

**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE**

NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated the November,2020

No.....F.No.8-22/2018(OBC)/SW/(PF) In Supersession of Notification No. 278/2015/F.No.8-22/2013(OBC)/TW dated 27.10.2015 regarding Scheme for Grant of Additional Scholarship to the Students of Other Backward Classes of Andaman And Nicobar Islands, for Pursuing Higher Studies Anywhere in India After Secondary Level (Except Class XI & XII), the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of ANI hereby accords approval for revision of the Scheme as detailed below

1. OBJECTIVE & SCOPE :

The objective of the scheme is to provide additional financial assistance (Scholarship) to the OBC students belonging to non-creamy layer of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for pursuing higher education after Secondary (X) / Senior Secondary (XII), in government recognized Polytechnic / ITI / College / University anywhere in India, as an incentive to supplement to the cost of their education.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA :

i). The scholarship shall be open to students belonging to non-creamy layer of OBC of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands listed in the Notification issued by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration dated 16th December ,2005 and amendments therein.

ii) Only those students who belong to OBCs so specified and notified in relation to Andaman and Nicobar islands and are domicile of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and who have passed Secondary (Class X) / Senior Secondary (Class XII) from a recognized Board of School Education and pursuing higher education in a recognized Institution / University shall be eligible for award of this scholarship.

iii. The scholarship shall be awarded for pursuing the below mentioned higher educational and professional courses on regular / full time basis and Post-Secondary / Senior Secondary level (after Class X or XII) courses in any of the government recognized institutions, anywhere in the country, such as:

a) All courses leading to a Degree of Graduation & Post Graduation.

b) M.Phil, Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Programmes (D.Litt.,D.Sc.etc)

c)Post-Doctoral Research in Medicine (Allopathy, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Design and Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance / Administration, Computer Science / Applications etc.

d) Post-Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of Management & Medicine, Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and multiengine rating) course etc.

e) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A./ etc.

f) Graduate / Post-Graduate Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B.Pharm), 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 etc (e.g Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.) for which educational qualification is minimum Sr. Secondary (10+2).

g) Post Matriculation level non-degree courses for which educational qualification is Secondary Level (Class-X), for vocational stream, ITI course, 3 year Diploma courses in Polytechnic etc.

NB: This scholarship shall, however, not be granted for the courses funded by the Central Government or State Government or UT Administration viz, Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Course, Private Pilot Licence Course, Courses at Training Ship Dufferin (Now Rejendra), Courses / trainings at all the Defence Academies (funded by the Ministry of Defence, Government of India), Pre-Examination Training Centre and all distance education courses.

iii) The scholarship shall be awarded on year to year basis subject to passing the stage / year / semesters. If it is reported by the Head of the Institution at any point of time that a scholar has been found guilty of misconduct such as resorting to or participating in strikes, irregularity in attendance, the authority sanctioning the scholarships may either cancel the scholarship or stop or withhold further payment for such period as he/she may deem fit by recording the reasons for such denial in writing.

iv). Students after completing/passing one stage/level of education/course and repeating the same stage/level of education/course in a different subject/stream shall not be eligible for this scholarship. e.g B.Sc after B.A or B.Com after B.A or M.A in a subject after pursuing M.A or its equivalent in another subject.

v). Students after completing their education in one professional course and desirous to pursue another professional course, (e.g LLB after B.T/B.Ed) shall also not be eligible for this scholarship.

vi). A Student, who fails to complete a particular full course for which he/she had been awarded this scholarship on year to year basis, and joins any other recognized Professional or Technical / Certificate / Diploma / Degree courses, may be granted the scholarship ,but only for the period subsequent to the period to which they have already received the scholarship amount.

vii) If a student fails in a class for more than one year the scholarship for subsequent year will be stopped.

viii). Students pursuing Post-graduate courses in Medicine shall be eligible for this scholarship provided they are not allowed to practice during the period of their course.

ix). Only two children of the same parent/guardian shall be entitled to receive this scholarship. In case 2nd live birth is more than one child they all shall be eligible for the scholarship.

x). If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statement, his/her scholarship shall be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid shall be recovered, at the discretion of the sanctioning authority. The student concerned shall be blacklisted and debarred from applying for scholarship under any scheme of the Department of Social Welfare, thereafter.

xi). A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount at the direction of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration, if during the course of the year the study for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued by him/her.

xii). The provisions of the scheme can be changed at any time at the discretion of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

3. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Under this scheme for grant of Additional Scholarship for OBC Students, an amount of Rs.1000.00 (Rupees one thousand only) per month shall be sanctioned to the eligible students belonging to OBC category.

4. PAYMENT AND MODE OF DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIP:

i. The scholarship shall be payable for a duration of ten months in an academic session.

ii. The scholarship shall be admissible only to the passed-out students of previous academic session.(e.g A student after passing class XI / class XII will be eligible for scholarship only after he/she completes 1st year of the higher education / professional course)

iii. The scholarship amount shall be directly credited to the Aadhaar linked bank account of the beneficiary by the Department of Social Welfare.

iv) The award of scholarship will depend upon the fund availability in a particular financial year.

5. SANCTIONING AUTHORITY:

The Secretary (Social Welfare) shall be the sanctioning authority of the additional scholarship under this scheme.

6. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS:

i. The award of scholarship once sanctioned shall be tenable from the stage at which it is granted to the student till the completion of course, subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance, as certified by the Head of the Institution. It will be renewed on year to year basis provided that within a course, which is continuous for a number of years, the scholar secures promotion to the next higher class.

ii. If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and /or on account of any other unforeseeable event, the award may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and /or other required sufficient proof with the recommendation of the Head of the Institution. The authenticated certificate should be submitted along with the renewal form for the scholarship to the Director (Social Welfare) for claiming renewal to the scholarship, who shall screen and submit the same, with recommendation, for approval of the sanctioning authority.

iii. If according to the Regulations of a University / Institution, a student is promoted to the next level then, he / she will be entitled to scholarship for the class to which he /she is promoted provided the student is otherwise eligible for scholarship.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEME:

The Department shall announce the details of the scheme and invite applications in May-June, every year, by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers of the UT and through other suitable media. The applicant should, through their respective Head of Institution, submit the application form, complete in all respects and having all requisite documents attached, to the Director (Social Welfare) on or before the last date, as mentioned in the advertisement.

8. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES:

Only the eligible Other Backward Class students shall be given scholarship subject to the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria as prescribed in Clause 2, and subsequently, on fulfilment of the criteria laid down in Clause 6 of this scheme.

9 . PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:

i) An application for scholarship to the prescribed authority should comprise of:

a) One copy of the application form for scholarship in the prescribed format (separate application forms have been prescribed for “fresh” sanction and “renewal” of scholarship).

b) One copy of passport-size photograph with signature of the student thereon.

c) One self attested copy each of certificates of class X /XII Diploma/Degree etc., in respect of the qualifying examination .

d) Self attested copy of Caste certificate signed by an authorized revenue officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.

e) Non-creamy layer certificate (in original & one self attested copy) signed by an authorized revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.

f) Income declaration by the parents/guardians ,stating definite income from all sources on affidavit on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs.10/-. In case of Govt.servants copy of pay slip attested by the DDO concerned would have to be submitted instead of affidavit.

g) In case an applicant was in receipt of scholarship under this scheme in the preceding year, receipt of acknowledgement of the scholarship in the previous year, should be enclosed with his/her renewal application form.

h) Copy of marks statement duly counter signed by the Head of the Institution concerned should also be enclosed with renewal application form.

i) All particulars of the student should be verified and counter-signed by the Head of the Institution.

j) Self attested copy of Aadhaar Card and first page of bank pass book .

k) The students should apply online when it is onboard on Scholarship Portal. Till such time students can apply in the scholarship application forms available in the OBC section of the Department.

l) Application complete in all respects shall be submitted to the Director, Department of Social Welfare, through the Head of the Institution.

10. FUNDING PATTERN OF THE SCHEME:

The scheme shall be implemented by the Department of Social Welfare, Andaman and Nicobar Administration through the funds made available under UT Plan.

11. Screening Committee.

The following officers of the Department shall function as Screening Committee for Scholarship applications

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| 1. Programme Officer(ICDS) | -Chairperson |
| 2.Sr.Investigator(PIg) | - Member |
| 3. Sr.Investigator (OBC) | - Member |

The screening committee shall submit the list of selected and non selected students to the sanctioning authority i.e Secretary (Social Welfare) for final approval.

12. POWERS:

The Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands, may however, relax/modify any or all the eligibility criteria for the purpose of grant of scholarship to any OBC applicant on case to case basis duly recording the recommendation in writing.

13. MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

The Monitoring and Evaluation of the financial and physical performance of the scheme shall be done periodically by the Secretary (Social Welfare). The Department of Social Welfare shall furnish yearly Progress report regarding the number of beneficiaries received scholarship under the present scheme. On the financial side, details of the actual expenditure incurred during the last financial year and expenditure proposed for the next financial year shall be submitted by the Department.

By Order and in the name of the Lt.Governor
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Sd
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