F.No.9/21/2017-SS Government of India Ministry of Minority Affairs

11th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003 Dated 25.08.2017.

To

The Chief Secretary/Administrator
All State Government/UT Administration.

Subject: Extension of last date till 30.09.2017 for submission of Fresh online applications under the Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for minority communities for the year 2017-18-reg.

Madam / Sir.

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 31.05.2017 conveying physical target for fresh scholarships and timelines activities for the year 2017-18 under three scholarship schemes viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for minority communities for the year 2017-18.

- 2. It has been observed that despite nearly three months of opening of the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) for online implementation of these three scholarship schemes, the number of fresh applications received on the portal are still very low as compared to the State/Community-wise allocations stipulated for 2017-18.
- 3. It has, thus, now been decided with the Competent Authority to extend the last date for receipt of **'Fresh'** online applications under all these three Scholarship Schemes till 30.09.2017. The last date for applying Renewal applications shall continue to be 31.08.2017.
- 4. It is further observed that in case of many States, the number of applications is exceptionally low or not very reasonable compared to their Community-wise allocations stipulated for 2017-18. Although a request has been made earlier to them for publishing of advertisements, giving wide publicity and taking all initiatives to ensure maximum possible fresh applications, it is once again requested that each of such state may go for such measures once again and in a more explicit manner.

Yours faithfully,

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