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Office of the,
Dy. Director Elementary
Education Una Distt. Una(H.P.).
Dated 1/11/2021   Una,the

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All the Principals(GSSS)
All the Headmaster(GHS), Incharges (GMS)
All the Principal Management committee of Private schools &
All the Block Elementary Education Officers Distt. Una(HP).

Subject:-   **State/UT/Community-wise physical allocation of scholarships and timeline activities under the three scholarship scheme for Minority communities for the year 2021-22.**

Memo,

Please find enclosed herewith a letter no. SS-15/4/2021-Scholarship-MOMA dated 25-08- received from Government of India, Ministry of Minority Affairs on the subject cited above.

In this context, it is to inform you that the Government has decided to open National scholarship portal for submission of Pre-Matric Minority Scholarship and Pre-Matric scholarship for students with Disabilities application from 18th of August,2021. The schedule for the apply the above said scheme is as under:-

1	Last date of applying for Pre-Martic scholarship for Minority application	15-11-2021
2	Last date of applying for Pre-Martic scholarship for student with Disabilities application	15-11-2021
3	Last date for the verification at Institute level for the both schemes	15-11-2021

It is therefore, you are directed to ensure verification of students application forms on NSP portal before 15-11-20 at institute level and further directed to submit the attested documents of student to the undersigned within time for further verification process at District Level.

Dy. Director Elementary Education,
Una Distt. Una (H.P)

SS-15/4/2021-Scholarship-MoMA
Government of India
Ministry of Minority Affairs

11th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi- 110003
Dated 25th August, 2021

To

The Chief Secretary/Administrator
All State Governments/UT Administrations
(Implementing Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for Minorities)

Subject: State/UT/Community-wise Physical Allocation of Scholarships and Timeline Activities under the three Scholarship Schemes for minority communities for the year 2021-22- regarding.

Madam / Sir,

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three Scholarship Schemes viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the Minorities as Central Sector Schemes through National Scholarhip Portal (NSP) of the Government of India and the students can apply under these schemes through URL www.scholarships.gov.in. or through the link available on www.minorityaffairs.gov.in or through Mobile App- National Scholarships (NSP). Scholarships are awarded under these Schemes to the economically weaker and meritorious students from the six centrally notified minority communities viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian (Parsis) pursuing studies in India in a Government or recognized private university/institute/ college/school.

2.   The Central Government has decided to open the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on 18th August, 2021 for the three Scholarship Schemes for 2021-22 and detailed is as under:-

a	Opening of NSP Portal for Submission of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship application.*	18.08.2021
b	Last date of applying for Pre-Matric Scholarship application.	15.11.2021
c	Last date of applying for Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship application.	30.11.2021
d	Last date for First Level Verification	15.12.2021
e	Last date for Second Level Verification	31.12.2021

Only Online applications under the Schemes will be accepted and no request for Offline applications will be entertained.

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3.   The States/UTs should publicise the Schemes through advertisements in leading local newspapers and other popular means in their respective State/UT to enable maximum minority students to avail the benefits of these scholarship schemes. A copy of draft Advertisement for their use, as approved by MoMA is at Annex-I. At the National level, Ministry of Minority Affairs will be issuing an advertisement.

4.   The State-wise/Community-wise physical allocation under three Scholarship Schemes for the financial year 2021-22 is yet to be done as the scheme and guidelines are likely to be revised shortly. Hence, the same shall be intimated separately in due course. In so far as Renewal applications are concerned, there is no target for them and all Renewal applications are eligible for scholarship during the year. The actions to be taken by the State Governments/UT Administrations related to the implementation of the 3 Scholarship Schemes is at **Annexure-I** for strict compliance.

5.   Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Niva Singh 25/8

(Niva Singh)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India
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Copy to :-

1. Joint Secretary (DBT),
(Shri Saurabh K Tiwari)
Cabinet Secretariat, 4th Floor, Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.

2. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries
In-charge Minority Welfare Department,
All State Government/UT Administration.

3. Nodal Officer of States/UTs (Dealing with minority welfare Department).

4. NIC, MoMA for uploading in the website of the Ministry.

Actions to be taken by the State Governments/UT Administrations related to the implementation of the 3 Scholarship Schemes:

(i)   State Government/UT Administration should publicise the Schemes through advertisements in leading local newspapers and other suitable publicity media in their respective State/UT. The advertisement will enable the minority students to avail the maximum benefits of scholarship schemes. The advertisement should also mention that " All renewal applicants/students, who have got scholarship during 2020-21, shall apply by giving their existing Application ID".

(ii)   All Universities/Institutes/Colleges/Schools, having valid AISHE/U-DISE/NCVT/SCVT codes, located in the State/UT should be advised to register themselves and their courses details on the NSP at the earliest so that their students can apply and they can verify such applications on the Portal within the timelines.

(iii)   The timelines need to be adhered to strictly. Technical issue, if any arising during the process of online submission, generation of merit lists and payment lots may be resolved immediately in consultation with the NIC HQ or State NICs at the earliest.

(iv)   It has been observed that after the last date (s) of verification, a large number of Fresh as well as Renewal applications are left pending for verification at L1 level by Institute Nodal Officers and L2 level by State/District Nodal Officers (SNOs/DNOs). All States/UTs are advised to look into this issue and ensure that no application remains unverified after the last date (s) of verification during 2021-22.

(v)   All Verification Authorities (INO/DNO/SNO) can mark an application fake if he/she is satisfied that the applicant is not a bonafide student. In other circumstances, in case of non-fulfillment of eligibility criteria or inconsistency of records, the verifying authority may either reject the application or mark it defective and give the applicant another opportunity to correct their records.

(vi)   It needs to be noted by all the INOs, DNOs and SNOs that in case if any application is marked fake at L2 Level by the DNO or the SNO then the entire bunch of applications from that School/Institute will go back to the respective INO login of that School/Institute for re-verification. Hence the DNOs/SNOs are adviced to exercise caution while using the option of marking an application fake.

(vii)   In addition to the above, all State Governments/UT Administrations may note the following for necessary compliance as requested vide this Ministry's letter No.15/13/2020-SS dated 02.08.2021 a copy of which is attached as Annex-II.

a.   Aadhaar based demographic authentication of Institute/District/State Nodal Officers.

b.   The option of rejecting a payment file on the basis of 'fake' applications has been restricted and therefore the SNOs may exercise utmost caution while rejecting payment file on NSP Portal.

c.   Aadhaar demographic authentication based on applicant's details i.e. name, gender and year of birth as given in Aadhaar, has been introduced on NSP Portal.

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Government of India
Ministry of Minority Affairs

11th Floor, Pt. DeendayalAntyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi- 110003,
Dated: 02.08.2021

To
The Principal Secretary/Secretary
All State Governments/ UT Administrations.

Subject: Implementation of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for minorities through National Scholarship Portal (NSP) in 2021-22 reg.

Sir/Madam,

This is regarding the implementation of the 3 Scholarship Schemes viz., Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Schemes of this Ministry being implemented through the National Scholarship Portal. The Portal is going to be open shortly for the year 2021-22 and the DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat has decided in consultation with all stakeholder Ministries/Departments to implement the following measures to further secure the Portal.

i. **Authentication of L1 & L2 officers:** *Aadhaar based demographic authentication of Institute/ District Nodal Officers (INOs/DNOs) has been made mandatory prior to the verification of the applications by them for which the INOs/DNOs have to provide their Aadhaar number on NSP Portal.'*
The facility of Aadhaar based authentication of L1 and L2 level officers has been made live on the NSP Portal and the OTP generated during the process will be sent to the mobile number registered with the Aadhaar of INO/DNO/SNO. NSP will be using the same mobile no. for all communications and sending OTPs in future. The procedure for KYC for new Institute Nodal Officer is also attached for reference. The NSP login of the INO would be operational post completion of KYC at NSP using the Aadhaar number of the INO.

ii. **Restriction clause for payment file rejection on the basis of fake applicants:** It has been noticed that the payment files are rejected several times by the respective SNOs of the States/UTs for rejecting fake applicants. It has now been decided that from 2021-22, the opportunity for rejecting payment files will be restricted to two times only. Hence, SNOs may be directed to verify the applications with due diligence so that the fake applications are identified and filtered at the verification stage itself and repeated rejection of payment files is avoided.

iii.   A feature of Aadhaar demographic authentication based on beneficiary's /student's name, gender and year of birth given in Aadhaar has been introduced on NSP Portal.

2.   It is requested that the State Nodal Officers implementing the 3 Scholarship Schemes of MoMA, may be directed to take note of the above decision and initiate appropriate action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

State Nodal Officers (SNOs) of the 3 Scholarship Schemes of all States/UTs.

Copy for information to:

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2. Shri Shashi Bhushan, DDG, NIC, A-Block, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.