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NOTIFICATION

Government of West Bengal has started a new scholarship scheme namely **"Medhashree- Pre-matric Scholarship to Other Backward Classes Students studying in Class V to VIII"** in Government/Government Sponsored/ Government Aided Schools in West Bengal from the Financial Year 2022-23 onwards, to be funded entirely from the State Budget.

GUIDELINES FOR "MEDHASHREE"- PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES STUDENTS"

1. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVE:

To address the growing aspiration for education in the other backward classes communities of the state and with a view of providing them more avenues for socio-economic and educational development by extending financial support and encouragement to the students, the State Government has decided to launch **"Medhashree" - Pre-matric scholarship to the other backward classes students studying in class V to VIII in Government/ Government Sponsored/ Government Aided Schools in West Bengal"** to be fully funded from the State budget from the financial year 2022-23 onwards.

2. EXTENT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

The scholarship under this scheme will be provided to students belonging to the other backward classes communities and studying in class V to VIII in Government/Government Sponsored/ Government Aided Schools in West Bengal.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

(i) Applicant must be a domicile of West Bengal and belonging to Other Backward Classes as per notifications of Backward Class Welfare Department.

(ii) Must be a regular fulltime student studying in a School/ Institution recognized by an educational Board/ Council of the State/ Central Government.

(iii) Only day scholars students studying in West Bengal can apply for this scholarship.

(iv) The award once made will continue upto Class-VIII subject to other conditions of eligibility.

(v) Students receiving Pre - matric Scholarships/ financial assistance from any other Government schemes shall not be eligible for **"Medhasree"**. Incumbents received any other scholarships / stipends of similar nature in addition to **"Medhasree"** shall be liable to refund the scholarship amount paid under **"Medhasree"**.

(vi) Students must have a valid bank account with core banking facility.

(vii) Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, he/ she would not get scholarship for that class for multiple year. However, if he or she is promoted to next class subsequently he/she will enjoy the benefit provided the applicant is otherwise eligible.

(viii) Annual family income of the student should not exceed Rs 2.50 lakh. A certificate to that effect by the competent authority is to be provided as embodied in the application form.

(ix) Students studying in institutes outside West Bengal will not be eligible for the scholarship.

4. RATES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

The present rates of scholarship is Rs. 800/- (Rupees eight hundred) only per annum per beneficiary.

5. NODAL ORGANISATION:

The Backward Classes Welfare and Tribal Development Directorate will be the Nodal Organization for implementation of this scheme.

By order of the Governor,

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Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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