

SCHEME OF 'PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP' FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES FOR 2017-20

1. BACKGROUND

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

2. OBJECTIVE

The scholarship at pre-matric level will 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. The scheme will form the foundation for their educational attainment and provide a level playing field in the competitive employment arena. Empowerment through education, which is one of the objectives of this scheme, has the potential to lead to upliftment of the socio economic conditions of the minority communities.

3. SCOPE

The scholarship will be awarded for studies in India in a government or private school from class I to class X, including such residential Government institutes and eligible private institutes selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government and Union Territory Administration concerned.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship will be awarded to the students who have secured not less than 50% marks in the previous final examination and annual income of their parents/guardian from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakh.

5. 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 thirty (30) 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 for the Community. Any unutilized community quota shall be distributed amongst other communities again in accordance with merit and without affecting 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. 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. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Actual financial assistance will be provided for admission/tuition fee and maintenance allowance as given below subject to a maximum ceiling indicated against item concerned.

The details of the scheme interventions for 2017-18 to 2019-20 are as under:

Item	Rate of Scholarship
Rate of Scholarship Admission + Tuition Fee	Admission Fee for Class VI to X: Rs. 500/- per annum subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
	Tuition Fee for Class VI to X: Rs. 350/- per month subject to actuals (both Hosteller & Day Scholar)
Maintenance Allowance	For Class I to V*: Rs. 100/- per month for Day Scholar
	For Class VI to X*: Rs. 600/- per month for Hosteller Rs. 100/- 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:

- Scholarship will be available to the students of minority community studying in Classes I to X.
- An Income Certificate, issued from a Competent Authority in the State/UT Governments is required in respect of parent/guardian of the student.
- 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 years examination.
 - (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) 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
 - (x) 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.
 - (xi) The course/tuition fees and maintenance allowance will be credited to the student's bank account directly under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
 - (xii) The student obtaining benefits under this scheme shall not be allowed to avail of benefits under any other scheme for this purpose.
 - (xiii) A student shall be eligible for only one scholarship out of all the available Scholarships of Central Government meant for SC/ST/OBC/minority.**
 - (xiv) The amount of Administrative Expenses (@ 1%) for States/UTs in subsequent year shall be released after receiving the Utilization Certificate for the previous years.
 - (xv) 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.
 - (xvi) The State/Union Territory shall place all relevant details of financial and physical achievements on their website.
 - (xvii) The regulations can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Government of India.
 - (xviii) 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).
 - (xix) 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 and 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.

A provision not exceeding 1% of the total budget will be made to meet the administrative and allied costs viz. expenditure of the States/Union Territories for office equipments including computers and accessories, furniture, printing of application forms, advertisement, 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 or by 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, by giving advertisements in the leading language newspapers and local dailies/vernacular 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 either the student or a joint account of student with either mother or father or a legal guardian 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

Appendix-A

State/UT- wise & Community- wise distribution under Pre-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	48543	12355	111	37	339	5	61390
2	Telangana	59689	5954	369	459	309	8	66788
3	Arunachal Pradesh	320	3134	29	2216	3	14	5716
4	Assam	127504	15283	349	790	371	13	144310
5	Bihar	212516	823	322	292	249	13	214215
6	Chhattisgarh	6345	6212	1078	1011	869	14	15529
7	Goa*	1428	5570	15	10	13	86	7122
8	Gujarat	71147	4401	706	276	8137	97	84764
9	Haryana**	18944	421	18134	111	886	14	38510
10	Himachal Pradesh	1851	119	1121	1175	22	13	4301
11	Jammu & Kashmir	105283	314	3209	1763	39	13	110621
12	Jharkhand	57726	16937	1291	92	253	13	76312
13	Karnataka	100120	15633	237	6093	6392	14	128489
14	Kerala	121705	93808	43	31	70	13	215670
15	Madhya Pradesh	59457	2639	2336	3243	8449	15	76139
16	Maharashtra	159023	16394	3336	90411	20167	375	289706
17	Manipur	2958	11426	26	30	23	13	14476
18	Meghalaya	1536	25234	48	73	12	13	26916
19	Mizoram	156	11971	5	1092	3	13	13240
20	Nagaland	545	27735	18	21	32	13	28364
21	Odisha	11804	13909	271	153	142	13	26292
22	Punjab	5918	4536	225948	643	608	13	237666
23	Rajasthan	74172	1126	12678	160	10077	15	98228
24	Sikkim	119	559	18	2355	3	13	3067
25	Tamil Nadu	53763	58559	148	84	1291	14	113859
26	Tripura	3942	1588	18	1532	7	13	7100
27	Uttar Pradesh	475990	3290	10504	4679	3208	13	497684
28	Uttarakhand	15679	420	3284	193	143	13	19732
29	West Bengal	313442	7980	1028	3770	855	13	327088
30	Andaman & Nicobar	453	1196	25	7	0	13	1694
31	Chandigarh*	551	118	2249	21	40	13	2992
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	101	94	2	7	13	8	225
33	Daman & Diu	190	52	2	2	4	65	315
34	Delhi	25150	2019	8607	367	2403	14	38560
35	Lakshadweep	897	8	1	1	1	12	920
36	Puducherry*	920	1049	2	1	15	13	2000
Total:		2139887	372866	297568	123201	65448	1030	3000000

Appendix-B

State/UT-wise & Community-wise Physical distribution (for Fresh only) for the years 2018-20 under the scheme of Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme (as per Census 2011)								
S.No.	States/UTs	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Parsi	Total (Physical)
1	Andhra Pradesh	46659	9711	119	38	359	3	56889
2	Telangana	57028	4783	397	433	332	5	62978
3	Arunachal Pradesh	347	5372	42	2089	10	0	7860
4	Assam	137003	14957	265	705	333	0	153263
5	Bihar	225245	1658	305	327	243	0	227778
6	Chhattisgarh	6607	6293	898	904	789	0	15491
7	Goa	1560	4697	19	14	14	1	6305
8	Gujarat	75007	4056	747	391	7436	125	87762
9	Haryana	22852	646	15956	96	675	1	40226
10	Himachal Pradesh	1923	162	1025	1009	23	0	4142
11	Jammu & Kashmir	109910	457	3013	1444	32	0	114856
12	Jharkhand	61501	18199	916	115	192	2	80925
13	Karnataka	101258	14659	369	1228	5648	6	123168
14	Kerala	113836	78785	49	61	58	0	192789
15	Madhya Pradesh	61253	2736	1942	2772	7274	3	75980
16	Maharashtra	166404	13856	2864	83787	17965	575	285451
17	Manipur	3077	15126	20	91	22	0	18336
18	Meghalaya	1673	28390	39	127	8	0	30237
19	Mizoram	190	12269	4	1198	5	0	13666
20	Nagaland	628	22318	24	87	34	0	23091
21	Odisha	11696	14903	282	178	121	0	27180
22	Punjab	6870	4467	205321	426	578	0	217662
23	Rajasthan	79735	1237	11199	156	7980	1	100308
24	Sikkim	127	776	24	2145	4	0	3076
25	Tamil Nadu	54259	56682	187	144	1145	2	112419
26	Tripura	4054	2051	14	1609	11	0	7739
27	Uttar Pradesh	493701	4573	8255	2646	2736	1	511912
28	Uttarakhand	18048	485	3032	191	118	0	21874
29	West Bengal	316290	8449	815	3629	772	4	329959
30	Andaman & Nicobar	416	1039	16	4	0	0	1475
31	Chandigarh	660	112	1775	15	25	0	2587
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	166	66	3	8	15	1	259
33	Daman & Diu	247	36	2	3	4	1	293
34	Delhi	27693	1874	7320	237	2133	3	39260
35	Lakshadweep	799	4	0	0	0	0	803
36	Puducherry	969	1008	4	6	18	0	2005
Total:		2209691	356892	267262	108313	57112	734	3000004



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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 सॉपे 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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