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OF A COMMUNITY BY THE
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WHICH WOMEN HAVE ACHIEVED

B. R. AMBEDKAR

“My final words of advice to you are educate, agitate and organize; have faith in yourself. With justice on our side I do not see how we can lose our battle. The battle to me is a matter of joy. The battle is in the fullest sense spiritual. There is nothing material or social in it. For ours is a battle not for wealth or for power. It is a battle for freedom. It is the battle of reclamation of human personality.”

Preface

In a country like India, where deprivation and oppression has a long history of thousands of years, we often see the inequality at different levels and in different forms. Social and cultural inequalities were the basic roots which created differences in caste and religions. In such society offering fair opportunities and giving a call for equality is a very difficult chore, especially in the society where inequality is deeply rooted and closely associated with social structure. The deprived sections of such society in the country are basically in need of such a mechanism that offers equality of opportunities. Education is one of the areas through which these people can get the opportunity to come up along with the other members of the society. However, it is difficult for deprived people to take education within the regular stream because the cost of the education is soaring day by day. Therefore, financial help is important to these sections of the society for their social development. The sole purpose of offering finance to the Backward Class students is to make them independent, self-reliant and competent. This is an additional input, which will enhance their potential and mend their attitude. The Government of India has rightly introduced the mechanism of offering finance in the means of Scholarship or Freeship to all deserving and competent Backward Class students match their calibre with the other privileged sections of the society.

The Scholarship of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was terminated in 1917, so he could not pursue his further studies what he had aimed at that time. This evidence explains the significance of the scholarship scheme. It proves that the deprived students need financial aid for higher education which is very expensive today. A heavy cost of higher education is not affordable to SC and ST students and therefore they cannot get a chance to take higher education. It is essential to the Government that they should manage scholarship and freeship schemes and make the conditions more flexible, suitable and beneficial to the backward category students.

It is true that on website of Central and State Government and many other various websites, these information available on large scale but it is using by the people those are highly educated or internet savvy. Though they are educated but such information is on large scale, scattered on various websites, and many times they could not find out proper information, other side this information could not reached to the needy one, like economically weaker or students from rural areas due to the lack of means and resources. This is observed that unfortunately many of these students and their parents could not aware about such financial facilities given by Government of India for higher education. Hence this small book is gathering such information in one place (which is part of author's thesis) and is trying to throw light on the evolution of these financial facilities, various policies, financial schemes like scholarship, free-ship etc, therefore the needy students can avail such facilities and should benefited

The whole book is classified into seven different chapters

- i) Commissions and Constitution
- ii) Evolution of Policies and Schemes of Financial aid
- iii) Central Government Policies and Schemes

- iv) State Government Policies and Schemes
- v) Conditions, Documents and Guidelines
- vi) Norms of GoI (Govt. of India) about Post –Matric Scholarship
- vii) e- Scholarship

All these chapters are provided proper information to the students related to their higher educational financial aid. This book is a result of small collection from my thesis “A STUDY OF MANAGEMENT OF FINANCIAL AID PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA TO SC/ST STUDENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION” (WITH REFERENCE TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES AFFILIATED TO MUMBAI UNIVERSITY)

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Introduction:

Education happens to be one of the essential aspects of developing the personality of an individual. The cultural, social and economic development of a person as well as society depends to a great extent on the type of education imparted to him/her. Depriving an individual from availing educational opportunity is a crime against the society. Fair and equal opportunities for learning are a fundamental right of any individual. The roots of inequality lie in a denial of opportunity and fair chance of development. Even if principally one accepts the concept of equality for all, functionally and practically it is extremely difficult. It requires a suitable mechanism commonly acceptable, easily adaptable and socially as well as economically viable. The Backward Classes in the country are basically in need of such a mechanism that offers equality of opportunities. However, it is easy to speak of equality, but difficult to bring it into practice. One cannot expect an ordinary horse to compete with a race horse easily. It requires special training, guidance and assistance. The sole purpose of offering Scholarship to the Backward Class students is to make them independent, self reliant and competent. This is an additional input, which will enhance their potential and mend their attitude. The Government of India has rightly introduced the mechanism of offering scholarship to deserving and competent Backward Class students to match their caliber with the other privileged section of the society.

This research study throws light on the management of financial aid provided to deprived classes like Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) students for their higher education by the State Government of Maharashtra.

Higher education in India is growing quickly due to the formation and establishment of various universities in all over the country. The Central Government is promising that by 2020 every rural area will set up at-least one professional educational institute where poor and deprived people will get educated without barriers, this will definitely provide more job opportunities to the unemployed people even in the backward classes. But the question is whether the Indian Government can facilitate higher education in the backward areas within the same ratio or not. Mumbai University, which includes regions like Mumbai, Mumbai suburban, Thane and inclusive Konkan province from where students have been taken education, including a deprived section of the society, but the literacy rate is very poor, and if in some region where there is literacy, these people desist to understand the value of higher education and hence the dropout rate is higher on account of their certain limitations - may be their family problems or financial problems. Therefore, for their development, it is a must to encourage them to not only just literacy or primary education but also for the secondary and higher education. The research is exactly throwing light on the management of financial aid provided to deprived classes like Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) students for their higher education by the State Government of Maharashtra.

Today there are several Vice-Chancellors, Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers and other professionals belong to these categories, but the overall picture has not improved much. It shows that many of the parents as well as students of SC/ST don't have the complete information about their facilities given by the government, especially financial aid. The research is highlighted about various facilities given by Central and State Government to these categories students under various heads. And only aim of this research is that the complete information should reach upto the ultimate students so they will take such financial help for their higher education and try to come up from their poverty or to get equality along with the other caste population in the social flow of life. It has given under the following Chapter:

- i) Commissions and Constitution
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Chapter I: Commissions and Constitution

At the time of Britishers, there were several committees formed by them for the smooth functioning of the educational area before independence:

1) Charles Wood Dispatch Committee (1854) 2) Hunter Commission (1882) 3) Raleigh Commission (1902) 4) Sadler Commission (1917) 5) Hartog Commission (1929) 6) Sapru Committee (1934) 7) Wood-Abbot Commission (1936) 8) Sargent Report (1944).

All these committees were preparing and suggesting various procedures, policies and activities for primary and higher education and financial aid thereby.

Constitutions and Policies: A number of provisions and policies had been made in the Constitution to abolish the discrimination between upper and lower classes and put these groups at par with others. According to this, the Central Government made specific provisions for reservation in education and services in favour of the members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. It includes following, Articles framed by the Constitution of India for the protection and development of the SC and ST students due to the exploitation and injustice against them:

1. Article 15(1) — Not to discriminate against any citizen on grounds of caste.
2. Article 15(2)—No citizen shall on grounds only of caste or race be subjected to any disability and restriction.
3. Article 15(3)—Related with women and children.
4. Article 15(4) and (5)-- The Constitution Of India 1949, Nothing in this article shall prevent the State from making any special provision for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens or for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and gives equal right to admission in all schools and colleges maintained by public funds.
5. Article 16(4) — According to this clause, a reservation is made in favour of SC and ST in all public services.
6. Article 17—In the Constitution of India 1949, abolition of Untouchability and its practice in any form is forbidden.
7. Article 19(i)—provides the right to practice any profession or to carry on any occupation, trade or business.
8. Article 29(2)—Provides admission in educational institutions.
9. Article 164(1)— Provides for a separate Ministry for Tribes and Dalits welfare.
10. Article 244-- Administration of Scheduled Areas and Tribal Areas.
 - (1) The provisions of the Fifth Schedule shall apply to the administration and control of the Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes in any State other than the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.
 - (2) The provisions of the Sixth Schedule shall apply to the administration of the tribal areas in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram.

11. Article 246--Article 246 of the Constitution of India has entrusted the state with the responsibility of promoting the economic and educational interest of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.
12. Articles 330, 332, 335, 338 to 342—The entire Fifth and Sixth Schedules of the Constitution deals with special provisions for implementation of the objectives set forth in Article 46.
13. Articles 338 and 338A-- To effectively implement the various safeguards built into the Constitution and other legislations, the Constitution Provides for two statutory commissions - the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.
14. Article 341-- The President of India to specify castes to be notified as S.Cs. The President, in consultation with the Governor of the State concerned, notifies a particular caste as S.C.; the inclusion of the caste in the schedule is then promulgated by Parliament.

The Ministry implements three Acts for protecting the civil rights of the Scheduled Castes:

- i. Untouchability Offence Act, 1955
- ii. Protection of Civil Rights Act, (PCAR)1976 and
- iii. The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989).

The Ministry also deals with the following important issues, with regard to Scheduled Castes Development:

- Monitoring of points 11(A) of 20 point programme - Justice to Scheduled Castes.
- Affirmative Action including reservation in private sector for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Chapter II- Evolution of Policies and Schemes of Financial aid

At the time of Britishers and missionaries, deprived classes had been getting higher education along with book-bank facility and scholarship for their benefit. Therefore, many social reformers came forward to manage this situation in India. In the upcoming years, many imperative reforms were established in favour of education for the deprived sections in the society, which included:

- 1882-Hunter Commission was appointed, where Mahatma Jyotiba Phule made a demand of free and compulsory education for all along with proportionate reservation/representation in Government jobs for the deprived people.
- 1901-Reservations were introduced in Maharashtra in the Princely State of Kolhapur by Shahu Maharaj. Reservations in the princely states of Baroda and Mysore have been already in force.
- 1904- Indian University Act was passed.
- 1908-Reservations were introduced in favour of a number of castes and communities that had little share in the administration by the British.
- 1909- Provisions were made in the Government of India Act 1909.
- 1919- Montagu-Chelmsford Reform was introduced.
- 1919 - Provisions were made in the Government of India Act 1919.
- 1921-Madras Presidency introduces Communal G O in which reservation of 44% for non-Brahmins, 16% for Brahmins, 16% of Muslims, 16% of Anglo-Indians/ Christians and 8% for Scheduled Castes.
- 1929-1934 - The Hartog (1929) and Sapru (1934) Committees both emphasized the vital role of vocational education for the deprived sections in the country's economic development.
- 1935-Indian National Congress passes resolution called the Poona Pact to allocate separate electoral constituencies for the depressed classes.
- 1935 - Provisions in Government of India Act 1935.
- 1942-B.R. Ambedkar established the All India Depressed Classes, Federation to support the advancement of the Scheduled Castes. He also demanded reservations for the Scheduled Castes in Government services and education.
- 1946- Cabinet Mission of India proposes proportionate representation with several other recommendations.
- 1947- During Independence, Dr. Ambedkar was appointed chairman of the drafting committee for the Indian Constitution. The Indian Constitution prohibits discrimination on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex and place of birth. While providing equality of opportunity for all citizens, the Constitution contains special clauses "for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens or for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes". Separate constituencies were allocated to Scheduled Castes and Tribes to ensure their political representation for 10 years.(These were subsequently extended for every 10 years through Constitutional amendments).

- 1947-1950- Debates of the Constituent Assembly.
- 26/01/1950-The Constitution of India came into force.
- 1953-Kalelkar Commission was established to assess the situation of the socially and educationally backward classes. The report was accepted as far as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were concerned.
- 1956-Schedules amended as per Kaka Kalelkar report.
- 1976-Schedules amended.
- The 1979-Mandal Commission was established to assess the situation of the socially and educationally backward classes. The exact figures for a sub-caste known as the Other Backward Class (OBC) was not there with the commission, and therefore it used the 1930 census data, further classifying 1,257 communities as backward, to estimate the OBC population at 52%.
- 1980-The commission submitted a report, and recommended changes to the existing quotas, increasing them from 22% to 49.5%. As of 2006, number of castes in the backward class list went up to 2,297 which is an increase of 60% from the community list prepared by the Mandal commission.
- 1990-Mandal commission recommendations were implemented in Government Jobs by Vishwanath Pratap Singh. Student Organizations launched nationwide agitations.
- 1995-Parliament by 77th Constitutional amendment inserted Art 16 (4) (A) permitting reservation in promotions to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Later on it was further amended to include consequential seniority by 85th amendment.
- The 1998-Central Government conducted the large nationwide survey for the first time to estimate economic and educational status of various social groups. The National Sample Survey puts the figure at 32%.
- 2005-93rd Constitutional amendment brought for ensuring reservations for Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes and Tribes in Private Educational institutions. This effectively reversed the 2005 August Supreme Court judgement.
- 2006-The Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in M. Nagaraj and Ors Vs. Union of India and Ors upheld the Constitutional validity of Art 16 (4) (A), 16 (4) (B) and proviso to Art 335.
- 2006-Reservations were introduced for Other Backward Classes in the Central Government Educational Institutions. Total Reservation went up to 49.5%.
- 2010 - The Supreme Court held that if the State wants to frame rules with regard to the reservation in promotions and consequential seniority, it has to satisfy itself with quantifiable data that there is backwardness, inadequacy of representation in public employment and overall administrative inefficiency and unless such an exercise was undertaken by the State Government rules in promotions and consequential seniority cannot be introduced.

Chapter III- Central Government policies and schemes

SCSP, SCP and SCA:

Instruments of various plans for SC and ST



Special Component Plan:

The Special Component Plan is designed to channelize the flow of outlays and benefits from the general sector in the plans of States/UTs and the Central Ministries. It is an umbrella programme under which all schemes implemented by States' and Central Government are dovetailed for addressing different needs of the Scheduled Castes.

Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan:

Under the Scheduled Castes Development Bureau, the Ministry implements Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP), which is an umbrella strategy to ensure the flow of targeted financial and physical benefits from all the general sectors of development for the benefit of the Scheduled Castes.

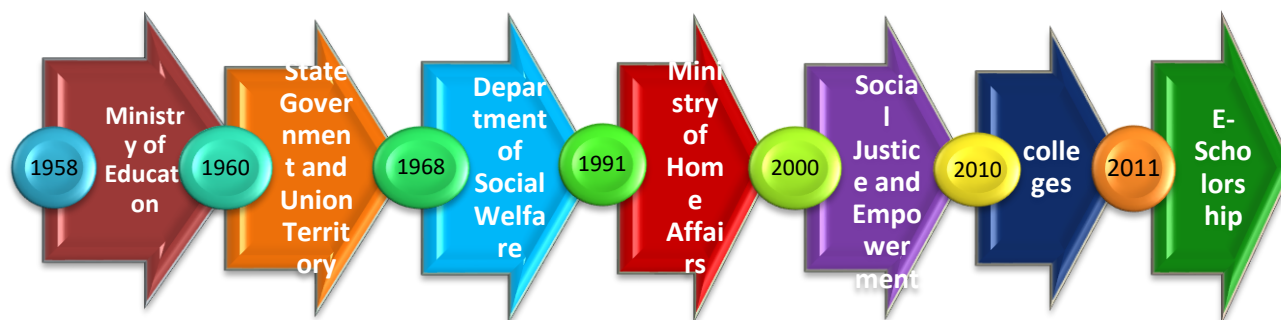
Special Central Assistance:

Another policy initiative for the development of Scheduled Castes is Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan, in which 100% assistance is given as additive to the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan of the States/UTs based on certain criteria.

Tribal Sub-Plan:

The important aspect of the TSP is to ensure allocation of funds for TSP areas, at least in proportion to the ST population of each of the State/UT. The TSP strategy is now being implemented through 196 Integrated Tribal Development Projects/Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDPs/ITDAs), 259 Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) Pockets, 82 Clusters and 75 Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) in 23 States/UTs. The objective of the scheme is to increase elementary and higher education among the Scheduled Tribes including PTGs.

The transformation of responsibility of PMS scheme from Ministry up to Colleges:



A) Financial Schemes of Central Government to SC/ST students

1. Scholarship by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to ST Students:

Scheme: It is for the ST Students, under the Scheme of Top Class Education.

Aims: Recognizing the need to support meritorious ST students who gain admission in identified quality educational institutions, by providing full financial support to the selected meritorious students, would enable them to complete their courses of higher studies in these selected academic institutions of the country.

Total family income: should not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh (from 1st April 2013)

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2. Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC and ST Students:

Scheme: It is for the students, studying in Delhi and also outside Delhi but within India.

Aims: the main aim of this scholarship is for students pursuing 'Post-Secondary level studies' in Government/recognized institutions situated outside Delhi but within India.

Total family income: Not exceed Rs. 2 lakh and Rs. 2.50 lakhs per annum for SC/ST students.

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3. National Overseas Scholarships For Scheduled Tribes and SC Students:

Scheme: It is in the following categories:-Scheduled Tribes: 17 Particular Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs): 03 Total 20.

Aims: The Scholarship for higher studies abroad is awarded in specified field of Engineering, Technology and Science and covers the cost of tuition fee and other educational expenses, including maintenance, other grants and travel expenses for various courses at Masters' level, Ph.D. and Postdoctoral level.

Total family income: should not exceed Rs. 6.00 Lakhs per annum

Value of Scholarship: Maintenance allowance US \$15400 and British pound £ 9900

Annual contingencies US \$ 1532 and £ 1116

4. NTPC Limited scholarship schemes for SC and ST:

Scheme: The country's premier power producer takes on the responsibility for the fruitful impact on the cause of SC and ST.

Aims: As a responsible and socially conscious enterprise, NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) offers scholarships to the students belonging to SC and ST categories pursuing a full-time degree course in Engineering in the disciplines of Electrical, Instrumentation, Mechanical, Computer Science, Electronics/ Telecommunication and MBA from a college/university recognized by the Government of India.

Eligibility:

- A candidate must be pursuing a 2nd year of B.E./B.Tech programme from specified institutes.
- The age should be of the applicant must not exceed 40 years.
- He/she must be belonging from SC/ST and PC category.
- The candidate should be domicile in Rajasthan, Delhi, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh and Punjab.
- An applicant must not be receiving financial support from many sources.

Amount: Candidates selected for NTPC scholarship will receive **INR 1500/-** per month for the entire duration of the programme.

- The application process will be offline.
- Candidates can get the application form from the head of the institution or its authorized representative.
- Application form can also be downloaded from www.ntpc.co.in
- Fill all the details correctly.
- Also, attach the necessary documents.
- Send the completely filled form together with necessary documents to the following address:
 - Deputy General Manager (HR-W)
NTPC LTD., NTPC Bhawan, Core no. -7
SCOPE COMPLEX Lodhi Road
New Delhi – 110

5. BEML, Scholarship Scheme:

Scheme: It is for SC and ST Undergraduate Engineering Students.

Aims: BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited) is one of the pioneer Engineering PSUs under Ministry of Defense, engaged in manufacturing of Mining and Construction Equipments; the Company has decided to award scholarships to the undergraduate students pursuing the Engineering course in Mechanical, Automobile and Industrial Production disciplines.

Total family income: Not exceed Rs. 2 lakh and Rs. 2.50 lakhs per annum for SC/ST students

6. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme (RGNFS):

Scheme: The UGC has taken initiative keeping in view the social background of the deprived section of the society.

Aims: There are 1,333 slots for SCs and 667 slots for STs every year for all subjects. As per the criteria fixed by the Expert Committee, 50% of the fellowship would be awarded to the female students. The objective of this award is to provide fellowships in the form of financial aid to students belonging to SC and ST to pursue higher studies leading to M. Phil and Ph.D. degree (full time) in Sciences, Engineering, Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Fellowship award:

	Fellowship	Contingency	HRA	Escorts/Reader Assistance
M Phil	Rs. 25000/-PM	- Rs.10000/per year for Humanities & Social Sciences - Rs.12000/-per year for Science, Engineering Technology	As per rules of the University/ Institutions / Colleges	Rs.2000/-P.M in case of physically handicapped and blind candidates for all the subjects
PhD	Rs.28000/-PM	- Rs.20500 per year for Humanities & Social Sciences - Rs.25000 per year for Science, Engineering Technology		

Eligibilities:

- The Applicant belonging to ST should have passed the Post-Graduation examination for being eligible for the Fellowship. The Applicant should get admission and registration for regular and full time M Phil/PhD Courses in University / Academic Institutions recognized by UGC under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act / ICAR by fulfilling conditions of admission of that University/Institution.
- The ST students once considered eligible for the Fellowship shall not be entitled for any other scholarship of the Centre or State Government the same study.
- The fellowship shall be payable once the student has secured admission and started the research work.
- In order to qualify for Senior Research Fellowship a candidate will have to fulfill the UGC/ICAR norms prescribed in this regard.

No of Fellowships: The total number of fresh fellowships each year, will be 750 for ST and for SC 2000

How to apply: Applicants can apply online mode only. For online application please click here: <https://scholarships.gov.in/fresh/newstdRegfrmInstruction>

7. The UGC's, Postdoctoral Fellowship for SC and ST students:

Scheme: The scheme has been initiated keeping in view the social background of the students from the deprived section of the society.

Aims: To provide them the opportunity to undertake advanced studies and research in Sciences, Engineering, Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences in Indian Universities /Institutions/Colleges.

The candidate would be eligible for following financial assistance:

Fellowship in Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering & Technology	@Rs.16000/-p.m. for initial two years @Rs.18000/-p.m. for remaining tenure	RGNJRF RGNSRF
Contingency A	@Rs.10000/-p.a. for initial two years @Rs.20500/-p.a. for remaining tenure	Humanities & Social Sciences
Contingency B	@Rs.12000/-p.a. for initial two years @Rs.25000/-p.a. for remaining tenure	Sciences, Engg. & Technology
Departmental Assistance	@Rs. 3000/- p.a. per student to the host institution for providing infrastructure	For all disciplines
Escorts/Reader assistance	@ Rs. 2000/- p.m. in cases of physically handicapped & blind candidates	For all disciplines
HRA	As per rules of the University/ Institutions	For all disciplines

8. ONGC Scholarships for SC and ST students:

Scheme: The ONGC Scholarships for students belonging to the SC/ ST categories. The applicant should not have an Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA) of less than 6 on a scale of 10.

Aims: It is for Engineering or post-graduation course in Geology or Geophysics, MBA and presently enrolled in any of the IIT's or an Indian University or Institute of repute.

Total family income: should not be more than Rs. 1.5 lakh per annum.

ONGC Scholarship to Meritorious SC/ST Students

- Name of Organization: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited
- Scholarship for Meritorious SC/ST Students
- Total No. of Scholarship: 1000*

Scholarship Offered

- Candidates will get an impressive amount of Rs.4000/- per month, i.e. Rs 48,000/- per annum

Stream wise Distribution

- 1. Engineering (4 years): 494 Scholarships – Rs.4000/-
- 2. MBBS (4 years): 90 Scholarships – Rs.4000/-
- 3. MBA (2 years): 146 Scholarships – Rs.4000/-
- Masters in Geology/Geophysics (2 years): 270 Scholarships – Rs.4000/-
- *50% Scholarships are Reserved for Girl Students

9. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd:

Scheme: A total of 450 Scholarships, under selected categories.

Aims: The Scholarship scheme is an Indian Oil's humble attempt to support and encourage deserving, talented students to achieve their limitless ambitions and serve the nation.

Total family income: should not exceed Rs. 1 lakh per annum

- **Engineering & MBBS Course:** Bonafide Students are eligible to apply for (regular/full-time) engineering and medical courses. In order to be eligible for the Scholarship, students must be enrolled in the first year of such programs (minimum duration of 4 years).

- **MBA Course:** Anyone taking the MBA course must ensure that they conform with the specified program of qualification as set out in the guidelines. Candidates enrolled in the first year of this 2-year MBA program will be eligible to apply for the Scholarship.

Stream	Duration	No.of Scholarships	Qualifying Exam	Scholarship Amount
10+/ITI	2 years	2000	10 th	Rs. 1000
Engineering	4 years	300	12 th	Rs. 3000
MBBS	4 years	200	12 th	Rs. 3000
MBA	2 years	100	Graduation	Rs. 3000

10. Foundation for Academic Excellence and Access (FAEA):

Scheme: FAEA invites application for a grant of 50 scholarships to pursue undergraduate studies for Indians belonging to SC and ST categories.

Aims: It is for the students in any streams like Arts/ Commerce/ Science/ Medical/ Engineering and other technical and professional disciplines at any University/Institution/College of student's choice, anywhere in India.

11. Various scholarships :

- National Talent Search Scholarships (NTSE)** - General Scholarship conducted for Xth standard students for higher studies. Sponsored by: National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT)
- National Talent Scholarship** - Scholarship in Agriculture and allied subjects conducted for 10+2 or equivalent students for Graduate level. Sponsored by: Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICRA)
- Young Science Fellowship Programme** - Fellowship in Science and Mathematics subjects conducted for toppers in 10+2 or equivalent for higher studies/research in Science/ Mathematics. Sponsored by: Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- Young Engineering Fellowship Programme**- Fellowship in Engineering conducted for toppers in 10+2 or equivalent for higher studies/research in Engineering. Sponsored by: Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- The Young Talent IT Scholarship** - Scholarship in Information Technology conducted for Graduate students for higher studies in IT. Sponsored by: KGISL - The Dr. GB Scholarships Foundation
- Summer Research Fellowships Programme** - Scholarship in Scientific Research conducted for students pursuing B.Sc., M.Sc., B.V.S, M.B.B.S., B. Pharm. and Engineering. Sponsored by: Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research

- g) **Post-doctoral Fellowship in Neuroscience** – Post-doctoral Fellowship is for Ph.D. degree holders in any branch of science or any subject related to the general area of Neuroscience including Psychology. Sponsored by: National Brain Research Centre (NBRC)

All above mentioned financial aid are available to SC and ST students provided by Central Government for the betterment of these students. From these, some scholarships are available at the State level, but some scholarships are accessible at Central level only and many of these scholarships are not renowned. Therefore, these students are not applying for scholarship, though they are eligible and they are stopping their education due to lack of finance.

12. Special Ministries and its policies for SC and ST:

In 1985, Government of India constituted “The Ministry of Welfare” for the weaker sections of the society and minorities. It established for the welfare of SCs, STs, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, while of the STs was shifted to a separate Ministry of Tribal Affairs set up in 1999. All the Central Ministries and the State Governments are together responsible for the promotion of the interest of the SC and STs so they have taken the initiative to form various policies as follows:

National Technology Policy Statement (1983)

National Policy on Education-1986 (revised 1992):

Technology Policy Vision for India 2020 (1996), National Policy Initiative for Technician Education (1998) and Information Technology Policy (2000):

The GoI's Information Technology Policy (2000):

Information Technology Policy (2000) Training:

Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP):

(Detail information about these policies is available on the MHRD websites)

B) Schemes of Central Government

Educational Scholarship Schemes in India and States for SC and ST:

Reservation of seats in favour of children belonging to SCs and STs are provided in proportion to their population in the concerned district, such that no such reservation will be less than the national average of 22.5% (15% for SCs and 7.50% for STs) and a maximum of 50% for both the categories taken together. These reservations are interchangeable and over and above the students selected under open merit. The Government manages the following few schemes and institutes for students of deprived classes to provide them financial aid for their education.

- **National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS):**

Under NIOS scheme, the SC and ST students are given concession in admission fees to the extent of Rs.450/- for Secondary Courses and Rs.525/- for Senior Secondary Courses. Under this Scheme of strengthening of Boarding and Hostel Facilities for Girl Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools, 100 % financial aid are given to Voluntary Organisations to improve enrolment of adolescent girls belonging to rural areas and weaker sections.

- **National University/Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA):**

Educational development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is an area of major concern of NUEPA. It carries out studies, seminars, symposiums, etc. and evaluates ongoing programmes/existing educational programmes. It covers programmes and schemes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. It also generates material for educational institutions.

- **University Grants Commission (UGC):**

As per the reservation policy, UGC has earmarked 15% and 7.50% reservation for SCs and STs respectively in Appointments in teaching and non-teaching posts, Admissions, Hostel accommodation, etc., in Universities/ Colleges, Professional and Technical educational institutions administered by the Central Government. State Universities follow reservation policy as prescribed by the respective State Governments. The commission has issued guidelines/directives/instructions from time- to- time for implementing the reservation policy of the Government of India. Apart from reservation, there is also relaxation in the minimum qualifying marks for admission of SC and ST students. UGC has been implementing the programme of Career Orientation in education (Vocationalisation of education) to ensure that the graduates have the knowledge, skills and attitudes for gainful employment in the wage sector in general, and self-employment in particular for all including SCs and STs. In order to contribute towards social equity and socioeconomic mobility of the underprivileged sections of the society, UGC has introduced remedial coaching scheme at the UG/PG level and provides financial aid to the existing coaching centres to prepare SC and ST students for the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by UGC/CSIR and for extension activities. Under the scheme, all groups of the society are covered, including SCs and STs.

- **SC and ST Cells:**

UGC assists Universities/Deemed Universities for the establishment of Special SC and ST Cells, to ensure effective implementation of reservation policy for SCs and STs in admissions, recruitment in the teaching and non-teaching posts, staff quarters/hostels, fellowships etc. At present, there are 123 SC and ST Cells established at Universities including Deemed Universities.

- **Community Polytechnics:**

A community college is a comprehensive institution of higher education, The community college is an alternative system of education, aimed at helping the poor- urban, rural and tribal - and women to find gainful employment in collaboration with the local industry and the community.

- **Engineering Colleges:**

The following facilities are provided to SCs and STs in Joint Entrance Examination conducted by IITs: There are 50 seats for SCs and 22 seats for STs available at IIT, Delhi as per the reservation quota.

- It provides relaxation in the qualifying norms.
- It reduced cost of application form.
- SC and ST students called for Counselling have paid single second-class railway fare.

- All SC and ST students admitted to IT-BHU are exempted from payment of tuition fees. In addition, all SC and ST students are granted free meal and a pocket allowance of Rs. 70/- per month subject to the fulfillment of the norms of parental income.
- Special facilities of Book Banks are provided. Some IITs has special Book Banks for the SC and ST students for their exclusive use.

- **Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL):**

The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore has a scheme of development of Indian Languages through research, developing work force and production of materials in Modern Indian Languages including tribal languages. The Institute has worked in more than 90 tribal and border languages, which is important for the parity of STs at the educational level.

- **National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT)**

NCERT focuses on the development of textbooks, teacher guides, supplementary reading materials, evaluation of textbooks, vocational education, educational technology, examination reforms, support to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), and education of educationally disadvantaged groups. NCERT operates the National Talent Search Scheme for pursuing courses in science

- **National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)**

Educational development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is an area of major concern of NIEPA. It has generated material relating to educational institutions and development of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes students.

- **Sponsored Schemes:**

Government of India (GoI) has implemented various Centrally Sponsored Schemes from first five year plan for SCs and STs and other backward sections. And the UGC is running some more schemes to promote Higher Education among the socially deprived sections like SC and ST. These schemes are:-

- Residential Coaching Academy for Minorities and SC/ST/Women
- Postdoctoral Fellowships for SC and ST
- Postgraduate Scholarships for SC and ST Students in Professional Courses
- Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships for SC and ST

- **Grievance Redress mechanisms:**

Surveillance of the policy implementation, use of funds, advice to SC and ST students, report on the progress of all schemes etc.; all work has been covered under these policies:

- **Counselling and advisory services:**

The existing Cell for SC and ST in the institutions will have the responsibility to perform the role of counsellors to advise the SC and ST students about various aspects related to academics and adjustments in the institutions which is a changed atmosphere for them

- **Monitoring and Evaluation Benchmarks:**

The SC and ST Cells in institutions may regularly report its activities to the BOG of the institution and an Annual Report of their activities may also be submitted to the Central/State Governments.

- **Common Minimum Programme for SCs and STs (sections A &B)**

A draft of the Common Minimum Programme is prepared by Dr P.S Krishnan, IAS (Retd.) former secretary to the Government of India for the rights of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. The draft has been prepared with significance to the opposition parties and other regional parties which shall put a pressure on the ruling coalition for inclusion within the larger Common Minimum Programme to be prepared after the formation of the Government.

Chapter IV- Scholarships/Fellowships provided by the State Government of Maharashtra:

- Government of India National Scholarship.
- Institute Merit Scholarship.
- Government of Maharashtra Technical Scholarship (As per Technical Board).
- Daxina Fellowship.
- Government of Maharashtra Ph.D. Research Fellowship.
- Government Open Merit Scholarship.
- University Merit Scholarship.
- Government of India Scholarship for SC/ST students
- U.G.C. Junior Research and Senior Research Fellowship.
- U.G.C. Teaching Fellowship (As per U.G.C. rules).
- Amruta Rao Memorial Scholarships. - M. Sc I and M. Sc II Biochemistry
- Indira Gandhi Single Female Child Scholarship.

Management of Scholarships for SC/ST students:

In today's more technological, scientific, knowledgeable, intellectual and competitive world the backward category students must possess skill and knowledge for their successful career and bright future. For this it is essential for them to get admissions in well-known educational institutes for their higher studies. According to this, the Maharashtra State Government has opened doors for the backward category students through the Social Justice and Special Assistance Department. It provides them financial assistance in the form of Scholarship, Freeship and other merit awards. This department endows educational and examination fees to the backward category students. It also provides Freeship, Post-Matric Scholarship to the students excelling meritoriously also giving them Rajashri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj meritorious awards, Foreign Scholarship for higher education, Savitribai Phule Scholarship for backward category girls students etc.

i) Social Justice and Special Assistance Department:

- Establishment :Government decision No. 4370, dated 5th November 1927
- In this committee 10 members were there including Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar
- This committee has submitted a report to the British Government in 1930

- In 1932 Backward Class Welfare Department had established in Mumbai for Backward community.
- Mr. O H B Start, ICS was a first Director of this committee.
- After 1947 Director of Backward Class Welfare office was migrated to Pune
- Shri Ganpati Devaji Tapase was a minister of Fisheries, Small-scale Industry and Welfare of Backward Classes, inaugurated building of the Directorate of Welfare in 9th Aug 1947.
- According to Government circular No. BCE 2857- D. Dated 23rd Sept 1957, Main Supervisory Standardizes School and Director of Backward Class Welfare (मुख्य निरीक्षक प्रमाणित शाळा आणि संचालक, बॅकवर्ड क्लास वेलफेअर) these two offices were merged and established the Social Welfare Department(SWD)
- Following development for SWD:
 - 1932–Established Backward Class Welfare Department
 - 1957–Established Social Welfare Department in Pune
 - 1982 –Tribal Welfare Department was extorted apart from Social Welfare Department
 - 1991- Women and Children Development Department was extorted apart from Social Welfare Department.
 - 1999–Handicap Welfare Department was extorted apart from Social Welfare Department
 - 2000–DT, NT, OBC, SC and ST Welfare Department was extorted apart from Social Welfare Department

According to the Maharashtra State Government's Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, Circular No EBC-2003/P No.-301/ MVK-2, dated 1st November, 2003, the Indian Government had transferred Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme from Central Government to the State Government in 1959-60. Under this scheme, backward category students have been given the allowance of Rs. 90 to Rs. 425 as per their curriculum of studies and the Central Government bears the expenses for their higher education other than their basic minimal expenses, thereby bestowing them 100% grant. According to the inflation rate, the Central Government increases the income limit of the parents every two years under this scheme. From 2003, the income limit of the parents was Rs. 49,000 and Rs. 65,290 which has been changed up to Rs. 1, 00,000 for the parents of SC students and Rs. 1,08,000 for the parents of ST students as per the new circular of 2007. When the Maharashtra State Government has started e-Scholarship for academic year 2011-12, the parents' income limit has been raised in SC and ST students up to Rs. 2, 00,000. But from 1st April 2013 according to the Tribal Ministry for ST group this limit is increased up to Rs. 2.5 lakh.

Scholarship and Fellowships provided by the State Government of Maharashtra:

Maharashtra Government has provided various financial schemes to SC and ST students. The Following schemes are useful to SC category students, but from this few schemes are also important for ST category students.

1. Savitribai Phule scholarship Scheme (for Primary and Secondary school's Girl students):

Government Decision: 1) EBC1094/32038/ P. No- 90/ MVK-2/ dated 12thJan 1996, Government Decision: Social Justice, Cultural Programme, Sport Department EBC- 2003/ P. No- 116/ MVK-2/ dated 23rdMay 2003

2) Social Justice, Cultural Programme, Sport Department EMV- 2003/ P. No- 201/ MVK-3/ dated 25th July 2003

Objective: To reduce the Dropout Rate of the backward class girls, studying in 5th to 7th standard and 8th to 10th standard and giving them financial aid for education.

Conditions:

- SC girl students, studying in 5th to 7th standard and 8th to 10th standard
- This scholarship is besides Merit Scholarship.
- No need of application.
- Girl students should attend the school regularly
- Distribution of Scholarship thrice in the year- Dates of the distribution 26th June, 22nd September and 3rd January.

Benefits: Every SC girl student, studying in 5th to 7th standard is given Rs. 60 per month and 8th to 10th standard is given Rs. 100 per month up to 10 months.

Contacts: Special District Social Welfare Officer and Schools' Headmaster/Headmistress.

Maharashtra Government has sanctioned some amount of this expenditure every year in their budget. For instance, in the academic year 2010-11, Government has sanctioned Rs.3114.63 lakh for this scheme and obtained amount is Rs. 3066.21 lakh, from which expenses are Rs. 3038.98 lakh which is 99.11%.

2. Scholarship to Secondary school's students:

Government Decision: 1) ECB-1066/54787/ J, dated 29th August 1966

2) ECB-1094/ P. No- 109/ MVK-2/ dated 17thAugust1995

3) ECB-2003/ P. No- 466/ MVK-2/ dated 9th February 2007

Objective: To reduce the Dropout rate and for each class, two SC students those who get more than 50% Marks are provided scholarship for encouragement.

Conditions:

- Students should belong to Scheduled Castes
- Students should be studying in Secondary or Higher Secondary's school 5th to 10th standard.
- Students should stand first or second in the final exam
- They should score more than 50% Marks.
- No income limit for this Scholarship
- No need of application.
- Benefit to first two students.

Benefits: First two students, studying in 5th to 7th standard are given Rs. 50 per month and 8th to 10th standard are given Rs. 100 per month up to 10 months.

Contacts: Social Welfare Officer Group-A, ZP and Schools' Headmaster/Headmistress.

In 2010-11, State Government has sanctioned Rs. 516.75 lakh for this scheme and given amount is Rs. 479.57 lakh whereas expenses are Rs. 477.37 lakh i.e. 99.54%.

3. Rajashri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Gunavatta Scholarship: (Post-Matric)

Government Decision: ECB-2003/ P. No- 115/ MVK-2/ dated 11th June 2003

Objective: Successful students in the 10th standard should be provided this scholarship for their higher studies.

Conditions:

- Students should belong to Scheduled Castes
- Students should get more than 75% marks in 10th standard exam and this scheme is only for them, those who are studying in 11th and 12th standards.
- This scholarship is besides GOI Post-Matric Scholarship.
- No income limit for this scholarship
- Every year this scholarship is granted for 10 months.
- Students should apply to the principal of the college for this scholarship within proper format
- Students should attach Xerox copies of Caste certificate, SSC's Mark-sheet, Leaving certificate and Certificate of college admission with the application.

Benefits: Students, studying in 11th and 12th standards are given Rs. 300 per month for ten months, i.e. Rs. 3000 every year.

Contacts: Special District Social Welfare Officer and Colleges' Principals.

In the academic year 2010-11, the State Government has sanctioned Rs. 312.50 lakh. The Government used complete 100% amount for the benefit of the SC students.

4. Rajashri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Gunavatta Puraskar:

Government Decision: ECB-2003/ P. No- 115/ MVK-2/ dated 11th June 2003

Objective: Student of SC/ST/DT/NT/OBC categories who stands first from all general category students in the 10th and 12th standards should be provided by this award for their appreciation.

Conditions:

- Student should belong to SC/ST, DT/NT and OBC categories
- Student should score in the Merit list or should stand first in the State, District, Board, Taluka or School in 10th and 12th for all general category students.

Benefits: To category student who stands;

- a. First in State-Rs. 2.50 lakh cash, Memento and Certificate
- b. First in Board-Rs. 1 lakh cash, Memento and Certificate
- c. In the Merit list-Rs. 0.50 lakh cash, Memento and Certificate
- d. First in District-Rs. 0.25 lakh cash, Memento and Certificate
- e. First in Taluka-Rs. 0.10 lakh cash, Memento and Certificate
- f. First in School-Rs. 0.05 lakh cash, Memento and Certificate

Contacts: Special District Social Welfare Officer

In 2010-11, under this scheme, the State Government has sanctioned Rs. 625.00 lakh but the amount obtained is Rs. 313.89 lakh from which the expenses are Rs. 290.92 lakh i.e. 92.68%.

5. Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj Scholarship to 100 Scheduled Caste Students for the Higher Education in the Country.

Objectives: It is essential for Scheduled Caste students to provide free higher education in the prominent institutions in the India. Taking into consideration the fact State Government has introduced the new scheme 100 Scheduled Caste students studying in the countrywide higher educational institutions.

Eligibility: 1) Student should be Scheduled Caste and Resident of Maharashtra.

(2) Maximum income limit of his parents is Rs. 4.50 lakhs.

(3) This scholarship is applicable for countrywide study such as IIT. Indian Institute of Management Institute of Technology where admissions are given through the entrance examinations.

Benefits: Awardee students will get full fee prescribed by the institutions as well as Hostel and Mess Charges prescribed by the institutions. Besides this Rs. 10000 per year will be given for Books, Note Books, and other educational instruments.

Contact: Social Welfare Commissionerate Office, Maharashtra State, Pune

6. Backward classes, students giving Educational and Examination Fees: (Post-Matric)

Government Decision: 1) ECB-1068/83567-J dated 24th December 1970

2) ECB-2009/ P. No- 146/ MVK-2/ dated 27th July 2009

Objective: Availing opportunity of education to the SC students.

Conditions:

- Students should belong to Scheduled Castes
- No age Limit
- The income limit of the parents should not exceed than Rs. 2 lakh
- Students should attach Xerox copies of Caste certificate and validity certificate
- No need to attached income certificate
- Principal's sign and stamp are necessary

The scheme is not implemented for the following courses:

- a. Students admission under management quota
- b. Deemed university students
- c. Government recognized private, non-granted and B. Ed/D. Ed courses from Non-granted institutes
- d. Admission through Entrance exam taken by private institutional level any Engineering branch.

Benefits: The whole education Fee and Examination fee, which is decided by Universities or colleges or Shikshan Shulka Sumittee has been given to the colleges

Contacts: Special District Social Welfare Officer

The Government has sanctioned a lot of amount for the development of the SC students. In 2010-11, Rs. 1201.70 lakh is sanctioned whereas obtaining amount is Rs. 566.53 lakh but expenditure shows the very meagre amount Rs. 144.36 lakh i.e. just 25.48%.

7. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme of Government of India:

Government Decision: 1) ECB-1095/P. No-63/MVK-2, dated 10th October 1996

2) ECB-2004/ P. No- 30/ MVK-2/ dated 5th January 2005

3) ECB-2011/ P. No- 4/ MVK-2/ dated 2nd August 2011

Objective: To reduce the Dropout rate and avail the opportunity to SC students for higher education.

Conditions:

- Students should belong to Scheduled Castes
- The income limit of the parents should not exceed than Rs. 2 lakh
- All girls and boys from the one family can get the benefits of this scheme
- Students should attach Xerox copies of Caste certificate and validity certificate
- Attached income certificate with application.
- Principal's sign and stamp are necessary
- No age limit
- For all recognized courses this scheme is implemented.

The scheme is not implemented for the following courses:

- a. Full-time employee and family's yearly income is more than Rs. 2 lakh
- b. Failure students studying again in the same class (while pass, will eligible for the scholarship in the new class)
- c. If students are accepting other scholarship.

Benefits: The whole Education and Examination fees which is decided by Universities or colleges or Shikshan Shulka Sumittee has been given to the colleges

Students get Maintenance allowances in every month in the following way under this scheme. Current rates are implemented from 1st July 2010.

Contacts: Special District Social Welfare Officer and Colleges' Principals

Updates: 2020

These scholarships are available for studies in India only and are awarded by the government of the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs i.e. permanently settled.

Income Ceiling:

Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand only) per annum w.e.f. academic session 2013-14.

Value of Scholarship:

1. The value of scholarship includes the following for complete duration of the course:-
2. maintenance allowance amounting to Rs.380/- to 1200/- per month for hostellers and Rs. 230/- to Rs. 550/- per month for day scholars.
3. reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees,
4. study tour charges,
5. thesis typing/printing charges for Research Scholars,
6. book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses,
7. book bank facility for specified courses, and
8. additional allowance for students with disabilities, for the complete duration of the course.

8. Internal country's educational institutes Scholarship scheme for higher education:

Government Decision: 1) EBC-2003/P. No-323/MVK-2, dated 11th June 2003

2) EBC-2009/ P. No- 112/ dated 31st August 2009

Objectives: In the 21st century, for the success of these SC students, they need knowledge and skills, they should compete with others in this competitive age and they should get admission in the best educational institutes in the country. So far this scholarship scheme is being implemented in the state for giving scholarship to 100 SC students from the state so that they should learn from the well-known and Government affiliated institutes for their higher education for free of costs.

Conditions:

- Students should belong to Scheduled Castes
- Students should inhabitant of the Maharashtra state
- The income limit of the parents should not exceed than Rs. 4.50 lakh
- For this scholarship student must have to pass 10th and 12th examinations from Maharashtra State Board or Maharashtra state other examination Board.
- For professional Graduation courses, 55% combined Marks will consider in 12th standard and CET examination.
- To pursue Post-Graduation, in Graduation courses 50% marks are necessary.
- The candidate should get admission in those institutes which is decided by the Government under Appendix-A
- This scholarship is not available for IIT's preparatory courses.
- The students who are selected for this scholarship they are not eligible for the Government of India's Post-Matric scholarship.
- According to advertisement, students should apply for this scholarship to Director of Social Welfare.
- Students should attach following attested Xerox copies of Caste certificate, Income certificate, Domicile certificate(students are from Maharashtra state only), Admission letter from the concerned institution and Validity certificate
- If the student's number is less than 100 then from the appendix –A institutes, the student who gets second rank should be considered for the scheme in the next year.

- If there are more than 100 applications, then in following way the preference will given
 - a. First priority – IIM and other business schools
 - b. Second priority – IIT and other institutes
 - c. Third priority – NIT, Agriculture and other institutes
- If the student has given wrong information to avail the benefits of scholarship, then the persons will be punished under the legal Act and procedure and the amount of scholarship will confiscated by him under the Act of Public revenue.
- The students who leave the study in between the term, also subject to confiscation of the scholarship under the same Act.

Selection procedure:

- The scheme is advertised by all main Newspapers with the limit of one month and the same advertisement is launched on Maharashtra State Government's Website www.maharashtra.gov.in. The right to change in deciding date should be held by the Director of Social welfare.
- After the due date, not a single application should be considered.
- From the acquired list, students' selection will be done by the following committee on their merit.
 - Director, Social Welfare, Maharashtra State, Pune – President
 - Assistant Director, Higher Secondary Board Pune – Member
 - Assistant Director, Technical Education, M. S. Pune – Member
 - Assistant Director, Medical Education, M. S. Mumbai – Member
 - Assistant Director, (Education) Social Welfare, M. S. Pune – Member Secretary
- Government order about the students should be issued at the Government level from the recommendations of the selection committee.

Benefits:

- Fees decided by the concerned educational institutes like Educational Fee, Examination Fee, Registration Fee, Gymkhana, Library, computer and other Fees should be given by Social Welfare Department to that institute.
- Within one year, students should get hostel and meal expenses for that particular year.
- The students those who are not staying at the hostel, should get maintenance allowances as like as Post-Matric Scholarship.
- Eligible students get admission to the hostel, but due to non-availability of seats they do not get admission, such students should get hostel and meal expenses, decided by hostel authority.
- The books and educational materials and other educational expenses for this course, Rs. 10,000 will be given to the students every year.

Contacts: Assistant Director, (Education) Social Welfare Directorate, Maharashtra State, Pune

9. Scholarship to SC students for abroad education:

Government Decision: 1) ECB-2003/P. No-115/MVK-2, dated 11th June 2003

G.R. No. EBC-2003/C No. 115/BC-2, dated 11th June 2003.

2) ECB-2010/ P. No- 194/ MVK-2, dated 15th July 2010

Objective: Make available opportunity to SC students in well-known Foreign institutes for their higher education

Numbers of Scholarship for SCs are 26+24=50 and for STs 10.

Sr. No.	Faculty	Post-Graduation		Ph. D	
		SC	ST	SC	ST
1	Art	-	-	10	-
2	Commerce/others	-	02	04	-
3	Science	-	01	06	-
4	Management	08	02	-	-
5	Engineering	10	01	04	01
6	Medical	08	01	04	01
7	Agriculture	-	01	-	-
Total		26	08	24	02

Table 5.6-2

Source: Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, Maharashtra

Conditions:

- Students should belong to Scheduled Castes
- Students should inhabitant of the Maharashtra state
- The income limit of the parents should not exceed than Rs. 2.50 lakh for SC and 3.75 lakh for ST.
- For this scholarship parents income limit is Rs. 6.00 lakhs per year. Students have make contract with the Government that after successful completion of foreign education he will pay minimum 10 per cent of the total expenditure to the Social Justice Fund, but it optional.
- For this scholarship student must have to pass 10th and 12th examinations from Maharashtra State Board or Maharashtra state other examination Board.
- For professional Graduation courses, 55% combined marks will be considered in 12th standard and CET examination.
- To Post-Graduation courses 50% marks are necessary in any graduation courses.
- Students' age should not be more than 28 years at the date of public notice in the advertisement.
- Students should get admission in recognized university in abroad.
- For Ph.D, student should pass Post-Graduation degree with minimum 50% marks in the first attempt.
- For Post-Graduation, student should pass the Graduation examination with minimum 50% marks in the first attempt.
- Visa's responsibility will be carried by the concerned student as to where he will go to study.

- Benefit of the scheme can be taken by one offspring of one family.
- At the time of selection if many students scored the same marks in their Graduation or Post-Graduation courses then the criteria of the selection shifts to on the basis of age, the oldest candidate will be selected by the committee. At any cost, candidate cannot change the selected course and university.
- The students who leave their course in between the term, their scholarship will be confiscated from the candidate, parents or security-holder and such security letter has to be compulsorily given by the parents or security-holder during the selection of the concerned student.
- Under this scheme, students should not get an extension of visa once they have completed their course.
- After the completion of course, students must have to submit the report of final examination certificate to Director of Social Welfare, Maharashtra state, Pune.
- The Course duration cannot be increased by any condition nor do they get an additional amount for this existing course.
- Selected students for such scholarship should provide information on the foreign university's letterhead along with the signature and stamp of the valid officer and submit to the Social Welfare Directorate. The Student has to collect these papers from the Directorate, give it to the foreign university filled it properly and send it to the Directorate compulsorily.
- Before leaving the country student should inform the Social Welfare Directorate that when he will leave, with proper information like Air service company's name, number, date and time.
- After completion of education, student must credit 10% of the amount of total scholarship in the social justice fund establish by the Government. But this is optional.

Selection procedures:

- The scheme is advertised every year by 30th June in all main Newspapers with the limit of one month and the same advertisement is launched on Maharashtra State Government's Website www.maharashtra.gov.in. The last date of application will be 30th July. The right to change in deciding date should be held by the Director of Social welfare.
- After the due date, no application should be considered.
- Scrutiny of the applications is done by the Tri-Member committee interweave under the presidency of the Director, Social Welfare Maharashtra state, Pune and the eligible candidate's list will be sent to the selection committee.
- From the list following committee members will select the students on their merit
 - Secretary/prime Secretary, Social justice – President
 - Secretary/prime Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department – Member
 - Director, Technical Education Directorate, Mumbai -- Member

- Director, Medical Education and Research, Mumbai – Member
- Director, Social welfare Maharashtra state, Pune – Member Secretary
- Government order about the students should be issued at the Government level from the recommendations of the selection committee.
- Selected students will get full Tuition fee and fixed by the foreign university maintenance allowance 14000 USD or 9000 GBP. The Tuition fee will be paid directly to the university.

Contacts: Assistant Director, (Education) Social Welfare, Directorate Maharashtra State, Pune

10. Government Hostels:

Government Decision: Social Welfare, Cultural Programme, Sports and Tourism Department- No. BCH- 1082/90385/(38) BCW- 4 dated 16th May 1984

Objective: Backward class girls and boys should get an education and also they should get a higher education likewise poor economical condition of the girl student should get schools and college education. For this Government has started Government Hostels from 1922.

Structure: In Maharashtra for SCs, 271 Government hostels are functioning, wherein there are 149 hostels for boys and 122 hostels for girls at the Regional, District and Taluka level. From these 82 hostels are in Government buildings, 51 for boys and 31 for girls. Every year there are more or less 21360 students benefitting from this scheme. For STs, there are 336 Government hostels, where 14467 boys and 8121 girls are studying and benefited 22588 students more or less every year. Various facilities are included:

- ✚ Residence and Food, Bed and Bedding
- ✚ School students get two uniforms every year
- ✚ Text –Books, notebooks, Stationary etc.
- ✚ For Medical students get Stethoscope, Apron etc. for Engineering students should get Drawing board, boiler suit, etc. and for Art students should get the colours, Drawing Board, Brush, Canvas etc.
- ✚ Hostel's students get maintenance allowances for their daily expenses.

Maintenance Allowances: Regional Level- Per month Rs. 200/-, District Level- Per month Rs. 75/- and Taluka Level- Per month Rs. 50/-

Hostel students are availing facility of daily expenses as below

- Regional level per month to Rs 800 / -
- District level per month to Rs 600 / -
- Taluka level per month to Rs 500 / -

Conditions:

- ✚ Admission on Merit basis.
- ✚ A Student must be resident of Maharashtra state.
- ✚ The income of the parents should not exceed than Rs. 100000
- ✚ Last date of application: For school students before 15th May and for college students till 30th June or from the date of result within 15 days.

- ✚ (1) Students are given admission in the hostels on basis of merit.
- ✚ (2) Student should be resident of Maharashtra State.
- ✚ (3) Annual income of the parents of the student should be not more than Rs. 2,00,000.
- ✚ (4) Students who are studying in the 8th Std and above 8th Std. should apply for the hostel.
- ✚ (5) Student who has studying in school should by online method apply for hostel before 15th May and college students should be applying before 30th June.
- ✚ (6) From the year 2015-16, on government level 10% of the total vacant seats are filled from special quota according to terms and condition.

Contacts: Special District Social Welfare Officer

In 2010-11, the state has given Rs. 495.17 lakh supported grant for hostels to backward students. The amount sanctioned to them was Rs. 654.29 lakh. From this, expenses were Rs. 425.34 lakh; near to 86%.

11. Granted Hostels: (Division level 1000 capacity Backward class boys and girls hostel.)

Government Decision: No.BCH-1098/P. No-107/MVK-4, dated 16th March 1998

Objective: SC and ST students should complete their education; reduce the dropout rate in the rural areas. Due to the poor economic condition of the parents, their wards should not face any hindrances in the education and the educational development of the backward classes for this aims Government has started this scheme from 1950-51.

According to increased different higher educational institutes higher education level of Scheduled caste and Navboudha government hostels are less in the State. Due to this these SC/ Navboudha students are not getting admission the Government Hostel. According to this 1000 students capacity division level hostel each hostel for 1 region, government decided to start 7 division level hostels in the year 2007. Because of this decision backward students get admission in the hostel and these students completed their higher education. On division level there are 4 units of 250 students capacity and among this 4 unit 1 unit is for girl hostel. Because of starting this division level hostel 5250 boys and 1750 girls seats are ready for the hostel admission.

Structure:

- ❖ In these hostels along with SC student other ST/DT/NT students also gets admission and orphan, disabled, unsheltered students' should get admission on priority basis through percentage.
- ❖ Residence, food, Bedding, Sport material and other facilities are given free of costs.
- ❖ The institutes will get from the Government per month Rs. 630/- and maintenance grant for ten months.
- ❖ In the hostel, Rector, Cook, Helper and Guard should get combine salary
- ❖ For building rent, the institute will get 75% rent, standardised by the Public Works Department
- ❖ Free accommodation, food, cloths, library and many other facilities are provided to these students.
- ❖ Per year 2 uniforms are provided to the admitted students.
- ❖ Educational books and stationary are provided.

- ❖ Medical and Engineering students are provided free educational kits according to their course like stethoscope, drawing board, apron, boiler suits and for art students color, drawing board, brush and canvas etc. are provided.
- ❖ Admitted Hostel students are availing daily expenses facility as below
- ❖ Regional level per month to Rs 800 / -
- ❖ District level per month to Rs 600 / -
- ❖ Taluka level per month to Rs 500 / -

12. Ashram school for SC Boys and Girls:

Government Decision: Government improved Rules No.AJA-1099/P. No-389/MVK-2, dated 29th May 1999.

Objective: In Maharashtra state many of the persons from SC group is field-laborious or have a small piece of land, so their economic status is feeble. From these many of the families are working in sugar factories or either hardworking in various places and survive anyhow, work wherever they get it or go to outside of the areas frequently. Due to these reasons they could not concentrate on their children's education. Initially Ashram schools were provided only to ST/DT/NTs only, but as per the above situation with the help of NGOs, the State Government has started an Ashram school scheme from 1995-96 for SC's Boys and Girls.

Structure:

- Each residential student of the Primary Ashram School is getting Rs.630 per month upto 11 months from NGOs for their nourishment.
- Each residential student of the Middle Ashram School is getting Rs. 630 per month up to 10 months from NGOs for their nourishment.
- The students from this Ashram School are providing facilities like notebooks, textbooks, Uniforms, Bed- Bedding, soap, oil etc.
- 100% grant to school and hostels' employees.
- Rent of Building: For building rent, the institute will get 75% rent, standardised by the Public Works Department.
- From the total payment of teachers and superintendent, 15% cash is given as emergency expenses to these schools. In state, now 16 Ashram Schools are functioning which includes 10 primaries and 6 middle Ashram schools. In a fully developed Primary Ashram School, 140 students can be sanctioned as residents. Likewise, in one of the fully developed Middle Ashram Schools, 120 students can be sanctioned as residents. Total 2120 residential students are benefiting from this scheme.

The State Government has sanctioned always provisional amount for them so whatever the expenses come they should append it in the provisional amount. The Government is trying to give 100% financial assistance to these people in various ways.

- On the other hand, for STs, there are a) 547 Government Ashram schools, where 187216 students are accommodated, including 102732 boys and 84484 girls from 1st to 12th standards, b) 556 Aided Ashram schools, where 210874 students are accommodated including 128124 boys and 82750 girls from 1st to 12th standards.

13. Babu Jagjivanram Chhatravas Scheme:

Structure:

- The scheme is implemented only for girls' hostels from 1970-71 and from 1989-90 for boys' hostels.
- This scheme is provided by Central Government's granted hostels for expansion of its existing building. Grant is not given to the new construction.
- According to Partial Government letter No. 17020/14/94-SCD, dated 16.12.1998, of the Central Government, there is improvement in Central Grant Rules.
- The State Government has given name to this scheme as Babu Jagjivanram Chhatravas Scheme.
- The State Government has reduced the time period of construction from five years to two years after granting aid.

Grant structure:

1. 45:45:10 is the ratio of grant for Boys' hostels i.e. 45% grant is distributed to Central Government, 45% to State Government and 10% of NGOs.
2. 90:10 is the ratio of grant for Girls' hostels i.e. 90% grant is distributed to Central Government and 10% grant is distributed to NGOs.

Conditions:

- The Institutes work under Social Justice Department or University under Central University.
- The institute should apply separately for construction Grant.
- The institute should submit the schedule of construction and complete the work within five years after getting Central Grant.
- In the construction they must construct some rooms for handicap students.
- The institute should not get grant for more than 100 students.
- At the institute 10% non-SC students should get admission in total SC students' admission

14. Stipend to ITI training Institutes:

Government Decision No: EBC-1070/83777/J. dated 7th September 1972

Objective: The scheme is implemented to give technical education to SC students and availing them business opportunities in various areas.

Benefits:

- Those students staying at the hostel are given Rs. 60 as stipend by the technical department and students are also given Rs. 40 as an additional amount by Social Welfare Department.
- Students who are not getting a stipend from Technical Education Department, these students are given a stipend of Rs. 100 by Social Welfare Department.

Conditions:

- Students should belong to Scheduled Castes
- Parents' income should not exceed than Rs. 65290/-
- Students should learn in recognizing Industrial Training Institutes.

- 1) Students are given admission in the residential on basis of merit.
- (2) Student should belong scheduled caste.
- (3) Student should be resident of Maharashtra State.
- (4) Annual income of the parents of the student should be not more than 2,00,000.

Contact: Special District Social Welfare Officer and Principals of Industrial Training Institutes. In 2010-11, the State Government has sanctioned Rs. 41.12 lakh, from which the expenses were Rs. 28.50 lakh but the obtained amount was Rs. 33.04 lakh i.e. 86.26%.

15. Providing stipend to the hostel's students related to Professional courses:

Government Decision No: ECB-2003/ P. No-311/MVK-2, dated 9th June 2003

Objective: Scheduled Castes students from the hostels and day-scholars related to Professional courses should be provided with a stipend.

Conditions:

- Students should belong to Scheduled Castes
- Students should be a scholarship-holder of Government of India and should fit into the criteria of income limit which is Rs.2 lakh per annum.
- Students must stay in the Professional colleges/Institutes' hostels which is compulsory for them.
- If there is non-availability of place, then the student should bring the written certificate from the concerned hostel's rector so he can get admission in the Government hostel.
- Likewise, above, the students who do not get admission in Professional or Government hostels and have made other arrangements for their stay like a private hostel or room for rent, such student should submit an owner's or contract letter where they are staying.
- Local students or the students who are staying in their own house or with their relatives should not get the benefit of this scheme.
- First year students should submit the caste certificate provided by the recognized officer.
- Failure students are non- eligible for this scheme's benefit.
- The students who leave their educational study in between the term, also subject to confiscation of the scholarship under the Public Revenue Act.
- If Caste or Income certificate is counterfeit, then the concerned student is entitled to criminal offence and the scholarship is confiscated from the beneficiaries. It has to be taken as per the Public Revenue Act at the existing interest rate.

Stipend to Professional Training Institutes

Courses	Hosteller	Day-scholar
Course for 4-5 years E.g. Medical, Engineering, Veterinary	Rs. 700 x 10 months = Rs. 7000	Rs. 1000 x 10 months = Rs. 10000
Courses for 2-3 years E.g. M Tech, MBA, MSW	Rs. 500 x 10 months = Rs. 5000	Rs. 700 x 10 months = Rs. 7000
Two years courses or less than like B Ed, D Ed	Rs. 500 x 10 months = Rs. 5000	Rs. 500 x 10 months = Rs. 5000

Source: Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, Maharashtra

Contact: Special District Social Welfare Officer

In 2010-2011, the State Government has sanctioned Rs. 685.33 lakh but the amount obtained is Rs.808.07 lakh from which the expenses are Rs.797.87 lakh i.e. 98.74%.

16. Book-Bank Scheme:

Government Decision No: ECB-2004/ P. No- 30/ MVK-2/ dated 5th January 2005

Objective: To make available for SC students' books of Medical, Engineering, Technical, Agriculture and from Veterinary colleges.

Contact: Special District Social Welfare Officer of the allied District

In 2010-2011, the State Government has sanctioned Rs. 223.95 lakh but the obtained amount was Rs. 206.90 lakh from which the expenses were 100%

17. Maintenance allowances to SC students from Army schools:

Government Decision No ECB-1077/ 26254/ Desk-5, dated 1st August 1978

Government Decision No ECB-2003/ P. No- 184/ MVK-2/ dated 17th September 2003

Objective: This scheme is to provide backward class students' attraction towards the Army-troupe recruitment, so that they get admission in National Defense Academy and develop traits of discipline, confidence, courage, team-spirit, leadership, patriotism etc.

Conditions:

- Students should belong to Scheduled Castes
- Students should be learning in 5th to 10th standard.
- Parents' income should not exceed than Rs. 65290/-

Benefits:

- The State Government has given complete expenses to Army school students from Satara, Nasik, and Pune for their full educational fees, examination fees, meal, residence, cloths, horse-riding, pocket money etc.
- From 1996-97, the Government has been giving expenses to new army school Rs. 15000 every year.

Contact: Special District Social Welfare Officer and Principals of Army School.

In 200-2011, the State Government has sanctioned Rs. 176.25 lakh but the amount obtained was Rs. 203.78 lakh from which expenses were 191.60 i.e. 94.02%

18. Residential (Public) school for the sweeper's children:

Government Decision No Backward-1585/18904/C-165/LEGMUV/ dated 25th September 1985

Government Decision No MESANI-1096/ P. No- 3/ MVK-6/ dated 2nd September 1996

Objective:

To provide education to the workers' children from an unclean profession so that they are not being deprived of education. Public Residential Schools were started since 1985 in Pune and 1996 in Nagpur for their educational, social, physical, and psychological development.

- Education is given to students from 1st to class 7th
- Benefit has been taken by 375 students in these public schools.

- Hostel, meals, educational materials, breakfast, bedding, uniform etc. facilities are provided to the students in these public schools

Contact: Principal of associated Public school

19. Pre-Matric Scholarship provided for the offspring of people engaged in unclean profession:

Objective:

To provide Pre-Matric Education to the offspring of people engaged in unclean profession with the help of Pre-Matric scholarship.

Conditions:

- No caste condition
- Besides Scheduled Castes, if the other beneficiaries' parents are doing this profession, then the certificate from Sarpanch or Corporators
- No income condition

Benefits:

- Students are provided hostel facilities.
- Class 3rd to 10th Rs. 700 per month for ten months and Rs. 1000 annual grants given by the Government.

Contacts:

- Social Welfare Officers Group-A ZP from allied district
- Headmaster/Mistress of allied school

20. Social work colleges:

In 1936, Tata Institute started the first Social Work College in Mumbai. According to Education and Social Welfare Department, Ministry, Government Decision No MSW-1464-73027-B, date 27.11.1966, institutes and schools of social works has been getting grants and approval. Under the Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top Class Education for SC–ST Students for the year 2011–2012, 3 students from the SC community and 5 students from the ST community were awarded the Scholarship, which includes a laptop worth Rs. 45,000. The Cell acknowledges the immense contribution of the UGC, GoI and State Governments in enabling the Institutes to support students from disadvantaged social and economic groups.

21. Construction of Industrial Training Institute for SC Boys and Girls:

The State Government has decided to start Industrial Training institutes for SC boys and girls at every division. In these industrial institutes there are 12 courses taught.

Government Decision: ECB-2003/ P. No- 115/ MVK-2/ dated 11th June 2003

Objective: Successful students in the 10th standard should be provided this scholarship for their higher studies.

Contacts: Special District Social Welfare Officer and Colleges' Principals.

22. Pre Recruitment Solder & Police training for SC & Nav-Buddha Candidate

Government Decision: Social Justice and the Department of Special Assistance
GR No. EBC-2005/prakra78/mavaka 2,date 8/02/2006, Govt. shudhipatrak No.EBC-2012 / prakra .43 / Education 1, dated 9/03/2012

Eligibility: (1) Candidate should belong to SC & Nav-Buddha of the State of Maharashtra.

(2) Candidate should be 18 to 25 years age group.

(3) Candidates Height - 165 cm for Mens and 155 cm for Womens.

(4) Chest men 79 cm (The whole chest 84 cm)

(5) Academic qualifications - std. 12th pass

(6) Caste certificate, a resident proof / Certificate, Employment Exchange registration certificate, copy of identity.

Candidate should be healthy and able.

Selected students are provided free lodging & Boarding facility during training period. It also comes with free uniforms required for training.

Assistant Commissioner of the district social welfare related

23. Grant of Post-Matric Education and Examination Fee to SC and ST Students,

Government Decision: 1. Government Decision No. ECB 1068/83567-J Dated 24.12.1970 2. Government Decision No ECB 2009/ P. No. 146/M-2, Dated 27.07.2009

Objective: Conferring opportunities to SC and ST students for education. Terms and conditions:

- 1) Students must belong to SC and ST.
- 2) No age limit.
- 3) The Income limit of the parents is 2 Lakh for SCs and 1 Lakh 45 thousand for STs.
- 4) Caste certificate and Validity certificate should be attached with application.
- 5) No need to attach income certificate with application.
- 6) Principles' sign and stamp should be compulsory on application.

24. Central Sector Scholarship Scheme Of “Top Class Education For SC Students” Effective From September, 2018 (*The Scheme was approved in 2007 and was subsequently revised in January, 2012 and June 2016*)

Objectives and Coverage

- The Scheme aims at recognizing and promoting quality education amongst students belonging to SCs, by providing full financial support. The scheme will cover SC students for pursuing studies beyond 12th class.
- The scheme will operate in all institutions notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The SC students, who secure admission in the notified institutions, will be awarded scholarship to meet the requirements for (i) full tuition fee and non-refundable charges (there will be a ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per annum per student for private sector institutions and Rs.3.72 lakhs per annum per student for the private sector flying clubs for

Commercial Pilot Training and Type Rating Courses), (ii) living expenses to the beneficiary @ Rs. 2220/- per month per student. However, the advance payment of living expenses, to be paid directly by the Central Government, through Direct Benefits Transfer mode would be restricted to 1 quarter only. (iii) books and stationery @ Rs. 3000/- per annum per student and (iv) a latest computer with accessories like UPS, Printer, Multi-media limited to Rs. 45000/- per student as one time assistance during the course. The Institute will procure computers and supply to the awardees. Alternatively, the Institute may also consider re-imbursement of expenses made by a student on Purchase of the computer. Limited Rs. 45,000/- provided, the computer and accessories are procured from a reputed manufacturer/supplier.

- The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance.

Eligibility

- Those SC students who have secured admission in the notified institutions according to the norms
- In case the number of students admitted exceeds the number of awards, then the scholarship will be restricted to the top ones in the inter-se merit list.
- The remaining students from SC category admitted in the institute in different courses shall be eligible for the Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS)
- In case, the institute finds that the number of eligible candidates in the 1st year are less than the number of scholarships allotted to it, the balance scholarships may be offered to students studying in 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, etc.
- Thirty percent (30%) of slots allotted to the Institute shall be reserved for eligible SC girl students as per their inter-se merit.
- However, the 30% slots as mentioned above will not include those girl students who are selected on the basis of their performance in the overall merit list of SC students of the Institute.
- The ceiling of total annual family income from all sources under the Scheme is Rs. 6.00 lakh
- The benefit of the Scheme will not be provided to more than 2 siblings in a family.
- The scholarship will become payable immediately after a student has secured admission and has started attending the classes.
- The scholarship will be terminated if the student fails to pass the final examination of each year or any terminal examination or semester examination prescribed. He will, however, remain eligible for the Post-Matric Scholarship.
- The list of the Top Class Institutions to be covered under the Scheme along with number of scholarship slots will be notified by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

25. Guidelines for Post Graduate Scholarships for Professional Courses for SC/ST:

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.

Objective : To provide financial assistance to 1000 SC/ST candidates to pursue postgraduate level studies in Professional subjects in the eligible institutions as given below.

Eligibility: Who are pursuing professional courses in the 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 UGC, 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”:

Aadhaar Seeding: The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India vide its letter D.O. No. 18-7/2013-U1A 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.

Amount: 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.

Chapter V- Conditions, Documentation and Guideline

A) Conditions of these financial aid:

- ✚ It is must for the Government and Recognized Universities granted degree and Junior colleges that they have to attach all kinds of information and application forms of freeship and scholarship with their institutes’ brochures at the time of admissions.
- ✚ It is the responsibility of the educational institutes to see to it that the forms are completely filled up with the new admitted SC and ST students under this scheme.
- ✚ Special District Social Welfare Officers should take the provisional scholarship/ freeship amount from the degree and Junior colleges and give them 90% ad-hoc amount up to the month ending of July from their treasury.

- ✚ Degree and Junior Colleges must deposit these sanctioned and advance amounts in the P.L.A. account, not anywhere else. From this amount, the college principals should withdraw the proportional amount and give it to the students in the form of cheques monthly.
- ✚ Assessment of the ad-hoc grant provided to the degree and Junior colleges is done by the Special District Social Welfare Officers in the next economic year.
- ✚ Degree and Junior Colleges principals must scrutinize the scholarship applications of the SC and ST students, sanction it and send its copy to the Special District Social Welfare Officers.
- ✚ Colleges must keep the new and renewal Scholarship, educational fees and examination fees applications record in the prescribed register up-to-date.
- ✚ According to the sanctioned orders of the Scholarship of related colleges the Special District Social Welfare Officers must record the above information in their control register.
- ✚ Special District Social Welfare Officers should update the records of the advance amount given to the Degree and Junior Colleges in a separate register as per the name of every college.
- ✚ Special District Social Welfare Officers assess the advance amount given to the related colleges. Later on the remaining amount is retrieved from the colleges or reimbursed to the colleges.
- ✚ Before getting the ad-hoc funds every related college ought to submit the Productive Certificates of the Indian Government Post-Matric Scholarship, Education and Examination Fees to the Special District Social Welfare Officers.
- ✚ Whatever amount the colleges get from the Social Welfare Department for the Indian Government Post-Matric Scholarship, Education and Examination Fees, they have to keep a separate account for it. The account of this amount will be audited by the auditor.
- ✚ As per the students' applications for the current year's scholarship, the Junior and Degree colleges must demand a provisional amount from the Special District Social Welfare Officers before 15th November.
- ✚ The rights of the inspection and inquiry of the degree and Junior colleges in relation with the Indian Government Post-Matric Scholarship, Education and Examination Fees go to the Special District Social Welfare Officers or an eligible officer appointed by the Social Justice Department.
- ✚ Principals of the Junior and Degree colleges must sanction the Indian Government Post-Matric Scholarship scheme within the time limit, so that the SC and ST students get the amount quickly and conveniently. For this every college should get Rs.5 as a service fee per student from the Government. The colleges will obtain this amount from the provisional amount of the Indian Government Post-Matric Scholarship, Education and Examination Fees which is sanctioned and provided by the Special District Social Welfare Officers.

- ✚ Under this scheme, there is a control of the Social Justice Department on the authorities and rights provided by them to the principals of the Government and Recognized Universities granted Degree and Junior colleges. It is the responsibility of the principals to see to it that the students get the Scholarship within the time limit.
- ✚ If there is any delay, malpractices' or fraud in the educational institutes, against these institutes, Government will take a legal action and penalize them or the management will decide a responsible person to take action within 15 days.
- ✚ As per the requirement, the principal will register a criminal complaint against the offender and if the principal himself/herself is the offender then the Special District Social Welfare Officers will register a criminal complaint against the principal. After a proper investigation certain amount is taken with interest from the related college's grant.

The Social Justice Department and Special District Social Welfare Officers have to observe and analyse the following documents of the SC and ST students properly before granting them the scholarship and freeship amount-

B) Documentation:

Required to Students: (Whichever necessary for that particular student)

- Prescribed Indian Government Post-Matric Scholarship, Education and Examination Fees application forms should be filled properly.
- One recent Passport photograph attached to the application form.
- Caste Certificate with the sign of a competent officer.
- Cast validity certificate. If not available, then one Attested photocopy of follow documents should be submitted for Caste Validity:
- Caste certificate in the name of the candidate.
- Primary school leaving certificate of student, father, grandfather, uncle (paternal).
- Satbara Utara (Extract of 7, 7 A and 12)
- Caste Validity Certificate of blood relative (paternal side)
- Affidavit on Stamp Paper of Rs. 100/- as per the format.
- Father's Income Certificate for the previous financial year from Tahasildar Office for scholarship and Form 16 A for freeship students.
- Mark sheet and the Leaving Certificate for the U. G. students, F.Y., S.Y., T.Y. Mark Sheet, Passing Certificate for P.G. students
- If a girl student is married, then her husbands' income proof.
- In case of Father's death, mother's income certificate along with Father's death certificate.
- Gap Certificate with the sign of a competent officer, in case if there is a break in education.
- Ration Card
- District Change Certificate for SC students from the colleges other than Mumbai University or Mumbai Board and for ST students – from Ekatmik Adivasi Prakalp.

- Centralized Allotment Letter (in case of centralized admission)
- If a student has changed his /her college, then from the last year's scholarship certificate order number and the amount is required.
- If the student is staying in a hostel, then Hostel Certificate is required.
- Experience certificate as required in the course eligibility criteria.
- Internship completion certificate for medical, hospitality, etc.

C) Guidelines:

An application for scholarship should comprise:

- a. One copy of the application for scholarship in the prescribed form (separate application forms as have been prescribed for 'fresh' and renewal scholarship by 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. A certificate of Caste/Tribe duly signed by an authorised Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar.
- e. A Certificate of income issued by a competent authority not below the rank of Tahasildar for self-employed parents/guardians. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain an 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.
- f. A receipt in acknowledgement of the scholarship in the previous year in the form attached to the application only duly countersigned by the Head of the Institution concerned, if the applicant was in receipt of a scholarship under this scheme in the preceding year.
- g. Gap Certificate in the form of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper showing break in education.
- h. Death Certificate of the father, if passed away.
- i. Hostel Certificate, if the student is residing in the private/institution hostel.
- j. Ration Card indicates the name of the student.
- k. District Change Certificate (for students of the State of Maharashtra) who have pursued their immediate previous education out of Mumbai.

Chapter VI- Norms of GoI about Post –Matric Scholarship:

The objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to the SC and ST students studying at Post-Matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. These scholarships are available for studies in India only and are awarded by the Government of the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs i.e. permanently settled.

- i. The scholarships are open to nationals of India.
- ii. These scholarships will be awarded for the study in all recognized Post-Matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued from recognized institutions with the following exceptions:

"Scholarships are not awarded for training courses like Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Courses and Private Pilot license Courses. Courses at Training - Ship Dufferin (Now Rajendra), courses of training at the Military College, Dehradun, courses at Pre-examination Training Centres of all India and State levels."

- iii. Only those candidates who belong to Scheduled Castes so specified in relation to the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs, i.e. permanently settled and who have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognised University or Board of Secondary Education, will be eligible.
- iv. Candidates who after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in different subject e.g. I. Sc. after I.A. or B.Com after B.A. or M.A. in other subject will not be eligible.
- v. Students who, after having completed their educational career in one professional line, e.g. L.L.B. after B.T./B.Ed. will not be eligible. From the academic year 1980-81, studies in two professional courses are allowed.
- vi. Students studying in Class XI of the Higher Secondary School courses of the XII Class in the Multipurpose High School will not be eligible for it is a continuous school course. However, in cases where the Xth class examination of such courses is treated as equivalent to Matriculation and students who, after passing Xth class, join other courses, such students will be treated as Post-Matric students and will be eligible for the award of scholarships.
- vii. Students pursuing Postgraduate courses in medicine will be eligible if they are not allowed to practice during the period of their course.
- viii. Students who, after failing or passing the undergraduate or postgraduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognised professional or Technical certificate/diploma/degree courses will be awarded scholarships if otherwise eligible. No subsequent failure will be condoned except courses in Group 'T'.
- ix. Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distance and continuing education.
- x. Employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/guardians does not exceed the maximum prescribed income ceiling are made eligible for Post-Matric scholarships to the extent of reimbursement of all compulsorily payable non-refundable fees.
- xi. All children of the same parents/guardians will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme.
- xii. Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakh only) per annum.
- xiii. A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her and should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made.

No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts other scholarship/stipend. The student can, however, accept free lodging or a grant or ad-hoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.

- xiv. Scholarship holders who are receiving coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Central Government/ State Government will not be eligible for stipend under the coaching schemes for the duration of the coaching programme.

The value of scholarship includes the following: (for complete duration of the course)

- i. Maintenance allowance,
- ii. Reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees,
- iii. Study tour charges,
- iv. Thesis typing/printing charges for Research Scholars,
- v. Book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses,
- vi. Book bank facility for specified courses, and
- vii. Additional allowance for students with disabilities, for the complete duration of the course.

Scholarship and Freeship is being given to the following groups according to the importance of higher education in every step, the level of that particular faculty and professional courses.

Group I

- I) Degree and Postgraduate level courses in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications.
- II) Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and multi-engine rating) course.
- III) Postgraduate Diploma courses in various branches of management and 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 and VI) L.L.M.

Group II-

- 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 and Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition and Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.) for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr. Secondary (10+2).
- II) Remaining Postgraduate courses, which are left out under Group I e.g. MA/M.Sc./M. Com/M Ed. /M. Pharma etc

Group III-

- All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I and II e.g. BA/B Sc. /B Com etc.

Group IV-

- All Post-Matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is a High School (Class X), e.g. senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII); both general and vocational streams, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.

Following amount being given to the hosteller and day-scholars in each group area.

Rate of Maintenance allowance

Groups	Rate of Maintenance allowance (in Rupees per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group I	1200	550
Group II	820	530
Group III	570	300
Group IV	380	230

Source: MHRD

The details are as follows:

Maintenance allowance:

(1) To the Pilot

- Commercial Pilot License Course (CPL) includes a Commercial Helicopter Pilot License (CHPL) and multi-engine rating training on A-320 and similar aircrafts even after the candidate has got a scholarship for multi-engine rating training with the CPL course.
- CPL course is covered under the Group 'T'. The number of awards for CPL will be 100 per annum. Consequently, after receiving applications from concerned students, concerned State Governments/UT Administration should scrutinize these applications and then recommend the eligible student's name to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Upon receipt of such information, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment will give clearance to the concerned States/UTs on the first-come-first served basis up to 100 awards in the country as a whole.
- Selected candidates provide a maintenance allowance at the rates applicable to Group 'T' courses i.e. **Rs.1200 per month for hostellers and Rs.550 per month** for day scholars. In addition, all compulsory fees, including flight charges are to be provided as fee.

(2) To the Hosteller:

- Normally, the term 'Hostel' is applicable to a common residential building and a common mess for the students, run under the supervision of the educational institution authorities or run by the Government.
- An approved place of residence can also be treated as Hostel for the purpose of this scheme, in case the college authorities are unable to provide accommodation in the college Hostel.

- Such place will be approved by the Head of the Institution after due inspection and keeping in view the rules and regulations laid down by the University, if any.
- In such case, the Head of the institute should approve a certificate to the effect that the student is residing in a recommended place of residence, as he is unable to get accommodation in the college hostel.
- It is further clarified that such deemed hostels should consist of such accommodation as is hired at least by a group of five students living together, usually with common mess arrangements.
- Scholars who are entitled to free board and/or lodging will be paid maintenance charge i.e. 1/3rd of Hostellers' rate.

Additional Allowances for SC and ST students with disabilities:

Under the PMS scheme, covers professional, technical as well as non-professional and non-technical courses at various levels including correspondence courses covering distance and continuing education. The Scheme was introduced during the year 1944-45 for the deprived section of the society specially SC Section and has since been revised from time to time. The last revision of the scheme has been made w.e.f. 01.04.2013 for both the deprived groups SC as well as ST.

A. Reader Allowance for blind Scholars

Level of course	Reader Allowance (Rs. Per Month)
Group I,II	240
Group III	200
Group IV	160

Eligibility criteria:

Student should be

1. Studying after 10th std. to H.S.C., Degree, Professional, Technical, Medical, and Engineering etc.
2. Should not be failed in last standard.
3. should have minimum 40% disability
4. Should be Domicile in Maharashtra.
5. No income limit

A. Maintenance allowance

Sr. No.	Group	Rate of Scholarship per month in Rs.	Rate of Scholarship per month in Rs.
-	-	Hosteller	Day scholar
1	Group A- Degree course in Medical, Engineering, Agricultural, Veterinary and post graduate degree course	1200/-	550/-

Group A, B, C		Rs.100/- per month	
Group D		Rs.75/- per month	
Group E		Rs.50/- per month	
2	Group B- Diploma course in Medical, Engineering, Agricultural, Veterinary.	820/-	530/-
3	Group C- Post Graduate course in Arts, Science, Commerce and Diploma in professional education	820/-	530/-
4	Group D- From 2nd year degree course	570/-	300/-
5	Group E - 11th, 10th and 1st year of Degree Course	380/-	230/-

B. Reader Allowance for blind and low vision students.

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C. Tuition fees - As per approved by competent authority.

D. Study tour expenditure - Up to Rs.500/- per annum.

E. Project typing expenditure - Up to Rs.600/- per annum.

- B. Provision of transport allowance up to Rs.160/- per month for disabled students, if such students do not reside in the hostel, which is within the premises of the educational institution. The disability as per the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 is defined as blindness, low-vision, leprosy-cured, hearing impairment, locomotors disability, mental retardation and mental illness.
- C. Escort Allowance of Rs.160/- per month for several handicapped day scholar students with lower extremity disability.
- D. Special Pay of Rs.160/- per month is admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopedically handicapped student residing in hostel of an educational institution, who may need the assistance of a helper.
- E. Allowance of Rs.240/- per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students.

The provisions in (B) to (D) will also apply to such leprosy-cured students.

- **Note 1:** The disabled students belonging to Scheduled Castes covered under the Scheme can also get such additional benefits from other Schemes, which are not covered under the scheme.
- **Note 2:** The disability as defined under the said Act has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration

Fees

Scholars will be paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board. Refundable deposits like caution money, security deposits will, however, be excluded.

Note : Compulsory non-refundable fee charged by recognised institutions against free and paid seats of recognised courses can be fully reimbursed as per the fee structure approved by the competent State/Central Government authority. However, while sanctioning scholarship against paid seats, State Governments should make the income verification compulsory.

Study Tours

Study tour charges up to a maximum of Rs.1600 per annum, limited to the actual expenditure incurred by the student on transportation charges etc. will be paid to the scholars studying professional and technical courses, provided that the head of the institution certifies that the study tour is essential for the scholar for completion of his/her course of study.

Thesis Typing/Printing Charges

Thesis typing/printing charges up to a maximum of Rs.1600 will be paid to research scholars on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution;

The State Government is considering above mentioned financial aid to every student according to their faculty and given them amount as per the group, they are falling. The Government is reconsidering the amount after every five years, but the inflation growth is observed in every academic year in the private professional courses. Even hostel fees also increasing every year. In such situations the old amount of scholarship and freeship is not covering all expenses of these students. Therefore, the high cost of living in the metropolitan cities, force them to abscond the educational area. It increases dropout rates in higher education.

Book Allowance for Students pursuing Correspondence /Distance Education Courses

The students pursuing such courses are also eligible for an annual allowance of Rs.1200/- for essential/prescribed books, besides reimbursement of course fees.

Book Banks

- Book Banks are to be set-up in all the Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Law and Veterinary Degree Colleges and Institutes are imparting Chartered Accountancy, MBA and alike Management courses and Polytechnics, Under Graduate and Post Graduate colleges, where Scheduled Caste students are in receipt of Post Matric Scholarship.

- To Undergraduate and Postgraduate college students are availing the facility of one set of textbooks for two SC students.
- But in respect of Postgraduate courses and Chartered Accountancy provides one set for each student.
- However, the ratio of the sets and students will have to be adjusted to the total number of sites that could be procured within the total resources allocated to the State concerned.
- The details of the courses covered for setting up of Book Banks, ceiling of admissible
- **Expenditure per set of books and sharing criteria are given below:**

*Ceiling per set/actual cost, whichever is less, in rupees)

No.	Courses	Sharing criteria	*Ceiling per set
1	Degree courses in Medical/Engineering	1 set for 2	7,500
2	Degree courses in veterinary	-do-	5,000
3	Degree courses in Agriculture	-do-	4,500
4	Polytechnics	-do-	2,400
5	Postgraduate courses in Medical, Engineering, Agriculture and veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as are approved by the Universities/institutes of higher learning.	One set per student	5,000
6	Law courses, L.L.B. (3 years and 5 years) LL.M. (2 years)	-do-	-do-
7	Chartered Accountancy (intermediate and final)	-do-	-do-
8	M.B.A. (2 years) and similar courses and Bio-Sciences	-do-	-do-

Source: Social Welfare Department, Maharashtra

- For storage of books and other contingencies, for each Book Bank following expenses are admissible Rs. 2000 or actual cost, whichever is less and 5% of the grant may be earmarked for expenses on binding, stitching etc.
- The above sets of books also include Braille Books, Talking Books and Cassettes for the visually handicapped students.
- The Book Banks are to be set-up in all the recognised colleges/institutions where these courses are being offered as recognised courses and purchase of books will be restricted to the prescribed textbooks for the entire courses and number of SC and ST students.
- The life period of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years. Thereafter the books may be disposed of by the institutions in the same manner as the books in the library subject to the guidelines, if any, of the State Government/UT Administration in this regard.

- These books are to be supplied to SC and ST students in instalments, depending on the course, semester structure etc.
- Each SC and ST student will be provided with an identity card for this purpose.
- Each SC and ST student will be required to submit requisitions for borrowing books from the Book Bank in a form to be provided for this purpose.
- The books would be returned to the Book Bank at the end of each term.
- The Principal of the college/institution will make every effort to ensure that those students who complete their course or those who drop out in the middle, return the books belonging to the Book Bank.
- It is the responsibility of the concerned student to maintain the books supplied to them from the Book Bank, in good condition.
- Any case of loss or damage to the books would attract penalty. In case of serious damage or loss of books, the concerned student will have to bear the cost of the book.

Under the book bank scheme State Government has contemplated the issue of providing books in the manner. But the ceiling amount is one of the restrictions to SC and ST students that the increasing amount of the books will not incur by the colleges and they will not provide the number of books due to this reason. Once again the lack of books is one of the causes for their dropout from higher education.

Transaction of Scholarship:

In order to ensure timely payment of scholarship amount to the beneficiaries, the State Government/UT Administrations are requested to avoid cash payment of scholarship amount and are required to issue instructions to all concerned that payment of scholarship should be made to beneficiaries through their accounts in post offices/banks with a phased transition to Smart Cards.

Application policies:

All the State Governments/UT Administrations will announce in May-June, the details of the scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers of the State and through their respective websites and other media outfits. All requests for application forms and other particulars should be addressed to the Government of State/Union Territory Administration to which the scholars actually belong. The applicant should submit the completed application to the prescribed authority before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications.

Chapter VII- e- Scholarships:

The Government of Maharashtra provides various types of Scholarship for the educational empowerment of the weaker group of the society like SC and ST students under the management and supervision of the Department of Social Justice and Special Assistance for higher education and School Education Department for middle and primary education in Maharashtra. They used a manual system for the execution of these financial aid like Scholarship and Freeship. There are

several loopholes in the previous mechanism of the scholarship and freeship. Several problems like time consuming activity, prone to errors, duplication etc. were the constraints. It gave rise for the beginning of an e-scholarship to sort out many obstacles in the way of financial aid to the weaker group of the society like SC and ST students. State Government decided to launch an E-scholarship management system for scholarship application, review and disbursal. The E-scholarship Management System (EMS) aims to facilitate end-to-end, transparent and rapid delivery of Scholarship. Department of Social Justice and Special Assistance, Government of Maharashtra, announced that it has introduced 'e-scholarship' solution in the Maharashtra and enabled transformation of the delivery of Post-Matric scholarship programme offered by it. The Government has taken help from Mastek Ltd., a leading IT solutions player providing IP-led enterprise technology solutions for solving the problem of disbursement of the Scholarship/Freeship to these groups. The main aim of the ministry was to simplify and accelerate the entire process of disbursement of grants and Mastek's insurance and financial services organizations worldwide, to design, develop and implement the 'e-scholarship' solution for the various states including Maharashtra. The implementation of this kind of solution is the unique assertion in a state which brings velocity in the system and achieves the goal of the main vision. The system provides many benefits in future like quick disbursement of financial aid, less documentation, complete transparency and help in reducing fraud. Minister of Social Justice, Honourable Shri Shivajirao Moghe had launched this system in Maharashtra in 2010 and SC and ST students started getting the benefit of it in the academic year 2011-12 for the first time. At the same time for the tribal students State Government has started e-Vikas scheme for giving financial aid with electronic and quickest way. Several Schemes are providing benefits to these students. The 'e-scholarship' and 'e-Vikas' directly benefited over 32 Lakh students by speeding up the application process, sanctioning and disbursal procedures of the Government Post-Matric Scholarship for SC, OBC, VJ/NT and SBC class students. In Maharashtra, the system is run in two languages; Marathi and English which has once again benefited to these social groups as they are not comfortable with English language. The following benefits are provided to the deserving students:

- Their monthly allowance is credited directly.
- To inform the students through SMS
- Available in English and Marathi.
- Caters to processes of scholarship suspension, renewal and cancellation.
- The system also provides the department with MIS to monitor.
- Analyse the scholarship distribution and disbursement.
- It brings operational efficiency in identifying the eligible students faster and disbursing the scholarship fee into their bank accounts directly in a timely and transparent manner.
- It will ensure complete transparency in the entire process, making it faster, efficient, with fewer chances of errors and reducing fraud.

Criteria for Online Scholarship:

- If a particular college is not visible in the list of Online Colleges, college authorities need to fill 03-Template and send it to the respective SWDO. SWDO will send to the colleges the username and password for entering the course details online.
- Only those colleges and courses are available for which the correct fee details are received.
- On-Line e-scholarship system is not available for students who have passed their 10th examination from other than SSC board and students who have passed SSC board exam prior to Mar 1995. Such students should apply for scholarships by submitting a physical copy of the form.
- For SC students, income limit for scholarship eligibility has been raised to Rs. 2 Lakh.
- SSC mark sheet, last examination mark sheet and Bank details for filling On-Line e-scholarship form is required.
- Students who have appeared for SSC examinations in between 1995 to 2000 can fill the online forms once the seat number data are available from SSC Board.
- The Social Justice Department has collected data of the students who have appeared as SC for the board exam. (A link appears on the screen if data is not found after clicking “Get Education Detail” button). The data collected from these students will be handed over to the SSC board for verification. Further instructions for online form filling of these students will be updated on the website.

Process of e-Scholarships:

- ❖ The “e-scholarship” Screen is used for **Login** to the application by registered users.
- ❖ **A New Registration** link is given on the screen for the new applicant.
- ❖ **Forgot Password** link should be used while they forget their password.
- ❖ The fields are mandatory on this screen unless marked as (Opt).
- ❖ Registration is compulsory for login to the applicant.
- ❖ The students can see the status of their application on this screen.
- ❖ The Edit Profile link will be used if the applicant wants to edit self-profile, given on this screen.
- ❖ Once the user creates his application, the Modify Application/Print Application links will be enabled.
- ❖ With the same link students can update their bank details also.
- ❖ The applicant has to fill the Application Form in the proper order that is displayed on the screen to avail the scholarship. In this form all the fields are mandatory except fields which are marked as (opt.)
- ❖ After filling the application form, the user will be directed to the Application Summary Page.
- ❖ The user can see the summary of the Course/ Admission fee details for which he has applied for the scholarship.
- ❖ On this screen, the user is required to enter the bank name, branch name and account number.

- ❖ The user has to select the documents from the document list displayed on the summary screen, which he will be submitting along with the application form at his respective institution.
- ❖ The user can then print the application using the “Print Application” option on the home page. The printout will contain the Annexure which needs to be filled manually and submitted to the college for further processing.

Online Scrutiny by Institute under DTE Post Graduate and Degree Institutes approved by DTE can log on and do scrutiny through Online System. Mail Box facility provided to the Institutes to Send Messages to Admin Institute wise List Search the Registered Institutes and Click on Candidate List to View the List of the Candidates who have applied / Accepted / Rejected

1 Application ID and Password

- a) A candidate who has forgotten the Application ID and Password can know the Application ID by referring the selected candidate list of the prior year and for Password go through candidate login and insert personal details on the screen.
- b) Institution Code: Every year Old institute code is replaced by New Institute code.
- c) Forgot password: INSTITUTE that comes under DTE can give a password to a candidate who has forgotten their own password through INSTITUTE LOGIN and on clicking retrieve password in an institute panel.

2 Bank Details of the students

- a) It is not compulsory for filling the application form.
- b) The candidate can upload the images of the Passbook / Cheque Book has Name, Account Number and IFS Code, so that an authority can verify the Account for e-Transfer. The account should be in any Nationalised Bank having e-Transfer facility.
- c) The candidate can fill the bank details through candidate login for E-Transfer of Scholarship amount.
- d) The name on the account should match with the name as in the application form submitted by the candidate for the scholarship.
- e) Institutes are directed to get the bank details with IFSC code of the candidates and update through their Institute Login
- f) The process of transferring money to the students’ account has been started. Money will be transferred as soon as the bank will confirm the students account number.
- g) The first name should be the name of the scholarship holder in the bank in case of Joint account
- h) A candidate whose account number is not of core banking has to submit the core banking A/C number with the IFS Code of that bank where the candidate has opened the account. For updates of A/C number, submit it to allied College. College that comes under DTE can update through their institute login. And the institution that does not come under DTE can submit the bank details of candidates to the concerned Regional Office.

- i) The candidate can check the Accounting Year wise status like-scholarship transferred or not, does the name of the scholarship holder to match with the name on bank account etc. through their Application ID.
- j) IFSC Code of bank branch is compulsory for Transferring of Scholarship Amount. The Candidate should submit through Institute, the IFS Code and Account No. of Nationalized / Scheduled bank for transfer of scholarship amount through ECS/NEFT.
- k) At the time of the opening of the bank a/c, if the candidate is Minor (below 18 years) and now the candidate is Major (above 18 years), contact with bank for necessary changes if still a/c is minor in bank for e-transfer.
- l) A Candidate whose bank a/c no. is not verified has to check the filled bank details [bank name, IFSC code of the bank branch (11 digit), a/c no.] on website- www.dtemaharashtra.gov.in/Scholarship by their application ID. In case of any correction, contact to institute. Updating facility is provided to the institute that comes under DTE. Other Institute should contact to DTE/RO (DTE) for updating.

3 Actual Procedures:

- a) All Institutes should confirm the Scholarship Applications.
- b) The Institutes under DTE / Regional Offices /DTE can Register Candidate, Scrutinise Application thereafter. Last date for filling the online application form is always mentioned by the State Government of Maharashtra, according to their schedule for instance; in 2010 it was on 25th Oct 2010 which was extended up to 8th March 2010.
- c) Institute in Maharashtra is to submit online application form after scrutinizing it, to the concerned Regional Office along with the report.
- d) No form should be un-scrutinized. Institutes are directed to reject the Dummy/Duplicate candidates through Institute login.
- e) The proposal has been sent to the Government of India for approval. Hence the
 - (i) Candidates who have failed to apply for Merit cum Means Fresh Scholarship; can apply for the State Government Scholarship and Institute can scrutinize for State Government Scholarship.
 - (ii) Candidates who have failed to apply for Merit cum Means Renewal Scholarship; can apply through candidate login for Merit cum Means Renewal and same will be scrutinized by the institute.
- f) Institutes are directed to scrutinise the forms and send it to the concerned office and if necessary the date should be extended.
- g) Scrutinize the remaining filled form for selection till the scrutinizing process is in. Without scrutinized forms will not be considered.
- h) Candidates can check the status of the application generally -by clicking on-Candidate Status then Check Application Status.

4 Criteria:

- a) Please use Internet Explorer 6 or 7
- b) All Institutes should confirm the Scholarship Applications by 24th Aug.

- c) The Affidavit is to be given on minimum Rs. 10/- Non Judicial Bond Paper
- d) This site and notification is not for students who are doing medical course and try to fill the application form for the State Government Scholarship, they can contact with the Director, Directorate of Medical Education and Research, Mumbai or visit www.dmer.org.in
- e) If there is direct second year admission, then select direct second year course from the course list.
- f) Rs.10 Court fee stamp will be permitted, if Rs.10 Stamp paper is not available
- g) Procedure for courses after HSC (Arts, Commerce and Science) visit www.dirhe.org.in
- h) If the candidate is getting more amounts in Minority Scholarship than Candidate should apply and return the SC/ST/EBC/OBC Concession if Minority Scholarship is sanctioned otherwise the candidate should not apply. Candidates pursuing courses (BA, B Com, BSc, B. Ed etc. and PG courses) under the Higher Education should download the application form, fill it completely, attach the required documents and submit to respective Institute which are to be forwarded to Joint Director's office of Higher Education. Visit www.dirhe.org.in
- i) The SURNAME data can be blank while filling Online Application
- j) Once the application form of candidate is scrutinised for Merit cum Means or State Government scholarship for the same academic year, then there is no need to submit again, for this check your application status by candidate login.
- k) A candidate whose scholarship is sanctioned in the previous year and has got ATKT and admitted into next year can also fill the Renewal form for the same scholarship.
- l) Even if the application form is received late to the Institute, Process it and forward to the Regional Office
- m) A candidate who has taken admission through Management Quota can also fill the application form
- n) Need of only one photo that should be pasted on the Application Form (No additional Photo Required)
- o) An institute that comes under DTE has to Online Scrutinize the received application form. The institute that does not come under DTE has to manually scrutinize the online filled application and forward to the concerned address for Online Scrutiny. Without scrutinizing application form will not be considered for merit list.
- p) Both types of Scholarship scheme, i.e. Merit cum Means based scholarship and State Government Scholarship scheme are different. One who has got one type of scholarship cannot apply for Renewal in other scholarship; they can apply as a RENEWAL in the same type of Scholarship. If they want to apply in other same type of scholarship, then they can apply for a FRESH scholarship.
- q) While filling the online application form, there is no edit option for a candidate, so fill it carefully. For any correction edit option is given to institute.

5 Eligibility and Renewal:

- a) Renewal of Scholarship If the Result is not declared or withheld, enter the Marks obtained as 0 out of 1. The Institute should Scrutinize the Application Form with Remark as "Result Withheld / Result not declared"
- b) A Candidate whose State Government Scholarship was sanctioned in the previous year cannot apply for Renewal, they can apply for Fresh
- c) Application Renewal only for scholarship that was sanctioned (State Government Scholarship (SGS) or Merit cum Means based Scholarship (MCM)) to you in a previous year and admitted into next year. Write previous year Form No. on Application form. (Sanctioned list along with Form No. is available on the Website)
- d) The eligible candidate who has got one type of scholarship can apply as RENEWAL for that type of scholarship only. Other candidates can apply as FRESH scholarship.
- e) Login ID (User Name) and Website for both the schemes, i.e. Merit cum Means based scholarship (of the GoI) and the State Government scholarship (of Maharashtra Government) are different and for both schemes, User name (Login Id) and password are provided to that Institute whose name is in Institute List.

6 Other Information:

- a) Help Line No: Technical support For Filling Online Application Form of Scholarship Scheme Call at 8898449302 between 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.
- b) Before calling on the helpline refer the FAQ and News section
- c) For address, click on Regional Offices. Link: <http://www.dtemaharashtra.gov.in/Scholarship/frmRegionalOffices.aspx>

7 Documents to be enclosed with the Application for e-Scholarship:

- a) For fresher:
 - One copy of passport size photograph should be pasted on the application form with signature.
 - Attested certificates of educational qualification as filled up in Para 11, [Para 11 displayed on the Application Form.]
 - Income declaration - affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 10/- or revenue stamp of Rs.10/- and income certificate from the employer, if applicable.
 - Proof of permanent residence
- b) For Renewal:
 - Proof of permanent residence -Certificate not required, if the address is not changed.
 - Examination Passed: Certificate of successful completion of previous year examination.
 - Income declaration - affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.10/- or revenue stamp of Rs.10/-and income certificate from the employer, if applicable.
 - Receipt in acknowledgment of scholarship in the previous year duly countersigned by the head of the institution.
 - The Attested Photo Copy of the Bank Statement / Passbook or Receipt of Payment of the Scholarship.

Types of Financial aid provided under Mumbai University to SC and ST students:

The following scholarships and welfare schemes (at Postgraduate level) are offered to the students from the University of Mumbai to underprivileged people like SC, ST, OBC etc.

i) Financial Assistance to the Students representing Backward Classes:

Mumbai University has made a provision of Rs. 10, 00,000 to render Financial Assistance to the students, belonging to the Backward Class like SC/ST, DT, NT and SBC are studying at various Departments of the University of Mumbai. Application forms are available with the Head of the Department at the time of admission. Parents' annual income should not be more than Rs. 2 lakh to get the benefit of this scheme. The four categories of the students covered in the scheme are:

- The students enrolled in self-supporting courses and staying in Hostel should get Rs.9,000 maximum per annul
- If they are not-staying in a Hostel, then they should get Rs.7,000 maximum as financial aid in the form of scholarship.
- The students in Regular courses staying in Hostel should get Rs.4, 000 maximum
- Those who are not staying in Hostel should get Rs. 2, 000 maximum.

ii) Financial Assistance to the Needy Students:

Mumbai University has made a provision of Rs. 1,00,00,000.00 (Rupees One Crore) as corpus fund from the year 2004-05 to render Financial Assistance to needy students including SC and ST students and to the students those who belong to economically backward classes studying at various affiliated Colleges/ Institutions/ Departments of the University of Mumbai. Application Forms are available at the office of Principal/Dean/ Head of the Department. Only two applications on merit of the needy students from each College/Institution/Department are invited for this Scheme. Students whose parents' annual income is less than Rs. 75,000.00 are eligible to get the benefit of the Scheme. The application should be forwarded through the Principal/Director and Head of the Department to the Director of the Students' Welfare, University of Mumbai.

iii) Book Bank Scheme:

From the year 2004-05, it has been decided that this scheme is to be introduced to the University Departments for the benefit of the Postgraduate Backward Class Students.

iv) Group Insurance Scheme:

From the year 2001-2002, University has introduced a Group Insurance Scheme known as "YUVA RAKSHA" for students from the affiliated colleges/Institutions and University Departments in collaboration with National Insurance Company Limited. This scheme is introduced for all students, but it provided benefit to SC and ST students also. "YUVA RAKSHA" covers Colleges and University students under a Group Personal accident policy coverage, including accidental death, permanent disability or hospitalization expenses arising out of accident are covered under the policy. Participation in adventurous sports and hazardous activities has to be with prior consent of the college/department & Institute/ authorities. 24 hours coverage is given within and outside India for a period of one year. Premium rates are Rs. 20.00

per annum to cover the scheme of Rs. 50,000.00 while it will be Rs. 37.00 (colleges collected Rs. 40 from each student) to cover the Insurance amount of Rs. 1,00,000.00.

v) Earn and Learn Scheme:

A budgetary provision of Rs. 15.00 lakh has been made for research students, belonged with SC and ST sections. Needy students from Postgraduate Departments will be appointed on a part-time basis and they will get the remuneration for the same.

vi) Government Scholarships:

Following Government Scholarships are also made available to the student studying at University Affiliated colleges/Institutions and Departments:

Social Justice and Special Assistance Departments in Mumbai:

According to GOI, and SDSWO, the students belong to the category of SC, ST and SC/ST Christian converts, should not pay any amount even for the self financing courses and these educational institutes if their parents' income is less than Rs. 2 lakh. (For ST Rs. 2.5 lakh from 1st April 2013) Students admitted under management quota can also get this scholarship. The self-financing colleges were asked not to collect the fees from the candidates covered under the scheme, and the Directorates of Technical, Medical and Collegiate Education should ensure their compliance to the rule. The Directorates of Technical Education, Medical Education and Collegiate Education had been directed to collect data about eligible students and the fees from the self-financing colleges and get the required amount from the office of the Commissioner of Social Justice and Special Assistance Department.

Committee for Educational Fees:

The State Government introduced Shikshan Shulka Pratipurti Yojana in 2006-07. Under this scheme, reimbursement of education fee, examination fee and other fees for SC, ST, VJ/NT, Special Backward and Economically Backward students taking admission in vocational courses in private un-aided and permanent aided colleges of the State are given. The share of students benefited by Higher and Technical Department was 50%.

Special Guidelines and Procedure:

ii) Yearly time-table of the Disbursement process of the scholarships/freeships:

MONTH	PROCEDURE
April	1. Colleges must provide information about the previous year's ad-hoc and remaining grant amount, number of SC and ST students, disbursed Scholarships, Educational and Examination fee amount. 2. Submission of Productive Certificates by the colleges.
May	1. Colleges must take the Scholarship forms, Educational and Examination fee forms and other stationeries from the Special District Social Welfare Officers. 2. Colleges must inform about the number of SC and ST students admitted in the colleges and demand grants for these admitted students.
June	1. Colleges must give forms of the Indian Government Post-Matric Scholarships, Educational and Examination Fees to the SC and ST students and the hosteller

	students of Professional Courses should also be given the maintenance allowance form with it. 2. Colleges must take the filled forms along with the admission application forms from the SC and ST students and also take the necessary documents like Income Certificate, Caste Certificate, Passing Certificate, photographs.etc 3. Colleges must take the District Change Certificate and Leaving Certificate if it is necessary.
July	1. Colleges should scrutinize all the admitted SC and ST students application forms, list them, the order for the advance amount and display the list on the notice-board of the colleges. 2. Obtain the cheques of the advance amount from the Special District Social Welfare Office. 3. Open an account for all the SC and ST students in the bank. 4. From the month of July the colleges should give monthly Scholarships, Educational and Examination Fee amount through cheques.
August	The amount of the Indian Government Post-Matric Scholarships, Education and Examination Fees and maintenance allowance of the related Professional Course hosteller students should be approved and sanctioned.
September	Send the final proposal for the decision to the Special District Social Welfare Office.
October	The Special District Social Welfare Officers should take a decision about the final grant and execute the assessment of the advance amount. If more amounts are admissible than the officers approve it and disburse it to the colleges and if an extra amount is retrieved, then the colleges must pay back the amount before 31 st March through the Challans.
November	Colleges should demand for the necessary stationery and application forms for the next year.
December/ January	Colleges must be ready with all the accounts and documents for the inspection which is done by the Special District Social Welfare Officers.
February	In this month the Special District Social Welfare Officers should assign the order for printing the application forms.
March	1. To see to it that all the SC and ST students who have applied to the Indian Government Post-Matric Scholarships, Educational and Examination Fee amount finally get it from their respective colleges. 2. From the advance amount, the SC and ST student's examination fees should be directly remitted to the University. 3. Colleges and the Special District Social Welfare Officers must be ready with all registers and final proceedings for auditing.

Source: Social Welfare Department: Mulund and Chembur

Note: This is a request to the learners or their parents that if they are coming under the proper financial scheme, they must ask their related colleges or educational institutes about the suitable financial aid as Central and State Government has given such benefits to SC/ ST students in their Primary as well as Higher education also.

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