

7. Post-Matric Scholarship for Physically Challenged, SC, Pahari and OBC Students

Theme	Education
Department	Social Welfare Department
Target group(s)	Students pursuing various post-matric academic programmes and courses
Description of the scheme	This scholarship provides financial assistance to the SC/OBC or physically handicapped students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to pursue higher education.
Objective	To provide financial assistance to the OBC students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to pursue higher education.
Eligibility	<p>For OBC and physically challenged students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The income limit of parents/guardians is Rs. 44,500/- per year. - The student must be from OBC category or having more than 40% disability in case of physically challenged and studying in recognised institutions for recognised courses. - The student is not in receipt of any other scholarship under any other Institution/course/category. <p>For SC/Pahari students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The scholarship is available for students in under graduation and above. - Income limit of parents/guardians is Rs. 1.08 Lakhs per year. - The students must be from SC/Pahari speaking category, and studying in recognised institutions for recognised courses. - The student is not in receipt of any other scholarship under any other institution/course/category.

How to apply for this scheme	Application forms are available with the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) free of costs. Completed applications are to be submitted with the concerned Head of Institution.
Procedure	The Head of Institution will verify the application form and make recommendations regarding eligibility and forward the list of eligible applicants to the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) for consolidation and scrutiny. The DSWO concerned after recording necessary certificate will forward the list to the Director Social Welfare for arrangement of funds/accord of sanction. The sanctioned students are paid scholarship at the prescribed rates.
Value of the financial assistance	See table on the next page.
Whom to contact for the actual status of the scheme	District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) or the Director Social Welfare Department.

i) Maintenance allowance for post-matric scholarship:

Course of (1)	(Rs. Per Month) Rate of Maintenance Allowance	
	Hostlers (2)	Day Scholars (3)
<p>Group A Medical /Engineering including Degree level Courses in Indian Medicine, B.A.M&S and Comparable courses in Ayurveda, Unani/ Tibbia and Homeopathic System of Medicines. B.Sc (Agriculture/ B.V.Sc/B.F.Sc (Fisheries) Higher technical and all professional studies like Degree and Post-Matric courses in Agricultural and Veterinary Science.</p>	425	190
<p>Group B Diploma level courses in Indian Medicine and Comparable courses in Ayurvedic, Unani/Tibbia and Homeopathic system of Medicine. Diploma & comparable courses in Engineering, Technology, Architecture, medicine, diploma level Courses in printing technology and courses for Overseer , draftsman, surveyor, Commercial Pilot License, Diploma and higher courses in Hotel Management catering technology and applied Nutrition. Degree and post-graduate course in nursing and pharmacy. Wireless and television operators/sound recording and sound engineering motion picture, photography, film direction/acting. screenplay/ writing/ Degree/ post graduate Diploma courses in business management, Chartered and Cost / Works Accountancy. Post Graduate courses in Science subjects.</p>	290	190
<p>Group C Certificate courses in Engineering/Technology/Architecture and Medicine, Diploma and Certificate courses in Agriculture, Pharmacy, veterinary Science, Fisheries , Dairy development, Hygiene and Public Health , sanitary Inspector's Course, courses for Rural services, Cooperation and Community development, Sub-Officer' course at the national Fire Service College, Nagpur, Library Science.</p>	290	190

Degree / Post Graduate Diploma and Post Graduate Courses in Teachers' training, Library Science and Physical Education , Music Fine Arts and Law, Craft Instructor's Training Course, Certificate Course in Hotel Management/Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Passenger transport Management, Associate degree I Pharmacy , Post graduate courses in Arts and Commerce subjects.		
Group D General Courses upto Graduate level (2 nd year and onward)	230	120
Group E Classes X1th and X11th in 10+2 System Intermediate courses and first year of General courses upto graduate level.	150	90

Note: 1 Commercial Pilot License Course (CPL)

CPL course shall be covered under Group 'B'. The number of awards for CPL will be 20 per annum. Consequent upon receiving applications from concerned students, concerned State Governments/UT Admns., should scrutinize them for determining their eligibility under the Scheme and thereafter intimate the number of eligible applications for CPL training (with their names) for each financial year to Ministry of Social justice & Empowerment (the applications themselves need not be sent to the Ministry). Upon receipt of such information, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment will give clearance to the concerned States/UTs on the first -come first-serve basis upto 20 awards for the country as a whole. The selected candidates will be provided a maintenance allowance at rates applicable to Group 'B' courses, i.e. Rs. 290 per month for hostlers and Rs. 190 per month for day scholars. In addition, all compulsory fees, including flight charges are to be provided in fee.

Note 2: M. Phil and Ph.D courses are post-graduation courses. Scholarship to such students may be paid at the rate of maintenance allowance for Group 'A', 'B' or 'C' depending on the course under these groups.

Note 3: Scholars who are entitles to free board and/or lodging will be paid maintenance chargers at 1/3rd of Hostlers' rate.

ii) Reader Charges for blind students (Blind Scholars)

The blind scholars will be given additional amount as 'Readers Charges' as mentioned below:-

Group	Reader Allowance (Rs. P.m.)
Group A, B, C	100
Group D	75
Group E	50

iii) Fees

Scholars will be paid enrolment /registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board. Refundable deposit-like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

iv) Study Tours

Study tour charges upto a maximum of Rs. 500/- per annum limited to the actual expenditure incurred by the student on transportation charges etc., will be paid to the scholars studying professional and technical courses, provided that the head of the institution certifies that the study tour is essential for the scholar for completion of his/her course of study.

V) Thesis Typing /Printing charges

Thesis typing/printing charges up to a maximum of Rs. 600 will be paid to research scholars on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.

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