



**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
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**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - PRE MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR  
SOCIALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD STUDENTS 2020-21**

The Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Students belonging to Socially and Educationally Backward Classes for studies in India is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented through the State Government and Union Territories and has been in operation since 1998-99. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC students studying at pre matriculation or secondary stage. The scholarships are awarded through the State Government/UT Administration to which the applicant belongs to, i.e. permanently settled, for study in recognized institutions. The scheme is an open- ended scheme and the current eligibility conditions are (i) parental income from all sources should not exceed Rs 2.5 lakh p.a. and (ii) the institution should be a recognised one as per the scheme guidelines. State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are sanctioned Central Assistance (CA) at par with Notional Allocation as conveyed at the beginning of Financial Year. The scheme runs on sharing pattern of 50:50 (Central:State).

2. Although many SEBC students have availed benefits under this scheme and have secured admission in post-matriculation institutes/organisation, still the Gross Enrolment Ratio of SEBCs in higher education lags behind the national average (25.8%). It has been the endeavour of Government to raise the admission percentage of SEBCs in higher education after completing secondary stage.

#### **Target for 2020-21**

3. The State- wise targets (taken as per average of previous years' records) and their tentative notional Allocation for 2020-21 has been given at **Annexure I**. These targets are only indicative targets and State can propose higher or lower target depending on their specific circumstances/requirements.

#### **Plans at the State level**

4. The Notional Allocation (NA) under the Scheme as given in this plan has been done in proportion to their total population as per census. The States are requested to prepare their Annual Action Plans showing the number of students proposed to be covered under the scheme, the eligibility, guidelines and the systems for disbursement and monitoring.

#### **Modalities of implementation**

5. Database: There has to be an online portal for each State covering all aspects of this scheme and the data from these has to be transferred to the central portal on periodic basis. In case, any State/UT needs support, the Central Ministry will make the

portal available for their use.

6. All the State Governments/UT Admns. will announce in May-June, the details of the Scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers of the State and through other media outfits. All requests for application forms and other particulars should be addressed to the concerned State/UT to which students actually belong. The applicant should submit the completed application to the prescribed authority before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications.

7. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT): All payments under the scheme, including the tuition fee reimbursement, would need to be made to the bank account of the student only, using the DBT system. Most of the States are already on DBT mode. All States/UTs are requested to make suitable arrangements for this purpose if not already done. No other form of payment should be acceptable under the scheme.

### Central Assistance for the Scheme

8. The release of Central funds will be done to the State Government as per the following schedule as far as possible:

S.N	Line of Action	Timeline
1	Finalization of Notional Allocation	30.04.2020
2	Seeking Proposal from State/UT within Notional Allocation	30.05.2020
3	Release of Central Assistance as per the received proposal – first half year (50%)	30.06.2020
4	Uploading of enrolment data of the students in the database	01.10.2020
5	Release of 2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment (50%)	30.11.2020

9. Monitoring of the scheme: The State Government shall set up a robust monitoring mechanism for monitoring the academic progress of the students enrolled to the scheme. The updated database shall be uploaded in the Central Servers every quarter which shows both the physical (details of the students paid) and financial (amount released) progress.

### Annexure-I

Notional Allocation under the scheme of Pre- Matric Scholarship for OBCs during the year 2020-21				
S.N	State/UTs	Population in crore (2011 Census)	Amount and beneficiaries in lakh	
			Notional Allocation proposed as per population	Target Beneficiaries 2020-21
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	4.91	967.00	0.450
2	Bihar	10.38	2045.00	0.500
3	Chattisgarh	2.55	502.00	5.300

4	Goa	0.15	30.00	0.100
5	Gujarat	6.04	1190.00	0.510
6	Haryana	2.54	500.00	0.380
7	Himachal Pradesh	0.69	136.00	0.100
8	Jharkhand	3.3	650.00	15.000
9	Karnataka	6.11	1204.00	11.000
10	Kerala	3.34	658.00	3.060
11	Madhya Pradesh	7.26	1430.00	0.000
12	Maharashtra	11.24	2214.00	0.000
13	Odisha	4.19	825.00	1.000
14	Punjab	2.77	546.00	2.000
15	Rajasthan	6.86	1352.00	2.150
16	Tamil Nadu	7.21	1420.00	1.200
17	Telangana	3.56	701.00	0.000
18	Uttar Pradesh	19.96	3932.00	2.100
19	Uttarakhand	1.01	199.00	0.000
20	West Bengal	9.13	1799.00	3.670
<b>ROC 3601 total</b>		<b>113.20</b>	<b>22300.00</b>	<b>48.520</b>
21	Assam	3.12	2047.00	0.000
22	Manipur	0.27	177.00	0.000
23	Sikkim	0.06	40.00	0.010
24	Tripura	0.36	236.00	0.530
<b>NE 2552 total</b>		<b>3.81</b>	<b>2500.00</b>	<b>0.540</b>
25	Jammu & Kashmir	1.25	41.00	0.400
26	Delhi	1.68	55.00	0.100
27	Puducherry	0.12	4.00	0.030
<b>UT (with legis) 3602 total</b>		<b>3.05</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.530</b>
28	Andaman & Nicobar Island	0.02	11.00	0.010
29	Chandigarh	0.11	61.00	0.010
30	Dadra & Nagar Havali	0.03	17.00	0.000
31	Daman & Diu	0.02	11.00	0.400
<b>UT (w/o legis) 2225 total</b>		<b>0.18</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.420</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>120.24</b>	<b>25000.00</b>	<b>50.010</b>