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Sub: Streamlining and fast tracking release of various Central Government scholarships – regarding.

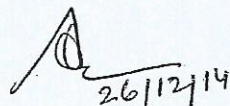
The Government of India is administering various scholarship schemes for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities. These scholarship schemes are being administered through Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Minority Affairs. It is noticed that there are inordinate delays in actual release of these scholarships resulting in hardship to the beneficiary students.

2. In view of the above, the following decisions regarding scholarships under the respective Schemes of the Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment, Tribal Affairs, Minority Affairs, are hereby conveyed for necessary compliance to ensure timelines in disbursement of scholarships under these Schemes:

- (i) From the next academic year onwards (2015-16), all scholarships shall be released directly to the Bank Accounts of the beneficiary students with or without Aadhaar. As such, each intended beneficiary student will need to have a bank account. Wherever the beneficiary student does not have the bank account, the account of the parent (preferably mother) should be considered for transfer of the scholarship amount.
- (ii) The scholarship amounts to be transferred would cover the Central Government's share of scholarship. The scholarship amount so transferred would be lump sum of all items under different sub-heads which will be clubbed together and transferred.
- (iii) The special assistance being provided to students with disabilities (for aids and appliances, assistance for helper or other support measure) would be separately accounted for.
- (iv) It would be the responsibility of the concerned administrative Ministry of the Central Government to ensure that scholarship are released by State Governments/UT Administration to the beneficiary students every quarters without fail.

- (v) It would be the responsibility of the concerned administrative Ministry of the Central Government to ensure that all beneficiaries of scholarship scheme administered through Ministry of Social Justice, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Minority Affairs have an Aadhaar Number. For this purpose, the concerned administrative Ministry of Central Government will coordinate with the State Governments/UT Administrations to establish that database of all beneficiary records is digitized and Aadhaar Number incorporated against each beneficiary record. Beneficiaries without Aadhaar Numbers are to be identified for priority enrolment by informing the State Registrar of the State Governments/UT Administration who will then coordinate with the concerned Regional Office of UIDAI to ensure priority enrolment of the beneficiaries by December, 2014 and latest by 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.
- (vi) Selection and identification of the beneficiary students is the primary responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administration.
- (vii) The data in respect of the beneficiary students in the e-Scholarship Portal are to be filled up by the concerned State Government/UT Administration.
- (viii) The e-Scholarship Portal is being designed by Department of Electronics and Communication Technology and should be ready for operationalization by 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.
- (ix) The Central Ministries administering the scholarship schemes are to do a background exercise of mapping predominantly Tribal or Scheduled Caste areas with no bank branches and take up the matter with Department of Financial Services for necessary instruction to the lead banks in the identified areas for operationalization of mobile banking service in such areas to facilitate students to open bank accounts.
- (x) In case of renewal of scholarship, the scholarship amount is to be released before the schools/institutions reopen in June or July.

This issues with the approval of Secretary (Planning Commission) and Secretary, Expenditure.

  
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- (ii) Secretary, Deptt. of Disability Affairs, 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
- (iii) Secretary, M/o Tribal Affairs, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- (iv) Secretary, M/o Minority Affairs, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi – 110 003.

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