No. SS-1/2020-Scholarship-MoMA Government of India Ministry of Minority Affairs

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To

Principal Secretary/Secretary
Department of Minority Welfare
(All States/ UTs).

Subject: Implementation of Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme during 2022-23 – Verification of applications regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to inform that the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 makes it obligatory for the Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education (classes I to VIII) to each and every child. Accordingly only students studying in classes IX and X are covered under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs. It has been decided in this Ministry also to award Scholarships to the students of Classes IX and X only, under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, during the year 2022-23.

- 2. In this regard, a NOTICE has already been uploaded on National Scholarship Portal (copy enclosed). In addition, SMSs are also being sent to all INOs/DNOs and SNOs with the advice to do the verification accordingly.
- 3. It is requested that the application verifying authorities at L-1 and L-2 levels may be directed to verify only the applications received from the students of Classes IX and X, under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme.
- 4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Dhruv Chakravarty) Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India. Tel. 011- 24360852

Copy to:

- 1. Joint Secretary, DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi
- 2. Deputy Director General, NIC-NSP, CGO Complex New Delhi.
- 3. State Nodal Officers of all States/UTs.

Copy for information to:

- 1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs.
- 2. APS to Hon'ble Minister of State for Minority Affairs.
- 3. Sr. PPS to Secretary (MA).
- 4. PPS to Joint Secretary (Edn.)/ PPS to Joint Secretary (CPSB)/ PS to Joint Secretary (SD)/ PA to DDG (RS)/ PS to Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor, MOMA.

NOTICE

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The Institute Nodal Officer (INO)/District Nodal Officer (DNO)/State Nodal Officer (SNO) may accordingly verify applications only for classes IX and X under the Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme of Ministry of Minority Affairs.
