

F. No. 8-4/2018-SS
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education and Literacy

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 09th May, 2019

To,
Principal Secretary/Secretary (Education)
(In-charge of Secretary Education)
All States/UT Administrations
(As per list attached)

Subject: Registration/uploading of data of 2019-20 of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and Aadhaar seeding with bank accounts-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to the Centrally Sector Scheme, namely, National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship scheme (NMMSS) of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, which is 100% funded by the Central Government.

2. Government of India has launched a National Scholarship Portal (NSP) in July, 2015 for delivery of scholarships with efficiency, transparency and reliability. Therefore, the proposals/ list of eligible students of 2019-20 are to be sent on-line on National Scholarship Portal and the scholarship amount will be released on the basis of online proposals received through NSP. The payment will be transferred to the bank accounts directly through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) following the DBT mode.

3. Therefore all the State Governments/UT Administrations are required to send the fresh and renewal proposals under NMMSS for 2019-20 over National Scholarship Portal in a time-bound manner. The National Scholarship portal for online submission of proposals under NMMSS for 2019-20 is commencing soon (most probably in 1st week of June, 2019). The exact date will be communicated separately in due course. **You are requested to ensure that all scholarship holders of your States/UTs register themselves on NSP in time-bound manner so as to enable this scheme to be fully on-boarded on NSP as directed by DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat and no exemption will be given this year under any circumstances.**

4. For the fresh proposals of the year 2019-20 (NMMSS Exam held in Nov. 2018), all the State and UT Governments are required to provide the result of all qualified candidates in the requisite format of 10 column attached herewith, for uploading on National Scholarship Portal for internal checking and back-end verification of fresh applications registered under NMMSS. All States and UT Governments may ensure that details of the students provided in 10 column format of the result are correct and same as will be filled by the candidates during the registration. **Therefore, it is requested that result may be forwarded to this Ministry latest by 15th May, 2019.**

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5. Further, the scheme is covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme launched by the Government of India. The disbursement of scholarship through Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB) under DBT mode ensures that benefits go to individuals' bank account electronically, cutting down delays and avoiding the possibility of duplicate/bogus entries. Therefore, to facilitate payment through APB directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiary students, Aadhaar number of the beneficiary student should be seeded with bank account number of the student.

6. It is therefore requested to take necessary initiatives for Aadhaar enrolment of students covered under the scheme. Obtaining Aadhaar numbers of students covered under the scheme and their seeding with bank accounts should be done on priority and immediate basis.

7. You are, therefore requested to send Aadhar information on monthly basis related to Aadhaar, bank account number etc. of students for NMMSS in the enclosed performa by 5th day of every month starting from the month of May, 2019 on email address: rajmaurya.edu@nic.in. The information for the month of April, 2019 may kindly be made available by 15th May, 2019 positively.

Yours faithfully,

(R. K. Maurya)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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Copy for information/necessary action to:

- (i) Nodal Officer (NMMSS), all States/UTs.

(Exam held on November- 2018)

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