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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
{Education Division}

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

To  
The Registrars/Administrators  
(As per list of institutes attached)

Subject: Revision of list of Top Class Institutes under the merged scheme of "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students".

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to state that this Ministry has undertaken a review of the list of institutes that have been included in the erstwhile scheme of "Top Class Education for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students". Accordingly, a meeting of the Steering Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 24.03.2015. The Committee reviewed the existing list of 213 institutions and the courses for which the scholarship was applicable and have revised the list of Institutions to 158 Top Class Institutions of Excellence.

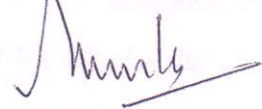
Copies of the following documents are enclosed for your information and necessary action.

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| Annexure - I   | Revised Scheme documents.  |
| Annexure - II  | Revised list of 158 Institutions and their courses approved for scholarship. |
| Annexure - III | Existing list of 213 Top Class Institutes.                                   |

The above documents are also available on this Ministry's website [www.tribal.nic.in](http://www.tribal.nic.in).

As your institute figures in the revised list of 158 Top Class Institutes, you are requested to give wide publicity to the same, upload it on your institute's website and submit proposals for sanction and release of scholarship for the year 2015-16 and onwards under the scheme to the ST students enrolled in your institute for this Ministry's consideration.

Yours faithfully,



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Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

**Guidelines for the Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students.**

**1. Background:**

1.1 At present two Central Sector Scholarship schemes of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for ST students and Top Class Education for ST Students are implemented by this Ministry to provide financial assistance for pursuing higher education of ST students.

1.2 The Rajiv Gandhi Fellowships are provided to ST students to take up higher studies after completing Post Graduation, such as M.Phil and Ph.D courses and awarded on the lines of UGC Fellowships for research students pursuing such courses on regular and full time basis.

1.3 The Top Class Education for ST Students is intended to encourage meritorious ST students to pursue courses at Graduate/Post Graduate level in identified Institutions of excellence, Government and Private, in professional fields such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law, Humanities, Science and Social sciences

1.4 In order to remove layers resulting in time lag and to facilitate proper control over the implementation and monitoring of the two Central sector scholarship schemes for ST students viz; Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship and Top Class Education, the Ministry has merged these two schemes into a single Central Sector Scheme called **"National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students"**.

1.5 Fellowship component of the proposed new scheme shall come into force from the year 2014-2015. Scholarship component of the proposed new scheme shall come into force from the year 2015-2016.



### **I. Fellowship:**

- (i) It would be sufficient for a ST candidate to have passed the Post-Graduation examination for being eligible for the Fellowship. However the candidate should get admission and registration for regular and full time M.Phil/Ph.D 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 based on the advertisement of the concerned University/ Institution.
- (ii) The ST students once considered eligible for the Fellowship shall not be entitled for any other scholarship of the Centre or State Government for the same study.
- (iii) The fellowship shall be payable once the student has secured admission and started the research work.
- (iv) In order to qualify for Senior Research Fellowship, a candidate will have to fulfill the UGC/ICAR norms prescribed in this regard.

### **II. Scholarship:**

- (i) ST students who have secured admission in the notified Institutions according to the norms prescribed by the respective Institutions will be eligible for the scholarship under the scheme.
- (ii) The total family income of the candidate to be eligible for this scholarship from all sources should not exceed Rs.4.50 lakh per annum.
- (iii) The scholarship will become payable immediately after a student has secured admission and has started attending the classes.
- (iv) The scholarship awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance of the student.



- (iii) books and stationery @ Rs.3000/- per annum per student;
- (iv) Cost of a latest computer along with its accessories limited to Rs.45,000/- as one time assistance during the course.

**10. Funding pattern:**

- 10.1 It is a Central Sector Scheme and Ministry of Tribal Affairs will provide 100% funding for the scheme.
- 10.2 The funds will be released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the selected fellows and scholars on yearly basis for Fellowship and for Scholarship immediately after the registration/admission.

**11 Implementation of the Scheme:**

**11.1 Fellowships/Scholarships:**

The Scheme will be implemented through the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the modalities of the implementation are as follows:

- (i) MoTA will notify the scheme by inserting suitable advertisements in the Press/ Websites /Portal.
- (ii) Verifying the genuineness of the requisite certificates furnished by the candidates in order to eliminate the possibility of students availing the Fellowship/Scholarship on fake certificates shall rest with concerned University/Institution. The University/Institute will not charge any fee whatsoever from the students.
- (iii) Fellowship/Scholarship will become payable to successful ST students who are included in the merit list auto generated by the portal only upon securing registration/admission in any of the notified University/Institution and fulfilling the eligibility criteria prescribed for the Scheme.
- (iv) The students, who are awarded the Fellowship/Scholarship under the scheme, shall have to pursue the study in the respective University/Institution on full time basis.
- (v) Performance of ST students covered under the scheme shall be monitored regularly by the Head of the Department of respective

