

## **Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy for Overseas Studies for OBC/EBC students**

The scheme of Interest Subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies will promote educational advancement of students from Other Backward Classes and Economically Backward Classes.

### **Objective**

The objective of the scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious students belonging to the Other Backward Classes and Economically Backward Classes so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability. This is a Central Sector Scheme to provide interest subsidy to the student belonging to the OBCs and EBCs on the interest payable for the period of moratorium for the Education Loans for overseas studies to pursue approved courses of studies abroad at Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. level.

### **Budget**

The Budget Estimate for the year 2020-21 is Rs. 35.00 Crore.

### **Achievement**

The details of beneficiaries, subsidy amount and facilitation charges paid to Nodal Bank are as follows:-

Year	No. of Students	Interest Amount	Subsidy Amount paid by Ministry	Facilitation charges		
				@15 per 1000	Paid to Nodal Bank	Pending Commission
2017-18	1820	138346583	138346583	2075199	1476623	598576
2018-19	3163	209488123	209488123	3142322	NIL	3142322
2019-20*	2171	115768632	NIL	Awaited	NIL	Awaited
2020-21#	5000	250000000	=	=	=	=

\* Claim Details upto September quarter of 2019-20.

# estimated figure for 2020-21.

**Note:** Interest Subsidy claims details for the quarter ending in December-2019 and March- 2020 are to be sought from Nodal Bank in the month of April 2020 as per the timeline mentioned below. The demands as projected by nodal Bank and facilitation charges of previous year will be fulfilled from B.E of 2020-21.

### **Process of Implementation**

- i. Canara Bank shall act as facilitator between Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI and the Banks for the purpose of smooth implementation of the Interest Subsidy Scheme.

- ii. Canara Bank has a dedicated portal/software for implementation including generation and retrieval of information/Reports on the Scheme.
- iii. Recommendatory Committee headed by Joint Secretary in-charge of the scheme with representatives of Finance Division, representative of designated Bank concerned, Director/Deputy Secretary as convener will examine and recommend the proposal from Nodal Bank for award of interest subsidy on quarterly basis. To the extent possible, the benefit of interest Subsidy will be given to eligible EBCs & Centrally notified OBC communities, as per the Scheme. The Interest subsidy under the Scheme shall be available to the eligible students only once, either for the Masters course or the M.Phil/Ph.D for the actual period of study. The benefit of the Scheme shall not be available for those students who either discontinue the course midstream due to any reason except on medical grounds and for those who are expelled from the Institutions on disciplinary or academic grounds. The interest subsidy claims shall be sanctioned by the Recommendatory Committee, subject to availability of budgetary resources allocated under the Scheme by the Government.
- iv. The benefit under the Scheme shall be available to those students belonging to OBC & EBC communities having annual income, as laid down in the Scheme.

### **Timeline**

<b>S.N</b>	<b>Line of Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening of web-portal quarterly for subsidy claims submission</b>	<b>Dec-19 &amp; Mar-2020</b>	<b>1 to 15 April, 2020</b>
		<b>June-2020</b>	<b>1 to 15 July, 2020</b>
		<b>Sept-2020</b>	<b>1 to 15 Oct, 2020</b>
		<b>Dec-2020</b>	<b>1 to 15 Jan, 2021</b>
		<b>Mar-2021</b>	<b>1 to 15 Apr, 2021</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Recommendatory Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Dec-19 &amp; Mar-2020</b>	<b>Last week of April,2020</b>
		<b>June-2020</b>	<b>Last week of July,2020</b>
		<b>Sept-2020</b>	<b>Last week of October,2020</b>
		<b>Dec-2020</b>	<b>Last week of</b>

			<b>January,2021</b>
		<b>Mar-2021</b>	<b>Last week of April,2021</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Release of Central Assistance as per demand of each qtr.</b>	<b>Dec-19 &amp; Mar-2020</b>	<b>1 to 15 May, 2020</b>
		<b>June-2020</b>	<b>1 to 15 August, 2020</b>
		<b>Sept-2020</b>	<b>1 to 15 November, 2020</b>
		<b>Dec-2020</b>	<b>1 to 15 February, 2021</b>
		<b>Mar-2021</b>	<b>1 to 15 May, 2021</b>

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