## National Means-Cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)

### Introduction

- Launched in May 2008.
- Objective is to arrest dropouts of meritorious students at Secondary stage.
- Total Scholarships available is One Lakh.
- R 6000/- per annum per student from class IX to XII.
- Students of Government, Government aided and Local Bodies Schools (KVS, NVS and State Government Residential Schools Excluded).
- Parental Income ceiling of R 1.5 Lakh per annum.
- Reservation as per State Government Norms.

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### **Status of Implementation**

Year	No. of States/ UTs	No. of scholarships sanctioned
2008-09	34	55544
2009-10	34	82199 (including renewal of 2008-09)
2010-11	34	<b>104758</b> (including renewal of 2008-09 & 2009-10)
2011-12	26	59054 (upto Nov. 2011)

# **PROPOSAL STATUS**

Proposals not received from the following states for the following years:

2009-10

- Goa, Lakshadweep and Nagaland (3)
  2010-11
- Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep, MP, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, (9)

# Proposals not received from the following states for the following years:

### 2011-12

 Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Lakshadweep, MP, Maharashtra, Manipur, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal (17)

#### **Issues for consideration :-**

- Proposals received are not complete. In large number of cases student's account number and IFS code of bank are left blank/ wrong.
- The proposals are being received in piecemeal instead of consolidated form resulting in delay in processing and release.
- Exception reports are not received from states on time to ensure continuation of disbursement of the scholarships of beneficiaries of earlier batches.

**Expected actions from States/ UTs:** 

- The scheme is attractive but the allocated quota of scholarships in respect of various states are not fully utilized.
- The states should take prompt action to give wide publicity through print & electronic media to create awareness among the students to avail the benefits of the scheme.
- They should send complete & correct proposals in all respect in the correct and relevant proforma.

### **Expected actions from States/ UTs:**

- They have to ensure that the proposal of particular year is sent in the same Academic year.
- They should depute the nodal officers to SBI to get the data corrected in respect of the earlier years. They have to regularly interact with SBI officials to know the error in the data.

