

SCHEME FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PRIVATE AIDED/UNAIDED MINORITY INSTITUTES (IDMI) - (ELEMENTARY SECONDARY/ SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS)

INTRODUCTION:

National Policy on Education (NPE) has adopted the concept of a national system of education, implying that all students irrespective of caste, creed, language or sex have access to education of comparable quality. The Policy lays special emphasis on removal of disparities and equalizing educational opportunities by attending to the specific needs of those who have remained educationally backward so far.

2. In pursuance of NPE stipulations, the scheme of Area Intensive Development for ensuring an area intensive approach to education was launched in the IXth Plan. This scheme was merged with Madrasas Modernisation Scheme during the Xth Plan with two components of Modernisation and Infrastructure remaining separate. No financial assistance for infrastructure development was envisaged for Madrasas to whom assistance was restricted to providing honorarium for the teachers teaching modern subjects and assistance under the infrastructure component was provided to Governmental and Non Governmental educational institutions imparting modern education.

3. Two components of infrastructure and modernization are sought to be demerged in the XIth Plan in view of the fact that the target groups for these two components are different. The component of Modernization of Madrasas has been recast and a separate scheme of providing quality education in Madrasas drawn up. The infrastructure component is proposed to be incorporated in this scheme - Infrastructure Development of private aided/unaided Minority Institutes (IDMI) (elementary secondary/senior secondary schools).

OBJECTIVE:

4. The scheme would facilitate education of minorities by augmenting and strengthening school infrastructure in Minority Institutions (elementary/ secondary/senior secondary schools) in order to expand facilities for formal education to children of minority communities. The scheme will inter *alia* encourage educational facilities for girls, children with special needs and those who are most deprived educationally amongst minorities.

COVERAGE:

5. The scheme will cover the entire country. However, preference will be given to eligible minority institutions (private aided/unaided elementary/ secondary/ senior secondary schools) located in districts, blocks and towns having a minority population above 20%, based on available census data.

FINANCIAL PATTERN:

6. An amount of Rs.125 crore is proposed for the scheme in the XIth Five Year Plan.

7. The scheme will fund infrastructure development of private aided/unaided minority elementary/secondary/senior secondary schools to the extent of 75% and subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs per school for:

- (i) Strengthening of educational infrastructure and physical facilities in the existing elementary/secondary/senior secondary school including additional classrooms, science / computer lab rooms, library rooms, toilets, drinking water facilities etc.
- (ii) Hostel buildings for children in such category of schools, especially for girls.
- (iii) Any other educational infrastructure not covered in (i) or (ii) above, but which in view of the State/Central Grant in Aid Committee is justified for educational advancement of the minority institution.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

8. Voluntary organizations/societies/trusts running institutes/schools that are recognized by Central or State governments shall be eligible to apply for assistance under the scheme.

9. Only those voluntary agencies, which have been in existence for a minimum of three years, would be considered for assistance under this scheme.

10. Voluntary organizations eligible under the scheme should:

- have a proper constitution or Articles of Association;
- have a properly constituted managing body with its powers and duties clearly defined in the constitution
- be in a position to secure the involvement, on voluntary basis, of knowledgeable persons for furtherance of their programmes; not be run for the profit of any individual or a body of individuals;

- not discriminate against any person or group of persons on the ground of language or sex etc;
- not function for the furtherance of the interests of any political party; nor in any manner incite communal disharmony.

11. The institute/school for which assistance is being sought should have been functioning for at least 3 years and have substantial enrolment of children from the minority communities. The institution/school should not be a commercialized school charging high fees.

12. The application of the voluntary organization will be addressed to the concerned Secretary of the State/UT, who will be the Chairperson of Grant-in-Aid committee in the State/UT

IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING:

13. The scheme will be implemented through the State Government. All requests for financial assistance entertained by the State Government in the prescribed application form appended at Annexure will be considered on merit first by the State level Grant-In-Aid committee. The State Government will draw up and notify criteria for prioritization of applications under this scheme and give it wide publicity. The criterion should consider the specific status of minorities in that State/UT and give priority to (i) direct educational infrastructure requirements by which enrolment and retention of minority children in the school/institution is likely to increase. (ii) encourage education of girls, children with special needs and children from the more educationally backward minorities in the State. (iii) the State level Grant-in-Aid Committee will recommend cases of voluntary organizations and the specific schools/ institutions to be assisted, to the Central Government in order of priority. A lower priority should be accorded to institutions/schools/minority organizations that have already received funds under the erstwhile scheme of AIMMP, during the 10th Plan.] x

14. On receipt of proposals from the State governments the GIAC of the Central Govt. will consider them on merit and recommend assistance.

15. A Grants-in-Aid Committee (GIAC) under the Chairmanship of Union Secretary, School Education & Literacy would be constituted for the purpose, with Joint Secretary concerned as Member-Secretary and FA(HRD) as member. It shall have representatives from Ministry

of Minority Affairs and State Governments concerned. The Ministry of HRD will nominate two eminent educationists from amongst Minorities to the GIAC. The GIAC will examine and approve the proposals of the State and UT Governments.

16. The financial assistance will be provided on a one time basis. A voluntary organization or educational institution can receive benefit from the scheme only once in five years. Funds will be released in two installments by GOI through the State Government. The second installment will need to be claimed within one year of the first installment during which period the 25% share of the minority institution, should have been contributed to the infrastructure upgradation.

17. Voluntary Agencies receiving the assistance would be required to furnish audited details of expenditure made in the prescribed proforma duly attested by a chartered accountant/the competent authority.

18. The grant will be admissible to only those organizations/institutions which submit the updated statement of accounts for all the grant-in-aid received by them under this scheme in the past, duly certified by a chartered accountant.

19. Monitoring reports regarding the voluntary organizations receiving assistance will indicate, total number of beneficiary students, amount received and utilized by the institutions, shall be furnished to the Ministry of Human Resource Development Government of India on an annual basis by the State Government, after obtaining the same from voluntary organizations receiving assistance under the scheme.

20. The accounts/records of activities of the voluntary organization shall be available on demand for inspection to Central/State Government/C&AG.

21. The Central & State Governments will widely publicize the scheme.

22. The performance of the scheme will be evaluated by the Central & State Governments as appropriate but definitely once after completion of two years of its operation.

23. No claim will be entertained from any organizations/individual for consideration as a permanent beneficiary since the scheme is to be implemented on purely voluntary basis envisaging one time non-recurring financial assistance.
