**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

BCWD – Pre-Matric Scholarships – Guidelines for sanction of Pre-Matric Scholarships to BC Students studying from Class IX to X from the year 2013-14 – Orders – Issued.

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**BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (B1) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.** 22 **Dated:04.10.2013**

Read:-

From the Commissioner of BC Welfare, AP, Hyderabad,
Letter.Rc.No.B1/3103/2013, dt:26.07.2013.

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**ORDER:**

Government of Andhra Pradesh have decided to sanction Pre-Matric Scholarship in **online (e-PASS)** for students belonging to BC studying class **IX to X** in Government Schools to curb the high dropout rate among Backward Classes children studying in Secondary Education level from the Academic Year 2013-14 and it is proposed to cover about 2.00 lakh students under this scheme subject to the following guidelines:-

2. The Scheme was included under **Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme** (DBT) and the Commissioner, BC Welfare has already submitted the Memorandum of Understanding to the Government in Social Welfare Department with NACH facilities.

3. The following guidelines are issued for operation of the scheme. These guidelines will come into effect from the academic year 2013-14 to sanction Pre-Matric Scholarships through online (e-PASS):-

**(1)** **Objective**: To curb the high dropout rate among BC students in Andhra Pradesh by providing a modest incentive to school going BC children from classes IX and X and preference may be given to girls students first based on availability of budget.

**(2)** **Eligibility**: For being eligible under this scheme,

i) The student should belong to Backward Classes.

ii) His/her Parent/Guardian's income should not exceed **Rs. 44,500/- per annum.**

iii) He/she should have an Aadhar card.

iv) He/She should be a regular, full time student studying in a Government School or in a School run by Local Bodies such as Mandal Praja Parishad, Zilla Praja Parishad, Municipalities / Municipal Corporations or any school aided by the Government.

v) Scholarship shall be given to the student only once in any class. If a student has to repeat a class, he/she shall not get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent) year.

**(3)** **Value of Scholarship:**

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| **Pre Matric Scholarships amount (Rs. Per Month)** | Payable for 10 Months / year | Adoc Grant per year | Total amount per year |
| | Boys and Girls | Boys and girls | Boys and girls |
| | Rs.50/- | Rs.500 per year | Rs.1000 per student |

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**(4) OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES:**

**Bank Account:**

a) Each student shall have a Aadhar Linked-Bank Account in his/her name from any of the Nationalized Banks. Students who are minors shall have a joint account in the name of the student and mother / father / guardian as the case may be.

b) The Bank account shall be linked to the Aadhar number of the student to enable scholarship transfer. Linkage of the Aadhar number with the Bank Account will be done by the Manager of the Bank concerned on production of Aadhar Number by the student / parent.

**Duration and Renewal of Awards :**

The scholarship will be payable for 10 months in an academic year.

**Renewal Scholarship**: The award once made will continue subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed for subsequent year after the student passes in the previous class based on the budget available.

***Applications for Scholarships to be online:***

**a)** Student desirous of availing Pre-Matric Scholarships under the Scheme shall apply online at http://epass.cgg.gov.in and click on the Pre-Matric Scholarships for registration form and submit the following details.

The Head Master concerned shall verify the details and endorse the application of the student.

i) Student details with Name and Address of the School.

ii) Parental details with address.

iii) Aadhar Linked Bank Account Number with IFSC Code, Bank Name and Bank branch.

iv) Scan and upload Caste, Income Certificate as issued by the Mee- Seva Kendra (certificate other than those issued by Mee-Seva shall not be accepted).

v) Scan and upload Aadhar Card Number & the Aadhar document.

vi) Aadhar Linked Bank Account, pass book to be scanned anduploaded (only first p a g e).The Bank Account shall be in the name of the student along with the Mother / Father / Guardian in case the student is a minor.

vii) Scan and Upload a Photograph.

viii) The Headmasters shall provide assistance for students in downloading and registering online, if required.

**b)** The duly filled in application shall be downloaded and copies of all documents as given in e-PASS shall be attached to the Application and submitted to the school Head Master.

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**c)** Each student must give a declaration that he/she is not in receipt of any stipend/scholarship from the State or the Central Government.

**d)** The Head Master of the School shall verify all the details of the Application and countersign the Application. He shall also certify that the student is not receiving any other Scholarship from the State or the Central Government.

**e)** All the Applications of the students shall be forwarded to the local Hostel Warden of the BC Welfare Department.

**f)** The Hostel Welfare Officer in whose jurisdiction the school is located shall be the Verification Officer for all students applications received from the school under the Scheme.

**g)** Verification of the students by the Hostel Welfare Officer shall be done by authenticating the fingerprint of the student with the UIDA online. For this purpose, the Hostel Welfare Officer shall first assess the **"Best Finger Detection" (BFD)** for online authentication and use such finger with the BFD for online authentication with the Aadhar Network (UIDA).

**h)** Scholarship applications of only such students who have been authenticated online shall be processed for scholarship. Therefore HWOs and Head Masters are requested to ensure that the Aadhar Number is entered correctly.

**i)** The Deputy Director / District BC Welfare Officer of the District shall process only the Online Authenticated Applications for payment of Pre-Matric Scholarships, shall be credited in the Accounts of students.

4. The Commissioner of BC Welfare, AP, Hyderabad shall ensure that adequate steps are initiated to*:*

a) Map all authorized schools / hostels to Hostel Welfare officers.

b) Impart **training** to Headmasters/Hostel Welfare Officers and ABCWOs on the **online system.**

c) Ensure that all the Hostel Welfare Officers undertake physical verification by the process of Online Authentication with UIDA & physical verification.

d) Ensure that all District Officers proactively co-ordinate with the concerned Departments for verification and sanction of Pre-Matric Scholarships.

e) Ensure that the online system is put in place by the **Centre for Good Governance** and has a full-fledged help line for assistance to users.

5. The Administration of the scheme shall be fully online and managed and operated by the Centre for Good Governance.

6. All payments under this scheme shall be through the Aadhar authentication frame work and encashable by the students through the "Micro ATM" operated by Business Correspondents of Banks.

7. A student can withdraw the amount through the Micro ATM by online fingerprint authentication with the UIDA. They can also draw the amount through their ATM Cards where available.

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8. The expenditure on this scheme shall be debited to the following Head of Accounts:

"2225-Welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs
03-Welfare of BCs.,
MH-277-Education, GH (06)- Matching State share of Centrally Sponsored Scheme
SH (33) Pre-Matric Scholarships
340 – Scholarships and Stipends (Plan)

**And**

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9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr.BCW/TW) Dept., vide their U.O.No.1150/102/A2/Expr.BCW/TW/2013, Dated:01.10.2013.

10. This order is available in the internet and can be accessed at the address http://www.ap.gov.in/goir.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**J.RAYMOND PETER**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)**

To
The Commissioner of BC Welfare, AP, Hyderabad
The Director- General,
Centre for Good Governance, AP, Hyderabad
The Joint Director (PMU), O/o the Commissioner,
BC Welfare, AP, Hyderabad
All the Deputy Directors/ DBCWOs in the State
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