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Government of India  
Ministry of Minority Affairs

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To

Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner,  
Govt. of \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Subject : Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of Pre-matric Scholarship for students belonging to the minority communities – nomination of Nodal Officers regarding**

Sir/Madam,

The Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme to students belonging to the minority communities is implemented by this Ministry with the objective to encourage parents from minority communities to send their school going children to school, lighten their financial burden on school education and sustain their efforts to support their children to complete school education. It is, therefore, vital that the scholarship amount reached the beneficiaries at the earliest possible time.

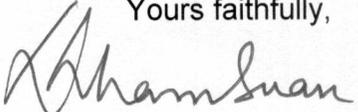
2. It has been decided that, from the Financial Year 2015-16, the entire scholarship amount i.e. Admission Fee, Tuition Fee (wherever applicable) and the Maintenance Allowance will be directly credited to beneficiary's bank account.

3. In this regard, it is clarified that for students of classes I to VIII the scholarship amount may be credited to (i) the bank account of their parents/ guardian; or (ii) the family bank account (opened under Prime Minister's Jan Dhan Yojana); or (iii) students own bank account. In other words, disbursal of Pre-matric Scholarship through bank account is mandatory. Such account may be in the name of the beneficiary or in the name of parents/guardian's or family bank account (opened under Prime Minister's Jan Dhan Yojana). However, for students in classes IX and X the bank should be opened in their own name.

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4. During 2015-16, students in classes IX and X will have the option to apply online in the dedicated web portal of e-national scholarship being developed by Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communications & IT, Government of India. Online applications for Pre-matric Scholarship will be mandatory from 2016-17 for these students (i.e. classes IX and X).
5. The bank accounts of the students are to be seeded with their Aadhar number for enabling "Aadhar based" Direct Benefit Transfer of scholarships. For students not having Aadhar number, Aadhar enrolment drive may be carried out at the earliest.
6. It is, therefore, requested that the following line of action may be carried out by the State/UT on top priority basis and completed by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015.
  - (i) Drive for Aadhar enrolment for students not having Aadhar number;
  - (ii) Drive for opening of bank accounts (in their own name or in the name of their parents) for students not having bank accounts;
  - (iii) Seeding of Aadhar with the bank accounts for students already having Aadhar and bank account; and
7. Nomination of a Nodal Officer under the Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme in respect of your State/UT. The full details of the Officer so nominated may be sent to this Ministry latest by 08<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

Yours faithfully,



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