ABSTRACT

Tribal Welfare Department – Education – Sanction of Pre-matric Scholarships to Scheduled Tribe students studying in Best Available School (BAS) – Revised guidelines issued for operation of the BAS Scheme - Orders - Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (TW.Edn.II ) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.70 Dated: 1-8-2001

1. G.O.Ms.No.175, Social Welfare (E-1) Department, dated 7-12-1990.
2. From the Commissioner of Tribal Welfare, AP, Lr. No. 7356/00-J2, dated 7-7-2000.

ORDER

In the G.O. first read above, guidelines were issued for implementation of Best Available Schools scheme. Following revised guidelines are issued for streamlining the operation of the scheme in super session of the orders issued in the 1st reference cited. These revised guidelines will come in to effect from the Academic Year 2001-02.

GUIDELINES FOR SANCTIONING OF PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS IN THE RECOGNISED BEST AVAILABLE SCHOOLS:

I. OBJECT

The object of the scheme is to sanction scholarships to selected scheduled tribe students admitted in Classes V and VIII ONLY in the Best Available Schools.

II. SCOPE

The scheme Best Available Schools was started in the year 1985-86 with a view to provide quality education in the district itself as these schools are said to be the best institutions in the district. In order to streamline and strengthen the scheme, revised guidelines are being issued so that the selected bright ST children will have quality education.
III. ALLOCATION OF SEATS

a. The Commissioner of Tribal Welfare (CTW) will make allocation of seats to different districts under this scheme. To have a fair distribution, the allocation of seats should be based on the percentage of the Scheduled Tribe population of the District to the total Scheduled Tribe population of the State as per latest census data. In Districts where the seats already allocated are found to be more than their eligibility as per percentage of population, the seats falling vacant on account of passing of 10th class students or dropouts shall not be filled. Such vacancies shall be distributed among the other districts in proportion to shortfall with reference to their eligibility. All newly sanctioned seats will be allotted to the deficit Districts in proportion of their deficit to the total deficit. No seat either falling vacant or dropouts will be filled up under this scheme unless allotted by the CTW.

b. In order to ensure fair representation to all the Tribes, the seats allotted to the District shall be allotted to each tribal community, in proportion to its population (as per latest census data), in the district. If any seat remains unfilled because of lack of applicant from a particular tribe, it shall not be filled in by any other tribe and it shall be carried over to the next years as backlog.

c. Not less than 33% of the total seats allotted shall be reserved for female students.

d. Of the total seats allotted to a District in a year, 75% of the total seats will be filled in Class V and the remaining 25% in Class VIII only. Admission is barred in other classes.

e. The number of seats allotted under Best Available School for SCs & STs put together in a school shall not exceed 35% of the total seats in the school or in any class, therein.

IV. COMMITTEES

For implementation of this scheme, there will be Committees at two levels as follows:

1. State Level Committee: It will consist of the following:

| a. Commissioner/Director of Tribal Welfare | ... | Chairman |
| b. Commissioner/Director of School Education | ... | Member |
| c. Commissioner/Director of Social Welfare | ... | Member |
| d. Commissioner/Director of Backward Classes Welfare | ... | Member |
| e. Member Secretary, APTWRS | ... | Convenor |
2. District Level Committee: It will consist of the following:

(A) ITDA-districts

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(B) Non-ITDA-districts

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V. SELECTION OF BEST AVAILABLE SCHOOL

1. Selection of the school under this scheme will be based on the following criteria:

a. The school should have good reputation for discipline (zero strikes) and district / state level achievements in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities along with reputation for imparting quality education.

b. It should have registered more than 90% passes and at least 50% first classes in 7th and 10th class examinations continuously in the preceding 5 years.

c. It should have adequate infrastructure facilities for class rooms, dormitory, hostels, indoor & outdoor activities, laboratory, library, furniture etc.

d. It should have adequate facility for proper medical care.

e. The school building both for the class rooms and hostel, as well as supporting activities should have RCC roof and good flooring with adequate ventilation. The space should be sufficient with reference to the strength of the institution.

f. It should have adequate no.of qualified teachers as per the pattern prescribed by the Education Department / CBSE. At least 50% of the teaching staff should be permanent staff, working in the institution for more than 3 years.
g. The school should possess up-to-date recognition and affiliation. It should have been in existence as recognised school for at least 5 years before the selection.

h. At least 50% of the SC & ST students admitted in the school in earlier years under BAS scheme should have passed with first class in 7th and 10th class examinations.

i. The accommodation, food and other facilities provided for the ST students should be same as of other students. There should be no discrimination shown between the ST students and other inmates of the school / hostel.

2. The proposal for selection of a school on the above criteria will be considered by the DLC and on finding it suitable for selection, forwarded it to the SLC along with its recommendation and necessary information on all the above points. The proposal should accompany a certified plan of the school and hostel buildings.

The SLC will be competent to issue the selection orders, which will be valid for 3 years. While doing so, the SLC will consider the recommendation of the DLC but arrive at its own conclusion, not necessarily in accordance with the recommendation of the DLC. After the expiry of the period of 3 years, the continuation of the school under this Scheme will be reviewed in the same manner as of any proposal. The first continuation will be granted by the DLC and second and all subsequent continuations will be granted by the SLC.

3. The DLC shall also review the performance of all the Best Available Schools every year and propose for deletion of any school from the list of the selected schools upon finding its performance to be unsatisfactory even before expiry the period of 3 years. The SLC will be competent to take the final decision for deletion of the school.

4. In case of all the existing school, their selection will be reviewed in the following manner.

   (a) Schools recognized by DLC in the years 1980 to 1990 shall be reviewed in 2001.

   (b) Schools recognized by DLC in the years 1990 to 1995 shall be reviewed in 2002.

   (c) Schools recognized by DLC in the years 1996 to 2000 shall be reviewed in 2003.
5. The DLC shall invariably get the school inspected before considering the proposal for recognition / renewal and before annual review of performance.

VI. SELECTION OF STUDENTS

1. The application for scholarship shall be made on plain paper as per the format given at Annexure-1.

2. The selection of students for VIII class shall be on the basis of VII class marks secured. A Common Test shall be conducted for admission to V class in the district which will be of class IV standard.

3. Selection of students under this scheme will be based on the following criteria.

   a. The admission of students under Best Available Schools scheme is restricted only to the districts to which the applicant originally belongs.

   b. ST children whose parental income does not exceed Rs.10,000/- per annum are eligible for admission in the Best Available Schools in the district concerned.

   c. Only one child from a family shall be eligible for scholarship under this scheme. However, this condition will not be applicable for admission of PTG (Boys and Girls) and Scheduled Tribe Girls.

   d. If a student selected is found to have furnished a false Scheduled Tribe certificate or income certificate, the student will be disqualified and will be removed from the school. Apart from prosecution of the parent/guardian, the amount spent on the student will be recovered from the parents and an undertaking may be obtained from him to this effect.

   e. Adoption deeds shall not be considered, if the natural parent / parents of the candidate are alive.

4. (a) The allotment of institution to the selected students shall be made as per the preference indicated by the parents/guardians, basing on merit and availability of seats in the institution.

   (b) Transfer of the student from one school to another within the district shall not be permitted. On the request of the parents, in exceptional cases, the DLC will be competent to permit if there is no extra financial commitment involved. Where extra financial commitment is involved, it shall be done only after the approval of the CTW.
1. Sanction of scholarships to the students under this scheme shall be as follows:

a. The amount of scholarship payable for a student will be decided by DLC/SLC as follows:

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However, scholarship shall not exceed Rs.20,000/- per annum in any case.

b. The amount of scholarship will include the charges payable towards boarding & lodging, tuition, extra-curricular activities, uniform, textbooks, note books etc.

c. The amount of scholarship payable in case of a student selected under the scheme shall not be more than that charged by the school to non-tribal student otherwise.

d. Text Books, Note Books, uniforms and other equipment shall be supplied by the District Tribal Welfare Officer after obtaining a requisition from the school. The expenditure incurred by DTWO on such above items will be deducted from the scholarship amount payable to the Best Available School. It should be ensured that the Scheduled Tribe students get the benefits on par with non-tribal students of the school so that they do not feel discriminated.

e. The scholarship will be sanctioned on year to year basis till the student completes X class.

2. Failure in the examination or detention in any class or securing of less than 60% marks in the annual examination will render the student ineligible for scholarship in the next year.

3. In case of shortage in attendance due to prolonged illness (duly certified by a medical officer), the District Collector / PO, ITDA may allow to continue him in the same class, provided the parent/guardian agrees to...
meet the expenses. The student becomes eligible for continuation of scholarship from the subsequent year on fulfilling the conditions.

However this scheme shall not be applicable to students belonging to Primitive Tribal Groups.

4. The scholarship amount is payable to the institution in three equal instalments. The first instalment shall be paid soon after the schools re-open i.e after admission. The second and third instalments shall be paid after 3 months' schooling duly verifying whether the student has put in 75% attendance, facilities provided etc.

5. Unutilised portion of the boarding charges paid in advance as first and subsequent instalments shall be refunded, by the school in case the student drops out prematurely or for long absenteeism.

6. Collector/P.O, ITDA will be competent to accord the sanction of expenditure from the relevant budget head of the Tribal Welfare Department.

7. Scholarships shall be drawn and paid by the District Tribal Welfare officer duly following the guidelines prescribed and for any breach of these guidelines (governing sanction and disbursement) both the District Tribal Welfare officer and the institution shall be held responsible.

VIII. MONITORING AND SUPERVISION

For effective monitoring and supervision of this scheme, the following procedure prescribed is to be followed.

(a) Monthly attendance particulars of students shall be obtained by the District Tribal Welfare Officer and a register shall be maintained at DTWO's office to watch the attendance of the students.

(b) District Tribal Welfare Officer shall visit the schools once in two months every year to ascertain the progress of the students and facilities provided.

(c) A register shall be maintained by the District Tribal Welfare Officer as prescribed by Commissioner / Director of Tribal Welfare to watch the results of the students in Annual/ Public examinations. The DTWO also have to monitor further studies taken up by the students.
(d) Copy of the annual report with names and performance (ranking in the class) shall be obtained by the District Tribal Welfare Officer in respect of every student and they are to be produced before audit and inspecting authority.

(e) Any other requisite formats for reporting and maintenance of register in due course prescribed by CTW have to be maintained by DTWO.

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

C.R. BISWAL
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Tribal Welfare, AP, Hyderabad.
All Project Officers of ITDAs in the State
All District Collectors
All District Tribal Welfare Officers

Copy to
Addl. Secretary to Chief Minister, AP, Hyderabad.
PS to Minister for Tribal Welfare, AP, Hyderabad.
PS to Secretary (TW) / PS to Secretary (SW).

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SECTION OFFICER [3.2.101]
ANNEXURE - I

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE SCHEME OF
BEST AVAILABLE SCHOOLS

[Para VI (1)]

1. Full name of the candidate with surname
2. Father’s name with surname
3. Date of Birth
4. Sex: Male Female
5. Tribe (enclose certificate)
6. Address:
   (i) Village
   (ii) Mandal
   (iii) District.
7. Father’s occupation
8. Annual income from all sources
   (enclose certificate)
9. Preferences of Institutions for admission
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Certified that no other child of mine is getting scholarship under this scheme or under the scheme of scholarship for studying in Public Schools/Sainik School etc.

Signature of the Parent or Guardian if the parents are not alive.

Place:

Date.