

### III (THREE)

## SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES COMPONENT OF CHIEF MINISTERGI SHOTHARABASINGI TENGBANG

#### I. Introduction:

Section 17(h) of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 provides that the appropriate Government and local authorities shall endeavour to provide scholarships in appropriate cases to students with benchmark disability.

The scheme is implemented under the Umbrella Scheme of "Chief Minister gi Shotharabasingi Tenbang(CMST)". The scheme will take effect from the financial year 2017-18.

#### II. Objectives:

The objectives of the scheme are:

- (i) To support parents of students with disabilities for education of their wards studying in class- I onwards so that the incidence of drop-out is minimized.
- (ii) To support students with disabilities to study further in order to prepare themselves to earn their livelihood and find a dignified place for themselves in the society as they face several barriers physical, financial, psychological, mental in pursuing studies and living with dignity.

#### III. Scope:

The scheme will cover all PwD starting from Class-I and studying in different recognized institutions. The scholarship will be available to all categories of benchmark disabilities as specified in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

#### IV. Definition:

"Persons with benchmark Disabilities" means a person with not less than 40% of a specified disability where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority. (Sec. 2(r) of Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016).

**V. Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Applicants should be a domicile of the State of Manipur having Aadhaar card or Voter ID.
2. The income of the candidate or his parents/guardians should not exceed Rs 180000/- p.a. The income is to be certified by an officer not below the rank of the Sub Divisional Magistrate of the Subdivision.
3. The applicant should have the Disability Certificate issued by a competent Medical Board/Authority and the Unique Identity Number for Disabled issued by the Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Manipur.
4. Applicants who have availed or are availing any other Scholarship are not eligible to apply for this scheme.
5. The applicants who are undergoing technical courses shall also be eligible.

**VI. Rate of Scholarship:**

The rate of scholarship is as shown below:

Sl.No	Class	Rate per annum
1.	Class I to Class- V	Rs. 3000/-
2.	Class VI to VIII	Rs. 4000/-
3.	Class IX to XII	Rs. 6000/-
4.	Graduate & above (including all technical courses)	Rs. 8000/-

**VII. Method of application:**

All interested applicants shall apply for the scheme in prescribed formats. These formats can be downloaded from the Directorates website ([www.socialwelfaremanipur.com](http://www.socialwelfaremanipur.com)) or it can be collected from the office of the District Social Welfare Officers or the Directorate of Social Welfare.

**VIII. Procedure of Selection:**

A Committee comprising of Experts and such other members deemed necessary shall be constituted under the Chairmanship of Director, Social Welfare to examine the applications and identify the eligible applicants. The decision of the Committee shall be final regarding identification/selection or rejection of the applicant. The list of selected candidates shall be available in the Notice boards of the District Social Welfare Officers

and the Directorate of Social Welfare. They shall also be uploaded in the official website of the Directorate of Social Welfare.

**IX. Disbursement**

The assistance/scholarship amount will be credited directly to the Aadhar seeded account of the identified PwD or the care-giver as nominated by the PwD.

**X. Monitoring:**

A monitoring committee shall be set up under the respective District Social Welfare Officers to track and check the progress of the approved beneficiary under the scheme. Quarterly reports in approved format will be submitted to the Director, Social Welfare to take appropriate action and submit action taken reports to the Administrative Department.

**XI. Power to amend and repeal any or all provisions:**

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in any of the provisions of the Scheme, the Directorate of Social Welfare may at any time make any amendment to this Scheme or repeal it, but commitments already made for an eligible applicant shall not be affected by any such amendment or repeal.
2. Issue instructions and guidelines to facilitate implementation and to remove difficulties.