

**Centrally Sponsored Scheme of
Dr.Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for DNTs
(Revised w.e.f. 2016-17)**

1. Background

The Government had constituted a National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes headed by Shri Bal Krishna Sidram Renke in the year 2005 which submitted its Report on 2.7.2008. A draft Note for the Cabinet based on the points of convergence of the recommendations was prepared and placed before the Cabinet. The Cabinet considered the proposal and directed that an appropriate scheme for grant of pre and post-matric scholarships for students belonging to such Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes not included in the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes be framed. It has been recognized that education and economic support for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes has not been adequate and there is disparity between the DNTs and other sections of the population at every level. In view of the same, it is felt that earnest efforts are required to introduce various new schemes specifically for this target group i.e. Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes to bring them at par with the other sections of the population.

1.2 The children from the poorer sections of DNTs do not go to schools as they often have to provide a helping hand to their parents in traditional occupation or otherwise supplement the family income. A scheme of Pre-matric Scholarship would be helpful in spreading education amongst such children especially amongst the girl child of weaker sections. Accordingly, a scheme of Pre-matric and Post-Matric Scholarships for the benefit of children belonging to DNTs has been formulated.

2. Objective of the Scheme

The Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs) have been at the peripheries of the society for a long time. While benefits of reservations,

scholarships etc. were available to SCs/STs/OBCs, no such welfare schemes are available for the welfare of these DNTs i.e. those who are not covered under SC, ST or OBC. The Scheme is for bringing about a focused intervention on these classes so that they are empowered socially and economically and their lives are also improved. This scheme is of continuous and permanent nature.

2.2 The scholarship schemes is for individual beneficiaries not covered under any scheme.

2.3 The financial assistance would be released to the State Governments/UT Administrations/ Universities/Colleges which would cater to the requirements of the students belonging to DNT communities.

3. Eligibility Criteria

Those Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, (DNTs) whose family income is less than Rs. 2.0 lacs per annum are eligible for awarding the pre matric scholarship and post matric scholarship.

4. Scholarship Rates and Eligibility

The objective of the Scheme is to improve educational empowerment of the DNTs who are not covered under SC/ST/OBC category. The rates of the Scholarship are:

Pre-Matric Scholarship-

Sl.No.	Standard	Rate
1.	Class I to VIII	Rs. 1000 per student for 10 month
2.	Class IX to X	Rs. 1500 per student for 10 month

Post-Matric Scholarship-

Groups	Maintenance allowance (Rs/month) Given for 10 months	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group I (i) Degree and Post Graduate level courses in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications.(ii) Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and multiengine rating) course.(iii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of management & medicine.(iv) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc.(v) M. Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral Programmes (D. Litt., D.Sc. etc.), Group I, Group II and Group III courses(vi) L.L.M.	1200	550
Group II (i) Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma), Nursing(B Nursing), LLB, BFS, other para-medical branches like rehabilitation, diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition & Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr. Secondary (10+2).(ii) Post Graduate courses not covered under Group I eg. MA/M Sc/M.Com/M Ed./M. Pharma etc.	820	530
Group III. All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I & II eg. BA/B Sc/B Com etc.	570	300
Group IV All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g.senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII); both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.	380	230

- a. Besides, all Ministries/Departments of Government of India is requested to include DNTs in their Welfare Schemes.
- b. The income limit of Rs. 2 Lakh per annum (i.e. combined income of husband and wife) is valid for the purpose of identification of DNT beneficiaries.

5. Funding Pattern:

5.1 As per requirement for the new scheme, the ratio of State and Centre would be 25:75 for funding. The concept of committed liability is hence not applied to this scheme. Once the funds become available to the Ministry, these are transferred to the respective State Governments for implementation at the field level. 1% of the funds is utilized for administrative expenses, out of which 0.75% will be available to the States/UTs Government and 0.25% to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

5.2 In order to ensure timely payment of scholarship amount to the Aadhar linked beneficiaries, the payment of scholarship should only be made in **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode so that the scholarship is credited directly to Aadhaar Linked Bank Accounts of the beneficiaries. Payment by cash or any other mode will not be permitted under the Scheme.** The rates and eligibility condition will be modified in future as per directions of the competent authority.

5.3 'FUNDS-LIMITED' NATURE OF THE SCHEME

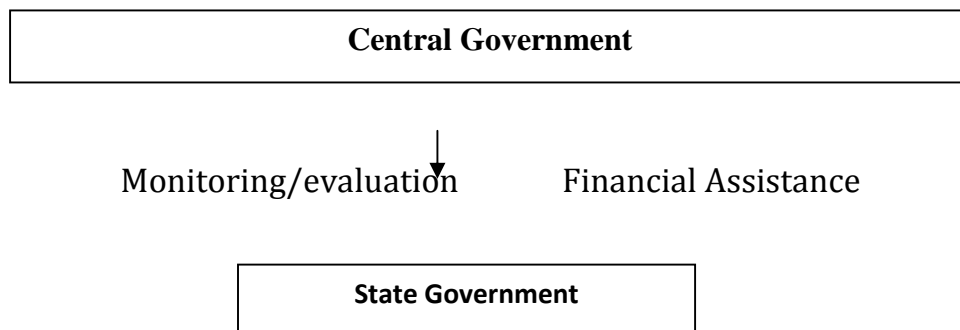
- (i) **Due to budgetary constraint, it is not possible for the Central Government to provide assistance for giving scholarship to all eligible students. The funds will be released to the States on first-come first-served basis, subject to a maximum amount to be worked out every year based on total budget made available that year, under the scheme.**

- (ii) However, States/UTs would be free to allocate funds from the State-Plan, over and above the sum of “Central assistance and State share (25%)” for funding additional scholarships under the Scheme. Any such additional expenditure will have to be borne by the State Government/UT Administration itself, and will generally not be eligible for reimbursement from the Centre. However, such additional expenditure incurred by a State/UT may be considered for reimbursement by the Central Government, to the extent of availability of savings, towards the end of a financial year.
- (iii) The guidelines and the above procedure lay down the broad principles for implementing the "Capping" feature. Each State Government/UT Administration may work out its State/UT-specific detailed modalities (within the broad guidelines of the Scheme) for implementation of the Scheme including this Capping feature. The States/UTs should send their respective modalities as formulated, to this Ministry, for its information and record. The modalities framed by the States/UTs should adequately ensure a time-bound process for release of scholarship to the students to prevent any hardship to them on this account.

6. Project implementation and monitoring

6.1 The project will be implemented by BC Division of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The norms and conditions of the Scheme will be revised as and when required with the approval of the competent authority.

6.2 Funds will be released to the State Governments/Union Territories as per their requirement. In case of the State Government, the flow of funds will be as per chart given below:





**Transfer in the bank Accounts of Beneficiaries through DBT
mode**

- 6.3 The monitoring of the projects would at various stages as under:
- (i) Central level – Steering Committee of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Chairmanship of Secretary/Addl. Secretary.
 - (ii) State level – Monitoring Committee of the concerned State Government under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Backward Classes.
 - (iii) District level – Implementation Committee in the concerned Districts under the Chairmanship of Collector/DM.
