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(Scholarship Division)

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Subject: Amendment to para 3.1 of the scheme "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students" – coverage of universities/ institutions.

In supersession of earlier amendment dated 27.08.2018 on the above subject, Para 3.1 of guidelines for the Central Sector scheme of "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students" has been amended to read as under:-

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Fellowship: The Fellowship scheme covers Indian Universities / Institutions/ Colleges as indicated below:-

- i. Universities/Institutions/Colleges included under section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act.
- ii. Deemed to be Universities included under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and eligible to receive grants-in-aid from UGC.
- iii. Universities/ Institutions/ Colleges funded by Central/ State Government
- iv. Institutes of National Importance.

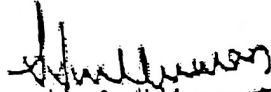
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- i. Universities/Institutions/Colleges included under section 2(f) / 12(B) or 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act.

Coverage of institutions at (ii), (iii) and (iv) mentioned above remain same.

All other conditions of the Scheme guidelines remain unchanged.


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GUIDELINES FOR POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES FOR SC/ST CANDIDATES

1. Introduction

The scheme has been initiated keeping in view the social background of the candidates from the deprived section of the society and to provide them opportunity to undertake postgraduate level studies in Professional subjects like Engineering & Technology, Management, Pharmacy etc. in Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges.

2. Objective

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to 1000 SC/ST candidates to pursue postgraduate level studies in Professional subjects in the eligible institutions as given below.

3. Eligibility

For the purpose of award of the scholarship students who are pursuing professional courses in the following Institutions/ Colleges/Universities:

- Universities/Institutions/Colleges included under section 2(f) & and 12(B) of UGC Act.
- Deemed to be Universities included under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and eligible to receive grants-in-aid from UCC,
- Universities/Institutions/College funded by Central/State Government.
- Institutes of National Importance.

Courses which require approval from Regulatory Council i.e. Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India (DCI), Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), NCTIS, NCTE Bar Council of India (BCI), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), INC, FORENSIC REGULATORY & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF INDIA are considered professional courses.

Note 1: M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., MSW and Mass Communication and Journalism degree are accepted as "Non-professional courses":

Note 2: Candidates pursuing post graduate course in professional subjects through correspondence or in Distance Education mode are not eligible to receive financial assistance under this scheme.

4. Procedure for applying for the scheme

- The candidates fulfilling the eligibility conditions are required to apply online on National Scholarship Portal after issue of advertisement to be published by the UGC once in a year through leading newspaper and Employment News and also on UGC website.
- The host institution where the candidate is studying is required to verify the online application.

5. Aadhaar Seeding

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India vide its letter D.O. No. 18-7/2013-L1A dated 10th June, 2016 has instructed the University Grants Commission that from the financial year 2016-17 onwards the Aadhaar will be used as an identifier for disbursement of all Government subsidies/Scholarships/Fellowships which are to be disbursed directly into the beneficiary's account.

The Aadhaar details would be updated by the student through the host University/ Institute/ College after seeking a consent from the awardee as per provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016.

6. Nature of Assistance available under the Scheme

- 6.1 The tenure of award is for two/three years depending upon tenure of the postgraduate course and not for extended period of study, if any.
- 6.2 Candidates selected for the award of PG scholarships (under ME/MTech.) shall be provided Scholarship @ Rs.7800/- per month for the duration of the PG Scholarship. For other courses, the amount of scholarship will be paid @Rs.4500/- per month.
- 6.3 No contingency is payable to the students selected under the scheme with effect from selection year 2017-18.
- 6.4 The scholarship shall be payable to the awardee from the date of joining the Post Graduate 1 year course during the selection year.
- 6.5 The University/ Institute/ College should verify the application of the candidates with regard to the professional courses as provided in the guidelines.

7. Procedure for release of grant by the UGC

- 7.1 After selection, the awardees will be paid scholarship on DBT mode.
- 7.2 The list of awardees will be pushed to Public Financial Management System (PFMS) by the NIC.
- 7.3 PFMS will generate payment files of the awardees and scholarship would be paid for the complete duration of the post graduate course.