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## INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

### NOTIFICATION

The 24th July 2009

No. 10716-ITTI-69/2008-I.—All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have introduced a scheme in the name and style of the Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme for Women, Economically Backward and Physically Handicapped meritorious students to promote Technical Education for women, handicapped and weaker section of the society. AICTE have communicated the guidelines on implementation of the above scheme vide their letter No. 37—03/Legal/2007, dated the 9th April 2007. With a view to implement the above scheme in the State, the same was placed before the Policy Planning Body. After careful consideration of the recommendation of the Policy Planning Body regarding implementation of the scheme, Government have been pleased to implement the scheme in the State from Academic Session, 2009-2010 subject to following guidelines, conditions, stipulation and procedures :

1. The scheme is applicable to Women, Economically Backward and Physically Handicapped meritorious students persuing Degree/Diploma level technical education covering Degree Programme in Engineering and Technology, HMCT, Pharmacy, Architecture, Applied Arts and Crafts and Diploma Programme in above disciplines.

2. The waiver of fee is limited to tuition fee as approved by Fee Structure Committee of the Government. All other fee except tuition fees have to be paid by the beneficiary.

3. The admission shall be same as regular admission and institutions shall provide Tuition Fee Waiver up to 10% of its sanctioned intake capacity. Typically for every 60 sanctioned intake in a branch/discipline of study, Tuition Fee Waiver shall be given to two women candidates, three economically weaker students( annual income of parents/guardians less than Rs. 2.50 lakhs from all sources) and one physically handicapped students based on merit. In the events of non-availability of students in a specific category as above, the benefit will be given to other categories accordingly to merit.

The Institution in turn shall be allowed to admit 10% of it's sanctioned intake or number of actual Tuition Fee Waiver granted by the institution whichever is lower, as an additional intake in the same discipline/branch of study.

4. The AICTE approved technical institutions shall inform the number of the Tuition Fee Waivers, branchwise to the Chairman OJEE and V.C. B.P.U.T. and Government of Orissa, Industries Department and give an undertaking that the institution will not charge tuition fees for the duration of the course from the beneficiaries.

5. B.P.U.T. shall allow equal number of seats over and above the present sanctioned strength subject to maximum of 10% of the approved intake in the same branch in lieu of the Tuition Fee Waivers. Private Institutions shall be allowed to admit students to the tune of the number of Tuition Fee Waivers actually awarded from the same merit list as intake over and above the present sanctioned strength. Similarly the Government Institutions may fill up these additional seats on merit basis and if desired on self-financing basis with the approval of the State Government.

6. The Chairman, OJEE shall include the names of the institutions who have volunteered to avail the scheme with details of Tuition Fee Waivers available in each institution branchwise in the admission brochure and publish the same for the benefit of students.

7. The Institutions have to publish in their brochure and Website the number of Tuition Fee Waivers available in each category (women, economically weaker and physically handicapped) of students in each discipline.

8. The Chairman, OJEE shall have to display Tuition Fee Waiver status against each Institution, branchwise, to the candidates during the counselling, during admission and at the end of admission process so that the students can freely exercise their informed choice.

9. The information on availability of Tuition Fee Waiver scheme shall be provided to the candidates, institutionwise and disciplinewise through Information Brochure, Counselling brochure and Website, etc. The selection of candidates for Tuition Fee Waiver shall be decided during the counselling based on merit from amongst the eligible candidates. An eligible candidate shall have an option to exercise his/her choice of Institutions and discipline of study during Counselling for availing benefits of the scheme.

10. The Institutions shall provide the following information to the AICTE, State Government in Industries Department and B.P.U.T., Rourkela.

(a) Particulars of each beneficiary including name and rank of the students who have been granted Tuition Fee Waiver in each discipline/branch of study; and

(b) Details of the students admitted against the additional seats including name and rank etc. according to merit prescribed for regular admission.

The Institutions shall also display such information in their Websites for information to the students and other stakeholders.

11. The Tuition Fee Waiver to a student shall be for the duration of the course i.e. four years for Bachelor courses in Engineering & Technology, Pharmacy, HMCT and Applied Arts and Crafts, and three years for Diploma students and five years for B. Arch course. Once a student is given Tuition Fee Waiver, the same shall be continued for the normal course duration.

Any clarification on the prescribed provisions on implementation of the scheme, if so necessary, the decision of Government in Industries Department is final and binding.

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ORDER—Ordered that the Notification be published in extraordinary issue of *Orissa Gazettee* for general information and copies to be forwarded to all Departments of Government and B.P.U.T., Rourkela .

By order of the Governor

SAURABH GARG

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government