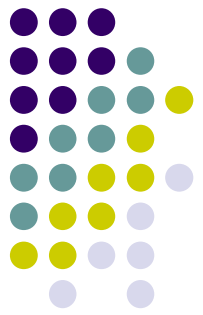
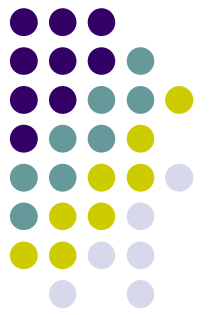


Merit-cum-Means Scholarship
Scheme for Minority Communities
Students



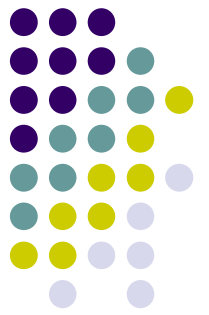
Background

- The scheme aims to empower the minority communities by assisting the economically weaker sections of students among them through coaching institutions for enhancing their skills and capabilities to make them employable in industries, services and business sectors in addition to the government sector. It has built-in resilience to adapt to the market dynamics on a continuous basis so that the target groups are not deprived of the professional acumen demanded by the changing/emerging market needs and opportunities for employment at domestic as well as international levels.
- Separate schemes for providing coaching to students belonging to scheduled caste, minority communities and backward classes were being implemented from 6th Five Year Plan. These separate schemes were amalgamated with effect from September, 2001 into a combined Scheme of Coaching and Allied Assistance for Weaker Sections including Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities. After creation of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, a new scheme called “Free Coaching & Allied Scheme for candidates belonging to minority communities has been formulated keeping in view the emerging trends of employment in the era of economic reforms, liberalization and globalization.



Objective:

The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses.

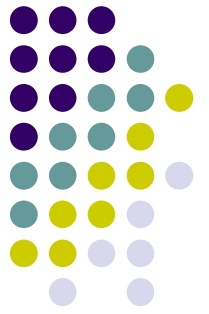


Number of scholarship :

Every year 20000 scholarships will be distributed among the students throughout the country.

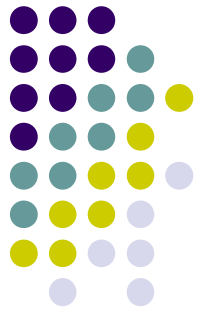
Maharashtra

Muslim	-	1084
Christian	-	112
Sikh	-	23
Buddhist	-	617
Parsi	-	04
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Total	-	1840



Implementing Agencies

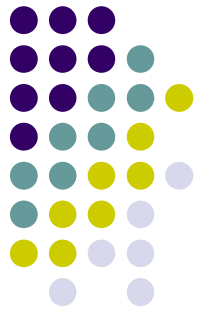
- These scholarships are available for studies in India only and will be awarded through an Agency designated by the State Government/UT Administration for this purpose.



Procedure for Applying

An application for scholarship should comprise:

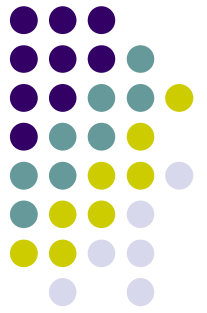
- a) One copy of the application for scholarship in the prescribed form (separate application forms prescribed for 'fresh' and renewal of scholarship by the concerned States/UTs).
- b) One copy of the passport size photograph with signatures of the student thereon (for fresh scholarship).
- c) One attested copy of certificates, diploma, degree etc. in respect of all examinations passed.
- d) An income declaration by the self-employed parents/guardians, stating definite income from all sources by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer and for any additional income from other sources, they would furnish declaration by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper.



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- e) Proof of permanent residence.
- f) A receipt in acknowledgement of the scholarship in the previous year on the form attached to the application duly counter-signed by the Head of the Institution concerned, if the application was in receipt of a scholarship under this scheme in the preceding year.
- g) The State department should satisfy itself that the student belongs to a particular minority community.

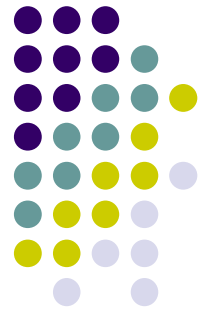
Application complete in all respects shall be submitted to the Head of the Institution, being attended or last attended by the candidates and shall be addressed to an officer specified for this purpose by the Government of State/ Union Territory to which the student belongs, in accordance with the instructions issued by them from time to time



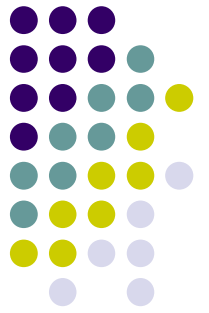
Eligibility Criteria

- Financial assistance will be given to pursue degree and/or post graduate technical and professional courses from a recognized institution. Maintenance allowance will be credited to the student's account. The course fee will be paid by the State Department directly to the institute concerned.
- Students who get admission on the basis of a competitive examination will be eligible for the scholarship.
- Students who get admission without facing any competitive examination will also be eligible for scholarship. However, such students should have more than 50% marks at higher secondary/graduation level. Selection of these students will be done strictly on merit basis.
- Continuation of the scholarship in subsequent years will depend on successful completion of the course during the preceding year.
- A scholarship holder under this scheme will not avail any other scholarship/stipend for pursuing the course

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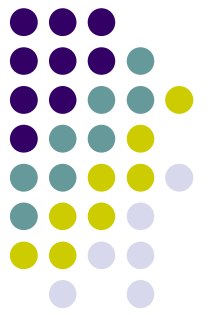


- The annual income of the beneficiary/parent or guardian of beneficiary should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.
- The state department will advertise the scheme every year latest by **31st March** and receive the application through the concerned institutions.
- 30% scholarship will be reserved for girls of each minority community in a state which is transferable to male student of that community in case of non-availability of female candidate in that community in the concerned state.
- A student residing in a particular State/UT will be entitled for scholarship under the quota of that State/UT only irrespective of his place of study.
- The number of scholarship has been fixed state-wise on the basis of minority population of the states/UTs. Within the state-wise allocations, the applications from reputed institutions will be exhausted first. The list of such institutions will be made available by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.



Funding

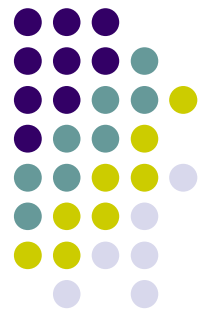
- The Scheme will be implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which receive 100% central assistance from Government of India for the total expenditure under the scheme.



Terms & Conditions

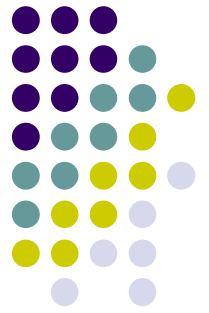
- Scholarship will not be paid for the period of internship/ houseman ship in the M.B.B.S. course or for a practical training in other course if the student is in receipt of some remuneration during the internship period or some allowance/stipend during the practical training in other course.
- if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.
- Maintenance allowance is payable from 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, (including maintenance allowance during holidays) maximum twice a year.

Rate of Scholarship:



Sl.No.	Type of Financial Assistance	Rate for hostler	Rate for Day Scholar
1.	Maintenance Allowance (For 10 months only)	Rs.10,000/-per annum (Rs.1000 p.m.)	Rs.5,000/- per annum. (Rs.500 p.m.)
2.	Course Fee*	Rs.20,000/- per annum or Actual whichever is less	Rs.20,000/- per annum or Actual whichever is less
Total		Rs.30,000/-	Rs.25,000/-

MONITORING



Monitoring of the progress made by the grantee institutes will be carried out as follows:

- i) The institute shall submit periodic progress report of the coaching classes as prescribed in the sanction order to the Ministry of Minority Affairs and the State Government/UT administration.
- ii) The institute shall submit information of employment secured by the candidates coached by them in Government and placements secured through their efforts in private sector to the Ministry of Minority Affairs and the State Government/UT administration.
- iii) The grantee institute will be open to inspection by the officers of Central Government/State Government/UT and agencies designated by the Ministry.