CONSOLIDATED STIPEND SCHEME & FREE BOOKS SCHEME FOR SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS PERUSING HIGHER EDUCATION

Hon'ble CM has announced on 01.07.2008 that SC students studying in Colleges will be provided an amount of Rs. 2000/- per student for purchase of books and a stipend of Rs. 1000/- per month.

The scheme is proposed to attract the SC towards higher education. The scheme will be implemented in all the Govt. Colleges of Haryana.

The students will be disbursed stipend bi-monthly on the basis of at least 60% attendance in the classes. The student with less than 60% attendance will not be paid stipend for that particular bi-monthly period in which his attendance is less than 60% but he can be considered for payment of with held stipend for this period if he/she fulfills the condition of attendance in next two months meaning thereby that he will be paid stipend for four months instead of two months. This condition has been proposed to make the students more regular in their classes.

This stipend will be treated as monetary help to meet the sundry charges of higher education so that the beneficiaries may not become ineligible for Post Matric Scholarships awarded by Govt. of India.

Eligibility Conditions For SC Students: -

The students belonging to the schedule castes must furnish the following documents to the principal of his/her college: -

- 1. Photocopy of SC certificate.
- 2. Photocopy of Haryana Domicile certificate.
- 3. Photocopy of previous examination passed on the basis of which he/she sought admission in the present class.
- 4. The students who failed in the last year university examination will not be eligible for the stipend.

Mode of Payment:-

Process for disbursement of stipend shall be as under:-

- (a) The stipend will be paid to students for twelve months in a year from July to June.
- (b) One account in the name of each college shall be opened in any nationalized bank.

 This account shall be operated by Principal/Nodal Officer of the college.

- (c) Account in the name of each scheduled caste student who takes admission in the college shall be opened in the nationalized bank located nearest to the college concerned. Principal of the college will decide the bank branch where the accounts are to be opened. However, the Principal should decide only the bank branch which is nearest to the college. The authorized person, who shall be either Principal/Nodal Officer of the same college, shall be responsible of opening of accounts on the basis of the admissions of scheduled caste students. The account to be opened in the name of students shall carry all the details about the student as well as his/her parent/guardian.
- (d) The amount of stipend shall be transferred in the college account in the bank through electronics transfer by the Directorate in the first week of the month in which stipend is due to be paid and further the college will transfer the amount into the accounts of students within one week but not later than 15th of the month.
- (e) From the said college account money can only be transferred to the account of the students and the Principal/Nodal Officer shall not be authorized to draw any cash from the college account.
- (f) The person authorized to operate the account for the purpose of transfer of funds from college account to the accounts of students, shall on the basis of attendance in the class write a letter to the bank conveying the names of all the eligible students and quantum of money to be transferred from the college account to the accounts of students in the months of September, November, January and March.
- (g) The stipend will be released to the students in four bi-monthly installments in the months of September, November, January and March. However, the amount in the month of March will be released for six months (January to June) being the closing month of the financial year and moreover, students are not required to attend regular classes in view of ensuing annual examinations.

New Mode of Payment:

a) The amount of stipend shall be transferred through PFMS by Head Quarter in two half yearly installments in the first week of November and January. The Principals of the Colleges will forward the verified data of the students on Online Scholarship Portal, further Registration branch of the concerned universities will verify the data in second step on Online Scholarship Portal. Then it will be forwarded to the directorate for final

- verification and disbursement under the process of PFMS to the beneficiary in their respective Aadhaar seeded bank account.
- b) The amount of books shall be transferred through PFMS by Head Quarter in yearly installment in October. The Principals of the Colleges will forward the verified data of the students on Online Scholarship Portal, further Registration branch of the concerned universities will verify the data in second step on Online Scholarship Portal. Then it will be forwarded to the directorate for final verification and disbursement under the process of PFMS to the beneficiary in their respective Aadhaar seeded bank account.
- c) The additional stipend amount of Rs. 500/- per month for 12 months to those SC students who are availing hostel facility shall also be transferred through PFMS by Head Quarter in two half yearly installment from July to December and January to June.
- d) The students will be disbursed stipend bi-monthly on the basis of at least 60% attendance in the classes. The student with less than 60% attendance will not be paid stipend for that particular bi-monthly period in which his/her attendance is less than 60% but he can be considered for payment of with held stipend for this period if he/she fulfills the condition of attendance in next two months meaning thereby that he will be paid stipend for four months instead of two months. This condition has been proposed to make the students more regular in their classes.

Honorarium for authorized persons:-

The Nodal Officer and staff will be paid honorarium at the time of transfer of amount to the accounts of students four times in a year maximum of Rs.4000/- and Rs.2000/- respectively. That Nodal Officer and the clerk/assistant will be preferably from SC category. The Principal and Nodal Officers jointly shall be authorised to operate the said college account for the limited purpose of transfer of funds from college account to the accounts of students and drawl of honorarium only.