

No.5-8/2016-SCD
Government of India
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
11th November, 2016.

To

The Secretary,
Social Welfare/SC-OBC Welfare Department,
All States / Union Territories.

Subject: Implementation of Scholarship Schemes in DBT Mode.

Sir,

The Government has decided to implement all scholarship schemes through Direct Benefits Transfer mode so that funds reach the intended beneficiary's bank account in an efficient and transparent manner.

2. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has onboarded on National Scholarship Portal-2 for the following schemes:

- (i) Post Matric Scholarship for SC students (for UTs only).
- (ii) Pre Matric Scholarship for SCs (UTs only)
- (iii) Top Class Education scheme for SCs.

3. Most States are operating functional portals for disbursement of scholarships. It has been decided in the meeting of the DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat held on 14.9.2016 that where the State has a functional portal, this will need to share data with NSP through Application Programme Interface (API) in respect of Social Justice & Empowerment scholarship schemes. States will, however, continue to process scholarships on their portal. This activity may be completed by 31.2.2016.

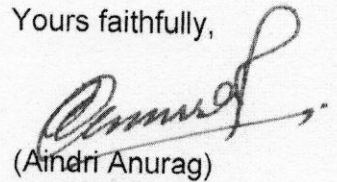
4. A proforma for submitting monthly statements on status of DBT implementation in respect of all DBT compliant schemes of Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India has been circulated vide this office letter No.5-5/2016/SCD dated 19.10.2016 (copy enclosed). You are requested to ensure that information on DBT is furnished by the 10th of every month for uploading on the DBT Bharat Portal.

5. States which do not have functional portal are advised to process and disburse the scholarships according to their laid down procedures or develop portals for the same. Student beneficiaries in certain States have applied on NSP 2.0 for Post and Pre Matric Scholarships for SCs. Since States are not onboarding NSP for these schemes, the assistance of State Information Officers may be taken to retrieve the data so that the applications of those students can be processed by the States for disbursement. The States have been addressed separately on this issue.

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6. In respect of those scholarship schemes which will not be onboarded on NSP, the State must develop ICT based solution and make provision for data sharing with NSP through API by 31.12.2016. For this purpose, NIC has finalised a set of information fields to share on NSP. The detailed API specification document is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



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Encls: 1. API Specification.
2. Letter dated 19.10.2016