

**Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE
'SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR JAMMU & KASHMIR' : 2013-14**

1.BACKGROUND

An Expert Group was constituted by the Prime Minister on 18th August, 2010 in the context of enhancing employment opportunities in Jammu & Kashmir and to formulate jobs plan involving the public and private sectors. Among the key recommendations of the Expert Group, one was to offer 5000 fresh scholarships per annum over the next five years to encourage the youth of J & K to pursue higher studies outside the State of J&K. The proposal arises out of the identified strategy of a human resource development initiative focused on improving skill set through improving access to education.

2. OBJECTIVE

To provide tuition fees, hostel fees, cost of books and other incidental charges to students belonging to Jammu & Kashmir who, after passing Class XII or equivalent examination, secure admission in Government colleges/institutions and other select institutions outside the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

3. SCOPE

It is envisaged to provide 5000 fresh scholarships every year over the next five years. Out of these, 4500 scholarships would be for general degree courses, 250 for engineering and 250 for medical studies. The number of scholarships for engineering and medical studies would be kept flexible i.e. more than or less than 250 scholarship per annum, for each of these streams, subject to the ceiling of 5000 fresh scholarships per annum and subject to the savings accruing from any shortfall in the number of students opting for general degree courses.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Students belonging to the State of Jammu & Kashmir, appearing for the Class XII or equivalent exam through the State Board of Jammu & Kashmir and from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools located in Jammu & Kashmir, pursuing general degree courses, engineering and medical studies in govt. colleges/ institutes/ other non-govt. institutes recognized by AICTE or UGC, or institutes created through an Act of the State Govt., located outside the State of Jammu & Kashmir, would be eligible for scholarship under this scheme. Students pursuing 'Integrated Courses' in such colleges/institutes where the scheme is applicable, would be eligible for scholarship for the duration of the course.

5. EXCLUSIONS

Students pursuing courses through Open Universities would **NOT** be eligible under the scheme. Students availing of other scholarships schemes would **NOT** be eligible to avail of this scholarship scheme. Students gaining admission through 'management quota' would **NOT** be eligible for scholarship under this scheme. Students pursuing courses, such as Diploma Courses, not leading to award of a Degree, **shall NOT** be eligible under this scheme. Students pursuing Post Graduate level studies, in any discipline, will **NOT** be eligible for scholarship under this scheme. The income-ceiling will be Rs. 6 lakhs per annum.

6. RESERVATION

There will be internal earmarking of scholarship for SC, ST & OBC categories, as per the quota prescribed for the State of J&K. However, in case of any quota remaining unfilled, it would be filled up by the general category students. Horizontally, a reservation of 3% will be provided for Physically Handicapped, as per government norms.

7. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The total number of scholarships will be 5000 fresh scholarships per year. In case the number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarships available, then the awardees will be selected on the basis of marks scored by them in the Class-XII or equivalent exam. The awardees would be selected from amongst the students who belong to Jammu & Kashmir and who appear for the Class XII or equivalent exam through the State Board of Jammu & Kashmir and from Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools located in Jammu & Kashmir.

8. PROVISION OF TWO SEATS UNDER SUPERNUMERARY QUOTA

A quota of 2 supernumerary seats for each college / institute approved by AICTE and UGC, under General and Engineering streams would be provided, for which the students would **compulsorily** have to apply through the web portal of AICTE. Admission of students under the supernumerary quota would be as per their option, subject to merit. Centrally Funded Institutes / Colleges are NOT covered under the Supernumerary Quota.

9. AVOIDNANCE OF 'BUNCHING' OF STUDENTS

To avoid bunching of students in any one particular institute and to have an even distribution of students amongst various institutes across the country, a maximum of 5 students in a particular college would be awarded the scholarships based on merit under this scheme regardless of the number of students from J&K admitted in a particular college, including the students admitted under the supernumerary quota. In case more than 5 students belonging to J&K are admitted in a particular institute/

college, then the scholarship would be given to the top 5 students according to merit, based on the marks secured by them in the Class XII or equivalent examination. In case of a 'tie', the following rule shall apply:

Aggregate marks in Class XII Examination
 Aggregate marks in Class X Examination
 Date of birth of the student [elder student to be given preference]

10. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The components of scholarship for every scholar under this scheme would be as under :

Tuition Fees:

Upto Rs.30,000/- per annum for general degree courses.

OR

Upto Rs.1.25 lakhs per annum for engineering courses.

OR

Upto Rs.3.00 lakhs per annum for medical studies, including Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS).

In addition to this, hostel fees and incidentals will also be given for all categories of courses. The ceiling for this will be Rs. 1 lakh per annum. Course fees, Hostel fees, etc. would be paid as per 'actuals', subject to the production of receipts. The charges in rented accommodation will be reimbursed as per certificate given by the Head of the college / institute, regarding reasonableness of rates etc. Flexibility for deciding fees to be reimbursed for certain courses rests with the Inter-Ministerial Committee, within the overall ceiling.

11. INSTITUTES

Courses such as Agriculture, Fisheries, Horticulture, Veterinary Science etc. would form part of general degree courses. The Inter-Ministerial Committee from time-to-time would decide the institutes eligible to participate in the scheme. The overall number of fresh scholarships per year would be capped at 5000.

12. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND RENEWAL

The scholarship granted under the scheme will be kept renewed within subsequent classes subject to good conduct and maintenance of prescribed attendance. **Students failing to get promoted to the next class/level would get the scholarship in the following year, subject to the condition that if the student fails again for the second time, then he/she would forfeit the scholarship and the scholarship would not be renewed for the subsequent years.** If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and / or on account of any unforeseen event, the scholarship may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and other proof to satisfy the Head of the Institution who will also certify the same.

A scholar would be allowed to continue/renew his scholarship if he/she changes the course of study to a stream not offered by his school Board in Class XII (e.g. Law, Fashion Technology, etc.). Students pursuing courses in which the duration is 5 years, would get scholarship at the prescribed rates. Students changing their college/institute of study would be allowed to continue/renew the scholarship provided the course of study and the institution is recognized, subject to the condition that the scholarship will not be paid twice for the same year of study. In case the scholarship is cancelled for any reason, the decision of the MHRD will be final and binding. In the event of denotification/deletion of any institution, the scholarship will continue to be available to the students already admitted under the Scheme, if otherwise eligible, till completion of the course.

13. APPLICATION AND DISBURSEMENT

The students would have to apply for the scholarship through the web portal of AICTE. The scholarship would be sanctioned after due verification and subject to the student fulfilling all the eligibility criteria. The requisite documents, such as domicile certificate, income certificate etc., would have to be submitted along with the application. Along with other documents required by the college/institute, the students would also be required to furnish the following :

- (i) Class XII or equivalent certificate / mark list having passed from J&K
- (i) Certificate of domicile of the State of Jammu & Kashmir
- (ii) Certificate of income.
- (iii) Requisite Certificate, if claiming scholarship under any reservation quota [SC/ST/OBC/PH etc.].

The scholarship would be sanctioned based on the eligibility and merit certificate, admission certificate and other relevant documents, presented by the students, through the college/institute. Scholarship (as per 'actuals' certified by the institutions identified under this scheme) will be paid to the selected students by the Central Government through the college / institute in which the student is studying. The amount sanctioned would be as per receipts submitted by the student/institution, subject to the ceiling in each Head. The funds would be sanctioned by the Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD.

14. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

An Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted for the purpose would ensure proper implementation, including flexibility of the Scheme and to decide about courses, fees, institutes etc. The Inter-Ministerial Committee would be Chaired by Secretary, Department of Higher Education and would have Adviser PAMD, and Adviser Education, Planning Commission and representative of Dept. of Expenditure, as Members and representatives of the Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment, Tribal Affairs, Home Affairs and Dept. of Science & Technology, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and representative of Govt. of J&K as invitees. A mid-term evaluation of the Scheme would be conducted after two years of operation of this scheme.