के लिए प्रभारी संबंधित विभाग के लिए यह अपेक्षित है कि वह यूआईडीएआई के मौजूदा रजिस्ट्रारों के साथ समन्वय से या स्वयं यूआईडीएआई रजिस्ट्रार बनते हुए सुविधाजनक स्थानों पर आधार नामांकन सुविधाएं प्रदान करे :

परंतु किसी व्यक्ति को आधार सौंपे जाने तक योजनाओं के अधीन प्रसुविधा ऐसे व्यक्तियों को निम्नलिखित पहचान दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत किए जाने पर दिए जाएंगे, अर्थात् :-

- (क) (i) यदि उसका नामांकन हुआ है तो उसकी आधार नामांकन पहचान स्लिप; या
- (ii) आधार नामांकन के लिए किए गए उसके अनुरोध की प्रति, जैसा पैरा 2 के उप पैरा (ख) में विनिर्दिष्ट है; और
- (ख) (i) फोटो सहित बैंक पासबुक; या (ii) राशन कार्ड; या (iii) आयकर विभाग द्वारा जारी स्थायी लेखा संख्या (पीएएन) कार्ड; या (iv) पासपोर्ट; या (v) स्कूल की सरकारी मोहर के अधीन स्कूल के मुख्याध्यापक अथवा प्रधानाचार्य द्वारा जारी किया गया छात्र का फोटो सहित पहचान प्रमाण-पत्र; या (vi) मोटर यान अधिनियम, 1988 (1988 का 59) के अधीन अनुज्ञापन प्राधिकारी द्वारा जारी चालन अनुज्ञापति; या (vii) राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन द्वारा विनिर्दिष्ट अन्य कोई दस्तावेज:

परंतु यह भी कि उपर्युक्त दस्तावेजों की इस प्रयोजन के लिए राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन द्वारा विशेष रूप से अभिहित किसी अधिकारी द्वारा जांच की जाएगी।

2. योजनाओं के अधीन फायदाग्राहियों को सुविधाजनक और परेशानी रहित प्रसुविधा प्रदान करने के लिए राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन में योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के लिए प्रभारी संबंधित विभाग निम्नलिखित सहित सभी अपेक्षित व्यवस्थाएं करेगा, अर्थात्:-

(क) राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन में योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के लिए प्रभारी संबंधित विभाग के अधीन संस्थानों के माध्यम से फायदाग्राहियों को मीडिया और व्यक्तिगत सूचनाओं के जरिए व्यापक प्रचार किया जाएगा ताकि योजनाओं के अधीन आधार की आवश्यकता के बारे में उन्हें जागरूक बनाया जा सके और उन्हें उनके क्षेत्रों में उपलब्ध नजदीकी आधार नामांकन केन्द्रों में 30 जून, 2017 तक अपना नामांकन करवाने की सलाह दी जा सके यदि उनका पहले से नामांकन नहीं हुआ है। उन्हें स्थानीय रूप से उपलब्ध नामांकन केन्द्रों की सूची (सूची www.uidai.gov.in पर उपलब्ध) उपलब्ध कराई जाएगी।

(ख) उनके आस-पास जैसे कि ब्लॉक या ताल्लुक या तहसील में कोई आधार नामांकन केन्द्र उपलब्ध न होने के कारण योजनाओं के फायदाग्राही यदि आधार के लिए नामांकन करवाने में सक्षम नहीं हैं तो राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन में योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के लिए प्रभारी संबंधित विभाग के लिए सुविधाजनक स्थानों पर आधार नामांकन सुविधाएं सृजित करना अपेक्षित है और फायदाग्राहियों को आधार नामांकन के लिए राज्य सरकार या संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन के संबंधित पदाधिकारी या इस प्रयोजन के लिए प्रदान किए गए वेब पोर्टल के जरिए अपना नाम, पता, मोबाइल नं. और पैरा 1 के उप-पैरा (3) के प्रथम परंतुक में विनिर्दिष्ट अन्य विवरण देते हुए अपने अनुरोध रजिस्टर करने का अनुरोध किया जाए।

3. यह अधिसूचना शासकीय राजपत्र में इसके प्रकाशन की तारीख से असम, मेघालय और जम्मू- कश्मीर राज्यों को छोड़कर सभी राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों में प्रवृत्त होगी।

[फा. सं. 9/12/2016-एसएस]

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(SS Division)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 21st April, 2017

S.O.1284(E).—Whereas, the use of Aadhaar as identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly to them in a convenient and seamless manner and Aadhaar obviates the need for producing multiple documents to prove one's identity;

And whereas, Ministry of Minority Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the Ministry) in the Government of India is providing assistance in the form of scholarship benefits (hereinafter referred to as benefits) for students (hereinafter referred to as beneficiaries) through the following Central Sector schemes (hereinafter referred to as the schemes):

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme;
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme;
- (iii) Merit-Cum-Means Scholarship Scheme;

And whereas the aforesaid schemes involve expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of India;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the provisions of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government hereby notifies the following, namely:—

1. (1) An eligible Individual desirous of availing the benefits under the schemes is required to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar or undergo Aadhaar authentication.

(2) An individual desirous of availing the benefit under the schemes who do not possess an Aadhaar or has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, is hereby required to apply for Aadhaar enrolment by 30th June 2017, provided he or she is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per the section 3 of the said Act and such individuals may visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre (list available at Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in) for Aadhaar enrolment.

(3) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the concerned department in charge of implementation of the schemes in the State Government or Union territory Administration which requires an individual to furnish Aadhaar, is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the concerned department in charge of implementation of the schemes in the State Government or Union territory Administration is required to provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming UIDAI Registrar:

Provided that till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, benefits under the Schemes shall be given to such individuals, subject to the production of the following identification documents, namely:—

- (a) (i) if she or he has enrolled, her or his Aadhaar Enrolment ID slip; or
 (ii) a copy of her or his request made for Aadhaar enrolment, as specified in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 2; and
 (b) (i) Bank passbook with photograph; or (ii) Ration Card, or (iii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card issued by the Income Tax Department; or (iv) Passport; or (v) Certificate of identity having photo of such student issued by a Headmaster or Principal of School under official seal of the school; or (vi) Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or (vii) any other documents specified by the State Government or Union territory Administration:

Provided further that the above documents shall be checked by an officer specifically designated by the State Government or Union territory Administration for that purpose.

2. In order to provide convenient and hassle free benefits under the schemes to the beneficiaries under the schemes, the concerned department in charge of implementation of the schemes in the State Government or Union territory Administration shall make all the required arrangements including the following, namely:-

(a) Wide publicity through media and individual notices shall be given to the beneficiaries through the institutes under the concerned department in charge of implementation of the schemes in the State Government or Union territory Administration to make them aware of the requirement of Aadhaar under the schemes and they may be advised to get themselves enrolled at the nearest Aadhaar enrolment centres available in their areas by 30th June, 2017, in case they are not already enrolled. The list of locally available enrolment centres (list available at www.uidai.gov.in) shall be made available to them.

(b) In case, the beneficiaries of the schemes are not able to enrol for Aadhaar due to non-availability of enrolment centres within near vicinity such as in Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the concerned department in charge of implementation of the schemes in the State Government or Union territory Administration is required to create Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations, and the beneficiaries may be requested to register their requests for Aadhaar enrolment by giving their names, addresses, mobile numbers with other details as specified in the first proviso to sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 1, with the concerned official of the State Government or Union territory Administration or through the web portal provided for the purpose.

3. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette in all States and Union territories except the States of Assam, Meghalaya and Jammu and Kashmir.

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