

**Centrally Sponsored Scheme of**  
**Dr.Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for DNTs**  
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**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, it is proposed to formulate Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for the benefit of children belonging to DNTs.

## **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 will be of continuous and permanent nature.

2.2 The scholarship schemes will be 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 will be 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-**

| <b>Sl.No.</b> | <b>Standard</b> | <b>Rate</b>                       |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 |
| <p><b>Group I</b> (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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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.</p> | 1200   | 550          |
| <p><b>Group II</b> (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 &amp; Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition &amp; 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.</p>   | 820  | 530          |
| <p><b>Group III.</b> All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I &amp; II eg. BA/B Sc/B Com etc.</p>   | 570  | 300          |
| <p><b>Group IV</b> 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.</p>   | 380  | 230          |

- a. Besides, all Ministries/Departments of Government of India will be 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) will be valid for the purpose of identification of DNT beneficiaries.
- c. States would be given allocation of funds in proportion to their DNT population subject to their demands and other norms.

**5. The timeline for the implementation of the proposed schemes is as under:**

| Year Scheme             | 2014-15   | 2015-16   | 2016-17   |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|
| Pre matric scholarship  | Funds transfer to States – December<br><br>Release of scholarships – By February, directly in the bank/post office accounts of the students | Funds transfer to States – April<br><br>Release of scholarships – June, directly in the bank/post office accounts of the students | Funds transfer to States – April<br><br>Release of scholarships – June, directly in the bank/post office accounts of the students |
| Post matric scholarship | Funds transfer to States – December<br><br>Release of scholarships – By February, directly in the bank/post office accounts of the students | Funds transfer to States – April<br><br>Release of scholarships – June, directly in the bank/post office accounts of the students | Funds transfer to States – April<br><br>Release of scholarships – June, directly in the bank/post office accounts of the students |

5.1 The welfare schemes for the DNTs are to be implemented through allocation of funds to the State Governments in proportion to their DNT population. As per requirement for the new scheme, the ratio of State and Centre would be 25:75 for funding. The concept of committed liability would hence not be applied to this scheme. Once the funds become available to the Ministry, these will be transferred to the respective State Governments for implementation at the field level. 1% of the funds will be 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.

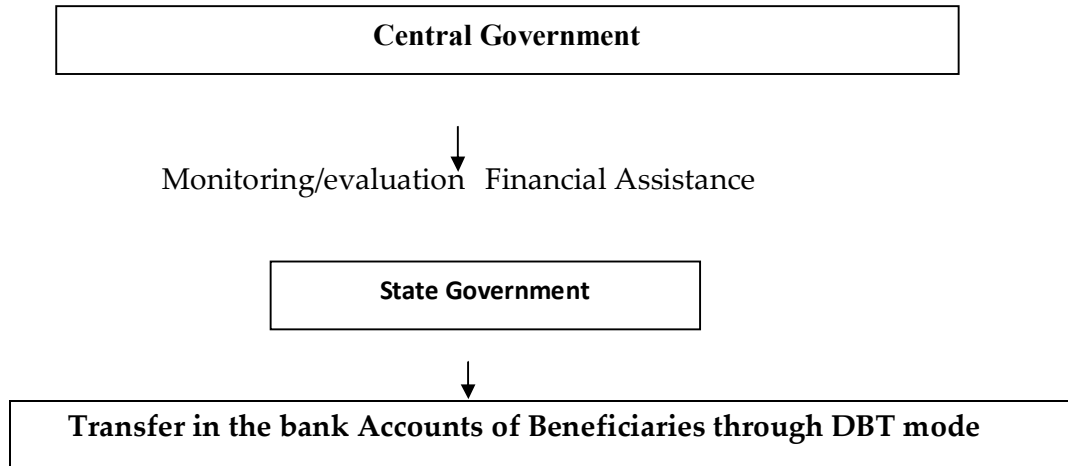
5.2 In order to ensure timely payment, the scholarship amount should be credited directly to the Bank Accounts of the beneficiaries in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. To the extent possible States/UTs should encourage the beneficiaries to make their Bank Accounts **Aadhar-linked**, to bring more efficiency to the system while duplicity, if any, can be eliminated. Payment by cash or any other mode is not permitted under the Scheme. The rates and eligibility condition will be modified in future as per directions of the competent authority.

## **6. Project implementation and monitoring**

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 In the case of Pre-matric Scholarship and Post-matric Scholarship for students belonging to the DNTs, the funds will be released by the Central Government as under:

6.3 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:



6.5 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.