

**F. No.1-6/2020-SS**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Education**  
**Department of School Education & Literacy**  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

To  
The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Education)  
All State/UT Governments,  
(As per list attached)

**Subject: Revised guidelines of Central Sector National Means-cum-Merit  
Scholarship (NMMSS) of the Department of School Education and Literacy  
- regarding.**

Sir,

This has reference to Central Sector Scheme "National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education which is being implemented since 2008 with an objective to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue the study at secondary stage. Under this scheme, 100,000 fresh scholarships @ Rs. 12000/- per annum are awarded to the meritorious students every year at Class IX level, which can be continued upto Class XII. The State /UT-wise fixed quota is at given Annexure-I

2. The scheme has been approved for continuation for another 5 years during the period of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission cycle from 2021-22 to 2025-26. As per the latest provisions under the scheme, the following aspects of the guidelines have been revised:

- (i) The parental income ceiling has been enhanced from the present ceiling of ₹ 1.50 lakh per annum to ₹ 3.50 lakh per annum.
- (ii) The renewal criteria has been revised from the existing pattern of getting 55% marks in Class- IX & XI and 60% in Class-X to the new pattern of getting minimum of 60% marks in Class X only for continuation of scholarship (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST candidates) in next higher classes while getting clear promotion from class IX to class X and from class XI to class XII in the first attempt.
- (iii) The re-imburement cost for conduct of NMMSS examination given to States and UTs has been revised from the present rate of ₹ 50 per student to ₹ 100 per student for the number of students appearing in the examination removing the cap of limiting reimbursement cost @1500 students per district.
- iv) Total number of scholarships i.e is 1,00,000 and amount @Rs. 12000/- per year per student will be fixed for five years even when allotted quota of States and UTs will be revised on the basis of Census 2021
- (v) The evaluation study of the scheme will be carried out on yearly basis.



(vi) Ministry will initiate a campaign for spreading awareness/advertisement of the scheme through print and electronic media including social media at national level from 2022-23 onwards, so that benefits of the scheme may reach more eligible beneficiaries.

The revised guidelines of the scheme are attached at Annexure-II. They will come into effect from FY 2022-23.

3. It is therefore requested that wide publicity may be given to the revised guidelines so that participation in the NMMSS selection exam increases and maximum number of meritorious students get selected and fulfill full strength of the state/UT quota. It is also requested that selection exams and thereafter the process of application and verification on NSP are conducted in a timely manner so that all eligible students can avail the benefits of this scheme.

4. The issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encls. as above.

Yours faithfully,

*Gaj Mohan Meena*  
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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Nodal Officer of all States/UTs for NMMSS.
2. DGM, State Bank of India, Main Branch, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
3. NIC Cell, MoE, Deptt of SE&L for updating the guidelines on MoE, Deptt of SE&L dashboard.
4. Shri Shashi Bhusan, DDG, NIC, CGO Complex, New Delhi, for updating guidelines on National Scholarship Portal (NSP).
5. Shri Ravi Ranjan, Under Secretary, DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi
6. Mrs. Sanchita Shukla, Joint Controller General of Accounts(PFMS), O/o CGA, Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.
7. Shri Shailendra Singh, DDG, UIDAI, Jeewandee Building, New Delhi

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