



**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
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**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
DR AMBEDKAR POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR
ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD STUDENTS 2020-21**

Dr Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Students belonging to Economically Backward Classes for studies in India (PMS-EBC) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented through the State Government and Union Territories and has been in operation since 2014-15.

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the EBC students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. 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 eligibility conditions under the scheme are (i) parental income from all sources should not exceed Rs 1.00 lakh p.a. and (ii) the institution should be government recognised one as per the scheme guidelines.

Target for 2020-21

2. The State-wise allocation has been made based on the number of households with 3 or more deprivation points (out of 7) as per the SECC-2011 (rural) database. A total of 25,000 students are proposed to be financed at an average of Rs. 10,000 per student per year. (The detailed State-wise allocation is in **Table -1**). The States are free to add to this as per their requirement, meeting the additional cost from their own budget. The following may be kept in view:

- a) The State Governments may evolve their own system for identification of the students for the scholarship.
- b) All the identified students need to upload their data on the online portal.
- c) The payment has to be made to the student account only through DBT mode.
- d) The modalities framed by the States/UTs should adequately ensure a time-bound process for release of scholarship to the students to prevent any hardship to them on this account.

Table1: Allocation of the post matric scholarships to EBC students (non SC/ST rural households facing deprivations as per SECC 2011)

States/ UTs Name	HHs with 3 or more deprivation points	Financial allocation (Rs lakh)	Physical target (number of students)
ANDHRA PRADESH	455949	157.293	1573
HARYANA	54143	18.678	187
KERALA	54944	18.954	190
NCT OF DELHI	1627	0.561	6
PUNJAB	29705	10.248	102
UTTARAKHAND	31841	10.984	110
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	696	0.240	2
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	981	0.338	3
ASSAM	224767	77.540	775
BIHAR	1491185	514.426	5144
CHHATTISGARH	276847	95.506	955
DAMAN AND DIU	254	0.088	1
GOA	1929	0.665	7
GUJARAT	194019	66.932	669
HIMACHAL PRADESH	12483	4.306	43
JAMMU & KASHMIR/Ladakh	18294	6.311	63
JHARKHAND	130736	45.101	451
KARNATAKA	177505	61.235	612
MADHYA PRADESH	651820	224.864	2249
MAHARASHTRA	451192	155.651	1557
MANIPUR	3418	1.179	12
MEGHALAYA	3197	1.103	11
NAGALAND	536	0.185	2
ODISHA	354255	122.210	1222
PUDUCHERRY	3974	1.371	14
RAJASTHAN	359244	123.931	1239
SIKKIM	669	0.231	2
TAMILNADU	576096	198.741	1987
TELANGANA	204236	70.457	705
TRIPURA	9357	3.228	32
UTTAR PRADESH	716473	247.168	2472
WEST BENGAL	754318	260.223	2602
All India	7246833	2500.000	25000

3. Identification process: The States are required to take up identification of the students for fresh enrolment by taking up systematic drive covering all the higher secondary schools and encouraging the pupils who dropped out after Class 12th to come back to higher education which in most cases, they are already doing.

4. Identification of course with employment potential: It is essential that the fresh enrolments to the extent possible are made in the courses which are having employment potential. For this purpose, the State may do an exercise in consultation with the Higher Education Department of the State Government, and the State Skill Mission for identifying courses which would improve the employment potential of the students. The enrolment in long term skill development courses would also be counted against this target. It is strongly advised that fresh enrolment may be made in these courses.

Modalities of implementation

5. Database: There has to be an online portal for each State covering all aspects of the PMS scheme which most of the States have. 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 intimate all the higher educational institutions to choose the EBC students already admitted in their institution who fulfil the criteria to apply for the scholarship in the online portal.

7. All applications shall be taken only ONLINE in the online portal of the Scheme. The database should contain all the particulars of the student along with their Aadhaar number / or any other identity, the course in which admission has been taken, academic particulars, bank details etc. It is expected that the database is automatically updated as and when online payment is done as per the scheme guidelines.

8. 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

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

Action	Timeline
States to prepare Plan of action and share with MOSJE	30.05.2020
Release of Central Assistance as per the received proposal (50%)	30.06.2020
Online registration on the portal (States to assist)	31.07.2020
Sanction to be generated by the State and intimation of students	15.08.2020
Transfer of funds to students by States using DBT	31.08.2020
Release of 2 nd instalment (50%)	31.12.2020

10. 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. Most of the States do have one. On the physical aspects the States/UTs implementing the Scheme will be required to furnish Quarterly Progress Reports regarding the number of beneficiaries receiving award under the Scheme, both class-wise and gender-wise. On the financial side, details of actual expenditure incurred during the last financial year and expenditure proposed for the present financial year will be submitted by the States/UTs concerned. The States/UTs implementing the scheme will also be insisted upon to submit the latest audited accounts.
