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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 19th July, 2014

Sub: Revised Guidelines on Primary (Class-III stage) and Upper Primary (Class-V stage) Scholarship Schemes.

Various Scholarships are being awarded by State Government to meritorious/meritorious-*cum*-poor students of Odisha at Primary (Class-III stage) and Upper Primary (Class-V stage) for motivating students at Primary and Upper Primary level.

The matter regarding enhancement of the scholarship amount streamlining the Scholarship Schemes for effective conduct of examination and putting in place a mechanism for disbursement of stipends within a time frame was under active consideration of Government for some time.

Now Government in School & Mass Education Department after careful consideration have decided to revise the guidelines of the Scholarship Scheme in the following manner:—

This guideline is applicable from the present Academic Year, 2014-15.

A. OBJECTIVE

1. To enhance the scholarship amount to further motivate the poor and meritorious students for higher studies.
2. To raise the Annual Income slab of parents of the students appearing for Merit-*cum*-Poverty Scholarship.
3. To make the examination system more effective.
4. To make the delivery system more accountable and responsible.

B. EXAMINATION

Primary and Upper Primary Scholarships

1. Scholarship Examination for Primary (Class-III stage) and Upper Primary (Class-V stage) will be conducted in the Month of July every year. Normally it would be on 2nd Sunday of every July. In case of any exigency, Directorate/Board of Secondary Education, Odisha will shift the date with approval of Department. The result should be out by 4 weeks of conducting the examination. Within 45 days of publication of result all Scholarships to be disbursed to the students. No deviation is allowed.
2. Syllabus will comprise of entire syllabus of Class-III and entire syllabus of Class-V for Merit & Merit-*cum*-Poverty Scholarship.
3. The examination will be conducted for 100 marks in the subjects like MIL, Mathematics, EVS and Mental ability each carrying 25 marks for Primary (Class-III stage). Similarly for Upper Primary (Class-V stage) the test will be conducted subjects like MIL, Mathematics, Social Study, General Science and Intelligence Test carrying 20 marks each.
4. For Primary (Class-III stage) Scholarships the objective multiple questions will be set by BEO and the answer sheets will also be evaluated by the BEOs.
5. Question on multiple objective type for Class-V will be prepared by Board of Secondary Education, Odisha, Cuttack and answer sheets will be evaluated by concerned BEO.
6. The duration of the examination will be of 2 hours. Each Block should not have more than 2 Centers for better monitoring.

C. ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAR SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

1. Students of Class-III pass out and Class-V pass out are eligible for Primary and Upper Primary Scholarship Examination Test.
2. Students securing more than 60% marks in last Annual Examination are eligible to appear the said Scholarship Examination.
3. Students of Government/Government Aided/Government Recognized Schools are eligible for the examination and maximum 04 (four) students from a School can appear (students up to roll strength 40, student 2 for every 20 additional students 1).
4. Annual Income of the parents of the students appearing for Merit-*cum*-Poverty scholarship should not exceed Rs.1.5 lakhs as specified in National Merit-*cum*-Means Scholarship (NMMS) of Government of India.
5. Parents in possession of Annapurna / Antodaya / Mo Kudia / BPL Card need not submit income certificate separately. They may provide the xerox copy of the same.

Parents not in possession of above documents can produce a self declaration (Format enclosed for ready reference) indicating therein the Annual Income. After the student is selected for scholarship, the parent will have to submit the income certificate in the prescribed format within 2 months.

D. MODE OF SELECTION

1. The students for Merit and Merit-*cum*-Poverty Scholarship will be selected from one Common Scholarship Examination and from same panel list for each Block and Municipality, 7 students will be awarded Merit Scholarship, next 7 students will be eligible for Merit-*cum*-Poverty Scholarship. In case of Berhampur Municipal Corporation, Cuttack Municipal Corporation the number of selected students for Merit and Merit-*cum*-Poverty Scholarship are 14 each and for Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation number of students are 15.

E. MODE OF PAYMENT

Primary Merit and Merit-*cum*-Poverty(Class-III stage) and Upper Primary Merit and Merit-*cum*-Poverty (Class-V stage):

1. Scholarship money will be paid to the awardees electronically. Soon after the result of scholarship examination is declared, the awardees will be requested to submit joint bank account No. (in the name of awardees and one of his or her parents) in the office of BEO. The BEO in turn will electronically transfer the scholarship money to the account of awardees of Class-III students and Class-V students.
2. The selected students will get Rs.100/- per month for 24 months for Primary Merit and Primary Merit-*cum*-Poverty Scholarship and students will get Rs.200/- per months for 24 months for Upper Primary Merit and Upper Primary Merit-*cum*-Poverty Scholarship.

F. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Sl. No.	Kinds of Scholarship	Class/ Stage	Period	Existing Rate of Scholarship	Revised Rate of Scholarship	No. of Scholarship
1	Primary Merit Scholarship	Class-III	2 years (Cl.-IV & V)	Rs.50/- P.M.	Rs.100/- P.M.	2500
2	Primary Merit- <i>cum</i> -Poverty Scholarship	Class-III	2 years (Cl.-IV & V)	Rs.50/- P.M.	Rs.100/- P.M.	2500
3	Upper Primary Merit Scholarship	Class-V	2 years (Cl.-VI & VII)	Rs.100/- P.M.	Rs.200/- P.M.	2500
4	Upper Primary Merit- <i>cum</i> -Poverty Scholarship	Class-V	2 years (Cl.-VI & VII)	Rs.100/- P.M.	Rs.200/- P.M.	2500

G. MONITORING AND SUPERVISION

1. At Block level, BEO and ABEO will supervise and monitor the Scheme. They will ensure that examination is conducted in time. Transparency in the examination and evaluation part will also be looked after by them. Again they will ensure timely deposit of Scholarship money into the account of awardees within 45 days of publication of result.

2. BEO in turn is accountable to the DEO. DEO is required to review the progress of the Scheme in the monthly sharing meeting and to help the BEO in case of any problem.

3. Soon after disbursement is completed, BEO is to submit the U.C. to the Directorate with Bank scroll for onward transmission to Government.

This Department letter No.27232/SME., Dated.26th August, 1994, No.2423/SME., Dated the 27th January,1997 and letter No.13341/SME., Dated the 28th July, 2010 are modified to the above extent.

This has been concurred in by F.D. vide UOR No.105-SS-I.,dated the 31st May, 2014.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the next issue of the *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor

USHA PADHEE

Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government

ANNEXURE- 'A'

- A) Self-declaration for getting services from Government Departments/Local Bodies/Autonomous Institutions under the School & Mass Education Department.

I _____ son/Daughter of Sri _____
 Age _____ Year _____ resident of _____
 District _____ Odisha, hereby declare that the information given above and in the enclosed documents is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein. I am well aware of the fact that if the information given by me is proved false/not true, I will have to face the punishment as per the law. Also, all the benefits availed by me shall be summarily withdrawn.

Signature _____

ANNEXURE- 'B'

- B) Self-declaration for getting admission in the educational institutions under School & Mass Education Department.

I _____ son/Daughter of Sri _____
 Age _____ Year _____ resident of _____
 District _____ Odisha, hereby declare that the information given above and in the enclosed documents is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein. I am well aware of the fact that if the information given by me is proved false/not true, I will have to face the punishment as per the law. Also, all the benefits availed by me shall be summarily withdrawn.

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