



**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment**

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN - DR AMBEDKAR PRE & POST MATRIC
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR DNTs 2020-21**

Dr Ambedkar Pre and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Students belonging DNTs for studies in India is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented through the State Government and Union Territories and has been in operation since 2014-15. The Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs) have been at the peripheries of the society for a long time. While benefits of reservations, scholarships etc. were available to SCs/STs/OBCs, no such welfare schemes are available for the welfare of these DNTs i.e. those who are not covered under SC, ST or OBC. The Scheme is for bringing about a focused intervention on these classes so that they are empowered socially and economically and their lives are also improved. This scheme is of continuous and permanent nature. The scholarship schemes is for individual beneficiaries not covered under any scheme. The financial assistance would be released to the State Governments/UT Administrations/ Universities/Colleges which would cater to the requirements of the students belonging to DNT communities. The current eligibility conditions are (i) parental income from all sources should not exceed Rs 2.00 lakh p.a. and (ii) the institution should be recognised one as per the scheme guidelines.

Target for 2020-21

2. The Idathe commission has listed the number of DNT/N/SN communities state-wise which are not included in any of the reservation categories (not included in SC/ST/OBC). The exact number of population of these communities is not enumerated. However, for the purpose of allocation of resources, it is proposed that 10,000 students from these communities could be identified for giving of scholarship. The selection shall be made in the following manner:

- a) The State-wise allocation has been made in the ratio of ***number of "DNT/N/SN communities not included in SC/ST/OBC categories"*** found in that State. (Table1)
- b) The list of these communities shall be intimated by States to the educational institutions with a request to identify students from these communities, and send proposals using the online system
- c) The first priority would be to fund the students who have reached the post-matric stage.
- d) The income criteria of Rs. 2 lakh per annum would apply as per the scheme guidelines.
- e) For each community, in each State, at least 25 students shall be identified for scholarship. If more number of students are found, the merit criteria can

be followed.

Table 1: Allocation of Scholarships of DNT/N/SN communities not categorized into SC/ST/OBC

State/UT	DNT/N/SN Communities (not included as SC/ST/OBC) as per Idate Committee Report				Financial allocation (Rs Lakh)	Physical target (Number of students)
	DNT	Nomadic	Semi Nomadic	Total		
AP	15	13	0	28	104	1045
Arunachal	0	5	0	5	19	187
Assam	0	1	0	1	4	37
Bihar	4	13	0	17	63	634
Chhattisgarh	0	5	0	5	19	187
Daman/diu	0	1	0	1	4	37
Delhi	0	4	0	4	15	149
Gujarat	0	4	0	4	15	149
Haryana	26	9	0	35	131	1306
HP	0	6	0	6	22	224
J&K	3		0	3	11	112
Jharkhand	3	4	0	7	26	261
Karnataka	4	4	0	8	30	299
Kerala	0	3	0	3	11	112
Maha	0	4	0	4	15	149
MP	6	26	0	32	119	1194
Odisha	0	5	0	5	19	187
Puducherry	7	3	0	10	37	373
Punjab	7	2	0	9	34	336
Rajasthan	1	13	0	14	52	522
Sikkim	0	1	2	3	11	112
TN	0	11	0	11	41	410
Tripura	0	1	0	1	4	37
UK	6	2	0	8	30	299
UP	11	28	0	39	146	1455
WB	1	4	0	5	19	187
Total	94	172	2	268	1000	10000

However, States/UTs would be free to allocate funds from the State-Plan, over and above the sum of “Central assistance and State share (25%)” for funding additional scholarships under the Scheme. Any such additional expenditure will have to be borne by the State Government/UT Administration itself, and will generally not be eligible for reimbursement from the Centre. However, such additional expenditure incurred by a State/UT may be considered for reimbursement by the Central Government, to the extent of availability of savings, towards the end of a financial year.

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. All the selected students shall be registered in the online portal by the institution concerned.

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. The project is being implemented by BC Division of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The norms and conditions of the Scheme will be revised as and when required with the approval of the competent authority. Funds are being released to the State Governments/Union Territories as per their requirement. 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.

Central Assistance for the Scheme

6. 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

7. Monitoring of the scheme: The monitoring of the projects would at various stages as under:

- (i) Central level – Steering Committee of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Chairmanship of Secretary/Addl. Secretary
- (ii) State level – Monitoring Committee of the concerned State Government under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Backward Classes.
- (iii) District level – Implementation Committee in the concerned Districts under the Chairmanship of Collector/DM.