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Abstract

Backward Communities Development Department - Overseas Scholarship to OBC students seeking admission in rated Foreign Universities - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

BACKWARD COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O (Rt) No. 11/2014/BCDD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 24/01/2014.

- Read:-
1. Lr. No. BCDD/A1/684/2013, dated 03/12/2013 from the Director, Backward Communities Development Department.
 2. Minutes of the Departmental Working Group held on 10/01/2014.

ORDER

Director, Backward Communities Development Department vide letter read 1st paper submitted a proposal for administrative sanction for launching Overseas Scholarship Scheme for assisting financially poor but academically well performed OBC students seeking admission in rated Foreign Universities for the financial year 2013-14 at an estimated cost of Rs. 200/- lakhs, meeting the expenditure under the Head of account 2225-03-277-91(plan) of the Current Year's Budget Estimates.

The proposal was placed before the Departmental Working Group held on 10/01/2014. After detailed discussion, the Working Group approved the Proposal subject to the following conditions.

The Scholarship will be provided to 20 selected OBC candidates for pursuing Master Level courses in Engineering, Management, Pure Sciences, Agricultural Sciences and Medicine. The financial assistance subject to a maximum of Rs. 10 lakhs will be provided over a period of 3 years or the completion of the course which ever is less.

Eligibility criteria :-

Minimum Qualifications:- First Class or 60(sixty)% marks or equivalent grade in relevant Bachelors Degree. Preference would be given to candidates with work experience especially to those who are on lien with their existing post and employer.

Age Limit :- Below 40 years as on the 1st day of the month inviting applications.

Annual Income:- Annual income of the family of the beneficiary shall not exceed Rs. 6 lakhs.

Components of the scholarship:- Air charges from India to the nearest place to the educational institutions and back to India, by economy class and shortest route in arrangements with the national carrier, Actual course fees, Maintenance allowance, (subject to a maximum of 14,000 US Dollars).

Selection Committee :- A Committee consisting of the Principal Secretary (BCDD) as the Chairman, Director, BCDD, and a nominee of Higher Education Department of the rank of Additional Secretary will complete the process of selection.

The scholarship will be provided to the candidate who join in any University/Institutes of

their choice within the list maintained by this department (**Annexure 1**). However, other universities will be considered if candidate provides due justification of its worth and repute.

If the recipient of the scholarship violates the terms of assistance, or will not complete the course successfully, the Scholarship amount will be recovered from parental properties having value of not less than one and half time of the total amount of the scholarship or from the surety of two Govt. Employees having eight years remaining service with net salary of Rs.25000/-p.m . Necessary clauses shall be included in the bond/agreement to be executed in this regard between the Department and the beneficiary.

The grant shall be released on the basis of confirmation letter from the Institution, clarifying no other scholarships or grant is paid by the Institution itself. The awardees are permitted to supplement their prescribed allowances by undertaking Research/Teaching Assistantship upto US Dollars 2400/- (Two Thousand Four Hundred) per annum and for awardees in United Kingdom, Great Britain Pound (GBP) 1560/- (One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty) per annum. And if the Research/Teaching Assistantship is beyond these prescribed ceilings, their annual maintenance allowance under the Scheme will be correspondingly reduced by the Government.

In case the number of eligible candidates are above the number of scholarships, the priority criteria for selection will be the income of the candidate.(lower income given priority), and thereafter the academic performance.

The relevant mandatory conditions prescribed for the Scheme are detailed below:

- i) The awardees will be governed by the following Regulations of the Central Sector Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for SC candidates with effect from Financial Year 2007-08 to Financial Year 2011-12 (Plan), as amended from time to time by the Government of India.
- ii) Only one child of the same parents/guardians will be eligible.
- iii) The award can be availed only once by the candidate under the Scheme.
- iv) The Candidates are required to make their own efforts in seeking admission in accredited University/Institution abroad.
- v) The selected candidates can pursue their respective studies in an accredited university/institution in a country of their choice with which India has diplomatic relations, but this will be subject to written approval of the Government of Kerala.
- vi) The candidates are required to make their own efforts in seeking admission in accredited Universities/Institutions in programmes/fields specified in the Scheme.
- vii) The finally selected candidates are required to obtain admission and join in the accredited University/Institution abroad within one year from the date of communication of selection.
- viii) On expiry of this specified period of time, the award will automatically get cancelled and come to an end. No request for extension of time for availing the award is permissible under the Scheme.
- ix) The candidate shall not change the course of study for which scholarship has been sanctioned.
- x) The candidate will have to execute a bond with this Ministry/Department in the manner prescribed by Government of Kerala to ensure that he/she will complete the course and within the guidelines of the scheme, and if not the entire Scholarship amount received shall be refunded in the manner prescribed by Government of Kerala.

- xi) In case the awardee has received any payment from any other sources towards the course fee, maintenance Allowance, etc which are components of the scholarship, he/she is liable to refund the same to Government of Kerala, and his/her employer (if any) is authorized to recover such excess amount from his/her dues, on request from Government of Kerala, and refund the same to Government of Kerala immediately. If the awardee fails to refund any amount within the prescribed time, the dues will be recovered from the properties guaranteed for the purpose or from the sureties.
- xii) The decisions of Government of Kerala will be final in all such issues, as may come up during course of time.

Sanction is also accorded to the Director, Backward Communities Development Department for launching the Overseas Scholarship scheme for assisting financially poor but academically well performed OBC students seeking admission in rated Foreign Universities (List attached) for the financial year 2013-14.

By Order of the Governor,
NEJIMUDDIN. T. S
Additional Secretary to Government.

The Director, Backward Communities Development Department, Ayyankali Bhavan,
Kanaka Nagar, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

Accountant General (A& E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Member secretary, State Planning Board.

Finance Department.

Higher Education Department.

Planning & Economic Affairs Department.

Information & Public Relations Department (for vide publicity through media).

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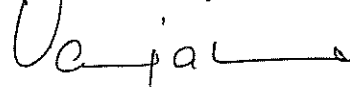
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