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Government of India  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment  
(SCD-V Section)

Netaji Nagar, New Delhi  
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To,  
All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries,  
Social Welfare/ SC/OBC Welfare Departments,  
All State Governments/UT Administrations.

**Subject:-Extension of timeline for pushing the State Share paid data on Central Portal under Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students & Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs & Others - reg.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 16th December, 2025 (copy enclosed) regarding extension of deadline up to 31.03.2026 for pushing the State/UT share paid applications for AY 2022-23, 2023-24 & 2024-25 on the Central Portal under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs and Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC & Others.

2. In continuation of the above, it is informed that the scheme guidelines of the Post-Matric and Pre-Matric Scholarship Schemes for SCs are presently under revision and the revised guidelines will be implemented for the period 2026-27 to 2030-31. Therefore, it is imperative to clear all the pending cases of previous AYs up to FY 2025-26 before commencement of the new cycle.

3. In view of the above, the Department has extended the timeline for States/UTs to push the State share-paid data for AY 2022-23, AY 2023-24, and AY 2024-25 onto the NSP portal **up to 30th September 2026**, to facilitate the release of the Central share of the scholarship amount. Accordingly, States/UTs are requested to clear the pendency of previous academic years well before the stipulated deadline, so that the cases may be processed in a timely manner for the release of the Central share. The year-wise; State-wise pendency is at Annexure.

4. It is further communicated that judgement dated 15.01.2026, passed in Criminal Appeal No. 142512025 titled "Amit Kumar Vs. Union of India and Others" wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court has taken serious cognizance of the disturbing pattern of student suicides across various Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in the country and issued directions, including processing of the pending scholarship disbursement in a time-bound manner.

(ii) The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 15.01.2026. Specifically, Paragraph 45 (viii) of the said order mandates:

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"viii. The backlog of any and all pending scholarship disbursements must be cleared within a period of four months by the relevant Central and State government authorities. If there exists any reason behind the non-disbursal of the same, a notice with reasons must be sent to the relevant HEI along with the student recipient, within a period of two months. It must be ensured that the disbursement of all future scholarships are done with clear timelines, without any delay by the relevant Central and State Government authorities. Disbursal dates and schedules must also be made known to the student recipient. Even in cases of unavoidable administrative delay, HEIs must not, as a policy, make the student recipients accountable for paying or clearing their fees. No student should be prevented from appearing in an examination, removed from hostels, banned from attending classes, or have their marksheets and degrees withheld because of delays in disbursal of scholarships. Any such institutional policy, may be viewed strictly."

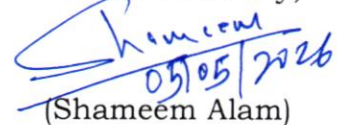
Paragraph 52 further directs the Union and State Governments to ensure these directions are communicated and implemented across all HEIs.

5. Keeping in view the extension of timeline for States/UTs to push the State share-paid data of AY 2022-23, AY 2023-24, and AY 2024-25 onto the NSP portal **up to 30th September 2026** and judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court; all States/UTs are requested to clear the pendency of previous AYs and to push the State share paid data for release of Central Share payment on the NSP Portal well before the stipulated deadline, so that the cases may be processed in a timely manner for the release of the Central share.

6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

  
(Shameem Alam)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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1. Chief Secretary, all States and UTs
2. All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries School & Higher Education Department of all the States/UTs