ASSESSMENT OF GOVERNMENT POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR TRIBES AND EVALUATION OF SUCCESS: A STUDY OF NANDED DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

A scholarship is an award of financial aid for a student to further his or her education. Scholarships are awarded based upon various criteria, which usually reflect the values and purposes of the donor or founder of the award. Scholarship money is not required to be repaid. Scheme covers professional, technical as well as non-professional and non-technical courses at various levels including correspondence courses covering distance and continuing education. The Scheme was introduced during the year 1944-45 and has since been revised from time to time. The last revision of the scheme has been made w.e.f. 01.04.2013. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. 100% Central assistance over and above the committed liability of the States Governments/UTs Admn. from the Government of India. The Scheme provides financial assistance to the Scheduled Tribe students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage. Scholarships are available for studies in India only. The State Government and UT to which the applicant actually belongs awards the scholarship. The scheme also covers central assistance to States/UTs for setting up Book Banks.

Keywords: Post Matric Scholarship; ITDP (Integrated Tribal Development Project); Government Policy

INTRODUCTION

The post matric scholarship Scheme was introduced during the year 1944-45 by central govt. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to students belonging to Scheduled Tribes pursuing Post-Matriculation recognized courses in recognized institutions. A scholarship is an award of financial aid for a student to further his or her education. Scholarships are awarded based upon various criteria, which usually reflect the values and purposes of the donor or founder of the award. Scholarship money is not required to be repaid.

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courses at various levels and the scheme also includes correspondence courses including distance and continuing education. The scheme is implemented by the State Government and UT Administrations, which receive 100% Central Assistance over and above the committed liability which is required to be borne by them from their own budgetary provisions.

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

This study is based on the only secondary data. The data is collected through Wikipedia and various search engine through internet. And also from some authors research papers, ITDP yearly report and literature also. Government policies about post matric scholarship are also involved in this paper.

**RESEARCH OBJECTIVE**

Research objective are following

1. To find out government policy about post matric scholarship.
2. To know the benefit of the post matric scholarship in Nanded district.
3. To find out problems to tribes in the scholarship scheme.

**RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS**

For this study research hypotheses are as follows

1. Scholarship amount is the survival to the tribal students.
2. Mostly students are getting problem in the scholarship whole procedure.

**Features of the Scheme**

- A Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.
- 100% Central assistance over and above the committed liability of the States Governments/UTs Admn. from the Government of India.
- The Scheme provides financial assistance to the Scheduled Tribe students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage.
- Scholarships are available for studies in India only.
- The State Government and UT to which the applicant actually belongs awards the scholarship.
- The scheme also covers central assistance to States/UTs for setting up Book Banks.

**Eligibility provisions under Post Matric Scholarship**

- Scholarships are paid to students whose parent’s/guardian’s income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum.
- All children of the same parents/guardian are eligible.
- Scheduled Tribe candidates who have passed the matriculation or higher secondary or any higher examination of a recognized University or Board of Secondary Education are eligible.

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The scholarships are available for the study of all recognized post matriculation or post-secondary courses in recognized institutions except certain identified training courses like Aircraft Maintenance Engineer’s Courses, Private Pilot License courses etc.

Students studying through correspondence courses are eligible.

Employed students on leave without pay for the entire duration of a full time course are eligible for course.

The scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship / stipend.

Students who have received coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Government will not be eligible.

Advantage to the Student with Terms and Condition

Scholars are Paid

Fees for enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the Institution or University / Board.

- Study tours charges up to a maximum of Rs. 1600/- per annum.
- Thesis typing and printing charges up to a maximum of Rs. 1600/- for the research scholars.
- Additional allowances to the ST students with disabilities at the prescribed rates for different degree of disability.
- Annual allowance of Rs.1200/- for essential/prescribed books, besides reimbursement of course fees to correspondence course students.

Maintenance and Allowance

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<td>(i) Degree and Post Graduate level courses including M.Phil, Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral research in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary &amp; Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance / Administration, Computer Science / Applications.</td>
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Central assistance to States/UTs for setting up of Book Banks is given @ prescribed rates. For the degree courses maximum limit is Rs. 7500/- for a set of books for two students and for Post-Graduate course @ Rs. 5000/- per student.

In Nanded District Number of colleges and Number of beneficiaries in 2 years:

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FINDINGS

1. Most of the tribal students are get the scholarship benefits.
2. With the help of post matric scholarship tribal students gets the higher education.
3. All tribal students are eligible to post matric tribal scholarship.
4. Students are face the problems in form filling procedure through information technology.

CONCLUSION

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The scheme is provided by ITDP from the form filling procedure to disbursement of amount. All the data about the beneficiaries and the amount sanction for that scheme is also maintain by ITDP. Overall with the help of scholarship tribal students are get the benefit in studying higher education.

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