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Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
New Delhi

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Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India is implementing National Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education for ST students. Your esteemed Institute is one of the 265 selected Institutions. Under this scheme, every ST student with annual total family income up-to Rs. 6 lakhs, who has taken admission in specified courses in selected Institutions is eligible for scholarship under the scheme (Scheme guidelines enclosed for reference). The entire course fee, stipend and one-time allowance of Rs. 45,000/- towards desktop/laptop is provided under the scheme.

2. In this regard, this Ministry had issued instructions vide DO letter No.:11021/01/2021-Sch dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 & 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024, and had requested all Institutions not to reject any student who is not able to pay admission and hostel fee at the time of admission. However, the Scholarships will be available to eligible ST students who apply on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). Therefore, the Scheme guidelines must be brought to the notice of all ST students and ensure that ST students fulfilling the eligibility conditions do apply on NSP.

3. It has come to the knowledge of the Ministry that despite instructions from the Ministry, some ST students, who find it difficult to pay admission/tuition fee upfront at the time of admission, are being denied admission. By denying admission to such students, the main purpose of the scheme gets defeated. I would, therefore, request you to sensitize Nodal Officer of your Institute to verify the details of such students and the condition of depositing fee at admission time may be relaxed. The Ministry would ensure that admissible tuition fee and admission fee will be paid to the Institute after the application of the student is processed on the National Scholarship Portal and the process generally takes about 6 months.

4. It has also come to the Ministry's notice that institutions are imposing fines on students for late tuition fee payments. In this regard, the "National Scholarship Scheme (Top Class) For Higher Education of ST Students" guidelines, paragraph 4.3 (note) provides that "The Institute will not ask for the tuition fee from the students in case there is delay in release of amount by the Ministry to the Institute."

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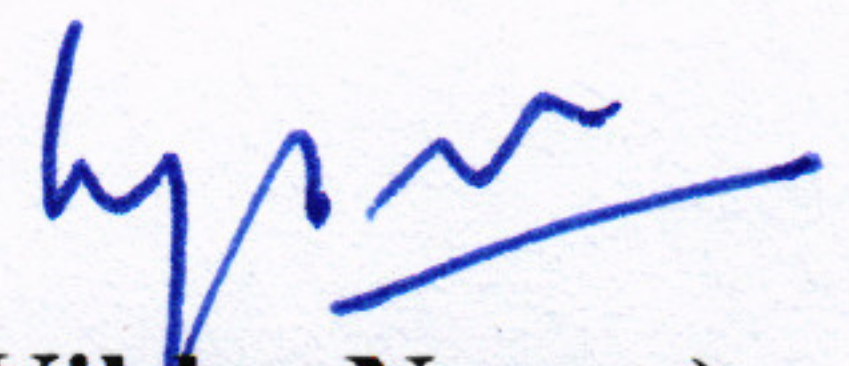


5. In case of any difficulty in implementing these directions, the reasons may kindly be brought to the notice of Sh. Shivanand F. Bachagundi, Director, Scholarship Division (Tele: 011 - 23343303, Email: shivanand.b@gov.in). The student should also be made aware about the scheme of Education Loan namely Adivasi Shikha Rrinn Yojana (ASRY) of National ST Finance and Development Corporation (copy enclosed). ST Students not fulfilling the eligibility conditions of National Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education for ST students may avail the Education Loan Scheme of NSTFDC.

Hoping for your active cooperation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Vibhu Nayar)

**The Director/Vice Chancellor of 265 Institutions.**  
(As per list of Top-Class Institutes enclosed)

Copy for information to all State Tribal Welfare Department, with a request to advise all eligible ST students to avail the benefit of the Scheme.

Copy for information to NSTFDC.