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ABSTRACT

ADI DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL WELFARE –Higher Education –Special Scholarship- Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/ Scheduled Caste converts and pursuing Degree/ Post Graduate/ Professional courses- Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Welfare Higher Educational Special Scholarship Rules 2003 – Orders- Issued.

ADI DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL WELFARE (ADW.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS. NO. 17 DATED: 14.1.2003.

READ:

1) G.O.Ms.No.122, Social Welfare Department, Dated 18.2.1972.
2) G.O.3(D).No.10, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare, Dt.19.2.97.

Read again:

3) From Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare Lr, No. J5\16972\ 2000-2, Dt.17.4.2002 and 10.6.2002

ORDER:

In G.O.Ms.No.122, Social Welfare Department, Dt.18.2.1972, the Government introduced a scheme for the sanction of Loan Scholarship to Adi Dravidar/ Tribal / Adi Dravidar Christian students pursuing professional courses, Graduate and Post Graduate courses. The object of the scheme was to provide financial assistance by way of Interest free loan to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Scheduled Caste Converts students who pursue degree or Post-Graduate courses in Medicine, Engineering, Veterinary science, Agricultural science, Arts and Science Graduate/Post Graduate or Research and who are eligible for the award of either state post matricscholarship or Govt.of India postmatric scholarship and whose pecuinary circumstances are such that they are not able to meet the full expenditure for pursuing their course.

2) In G.O.second read above Government have enhanced the rate of loan scholarship with effect from 1996-97 onwards as detailed below:-

a)	Degree courses (B.A.,B.Com.,B.Sc.,etc.)	Rs.6,500\- (per annum)
b)	Post Graduate courses (M.A., M.Com.,M.Sc.,and Other equalant courses) Professional courses (Engineering,Medical, Veterinary Science,Agriculture, Law)	Rs.7,000\- (per annum)

3) During the Budget session of 2002 - 2003, Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare made an announcement, that the loan scholarship provided by this State Government to ScheduledCaste/Scheduled Tribe/Scheduled Caste ... students will be converted into Grant with effect from the academic year 2002-2003 by making a provision of Rs.5.00 crores in the Budget. The Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare has accordingly sent proposals in this regard.

4) The Government have carefully examined the proposal, and agreed to convert the loan scholarship scheme into a Higher Educational Special Scholarship scheme with a grant and also grant-cum-loan with effect from the academic year 2002-2003 subject to the following conditions.

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a) Eligibility shall be income-based with a family income ceiling of Rs.50,000/- p.a. from all sources.

b) For medical Under Graduation (MBBS, BVSC, BDS etc.) and Post Graduation 25% will be loan and 75% grant as there is a repaying capacity, (as the loan will be made as per the conditions stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.122, Social Welfare Department, Dt.18.2.72). A uniform ledger sheet shall be maintained for each beneficiary and it shall be printed and distributed by the Directorate/ Commissionarate. If the beneficiary shifts his/ her residence / Institution from one district to another district, this ledger sheet alone could be transferred to another district so as to watch the recovery performance continously. These Registers should be maintained by the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officers in the Districts and the Commissioner of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare shall also monitor the recovery progress.

c) Ceilings for the Special Scholarship amount shall be indicated in para 2 for Under Graduation, Post Graduation and Professional courses.

d) Number of beneficiaries shall be a maximum of 7,000 per year from out of those eligible under the prescribed income limit. District- wise allotment of fund shall be made based on the estimated requirements furnished by the respective District Collectors.

e) Inter District allotments shall be made by the Commissioner/ Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare.

f) Backlog applications shall not be carried forward for subsequent years and fresh applications only shall be considered each year.

5) The rules governing the sanction and disbursement etc.of the Higher Educational Special Scholarship (HESS) are appended to this order. The Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare is requested to ensure through respective District Collector/ District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer that the Higher Educational Special Scholarship are not sanctioned as a matter of course but restricted to the students who

c) That the candidate did apply for a room or a seat in the hostel or approved lodging but was not allotted any room or seat because of the shortagtes of accommodation.

iv. Any student who is otherwise eligible and is selected for the Higher Educational Special Scholarship award shall be permitted to enjoy fee concession, if any, awarded to him/her by the institution or any other authority where he/she is studying and the value of this fee concession will not be taken into account for determining the amount of the award.

7. SANCTIONING AUTHORITY:

The District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer shall be competent authority to sanction the Higher Educational Special Scholarship award.

8. HOLDING IN ABEYANCE OF A FRESH AWARD:

i) An award made under the Higher Eucational Special Scholarship schemes may be allowed to be held in abeyance for not more than one academic year if; the candidate is unable to join the next course due to prolonged illness; or

ii) The candidate is unable to get admission in a higher course of his/her choice.

iii) If an award is made tenable after the period during which it has been kept in abeyance it shall be done only if the scholar fulfils other conditions of the scheme. The Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare will decide all such cases without reference to the Government of Tamil Nadu.

9. The grant of Higher Educational Special Scholarship award is subject to availability of funds and no persons can claim the award as matter of right. If adequate funds are not available, post- graduate courses shall be given preference. The State Government has the right to modify the scheme whenever necessary.

10. SELECTION OF CANDIDATE:

a. The selection will be made strictly in the order of merit among the eligible candidates who apply for financial assistance at each stage of education, the merit being determined by the achievement of the candidate in the qualifying +2\ Degree examination as the case may be and other conditions stipulated by the G.O.

b. On joining an Institution, needy candidate shall submit the application to the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare Officer through the Head of the institution, with full particulars of the course, date of joining in the hostel and other relevant information in the prescribed application.

11. MEANS TEST:

The payment of Higher Educational Special scholarship award shall be subject to the following provisions:

i) The award shall be paid on the basis of household annual income of parents / Gaurdian (the income limit is Rs.50,000/- p.a. by means of all sources)

ii) There should be no system of half scholarship.

12. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF HIGHER EDUCATONAL SUBSIDY

i) The Higher Educational Special Scholarship award once granted at the Degree stage shall be tenable from the start of the graduate study to the completion of the course of study.

ii) The Higher Educational Special Scholarship award shall be renewed from year to year subject to satisfactory progress and the fulfilment of the conditions indicated below:-

a. Within a course which is continous (like Engineering, 3 year Degree course etc.) for a number of years, the renewal of the scholarship shall depend upon promotion to the next class/stage;

b. Where in an examination referred to in (a) above a scholar who appears and fails to obtain promotion, the scholarship shall be suspended for one academic year but may be renewed on his achieving the requisite standard in the following annual examination. Suspension of only one year shall be allowed within a stage of education.

iii) Good conduct and regularity in attendance are also conditions for the continuance of the Higher Educational Special Scholarship. The Head of the institution is expected to bring to the notice of the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officers/Commissioner of Adii Dravidar welfare any adverse report that may have been necessisated due to irregularity, misbehaviour, participation in strike etc. and if necessary, suggest suspension /cancellation of Scholarship.

iv) The Higher Education Special Scholarship shall be renewed for each successive year, subject to the above, on the basis of an annual Progress Report to be submitted by the Head of the Institutions where the scholar is studying. It shall be in the interest of the scholar to see that as soon as the result of the annual examination is declared, the proforma of the Annual Progress Report as given in Appendix is got filled by the Head of the Institution and despatched to the conterned, quoting the reference of the letter under which the award is initially communicated to the Scholar. This will enable the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer to process the renewal of the award expeditiously.

APPENDICES

TAMIL NADU ADI DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL WELFARE HIGHER EDUCATIONAL SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP (HESS) SCHEMES RULES 2002

1. These rules shall be called the Tamil Nadu ADI Dravidar Welfare Higher Educational Special Scholarship (HESS) Rules 2003.

2. These rules shall be deemed to have come into force from the academic year 2002-2003 throughout the State of Tamil Nadu.

3. OBJECT OF THE SCHEME

The object of the scheme is to provide financial assistance by way of grant and grant-cum-loan to economically disadvantaged Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Caste Convert students who are eligible for the award of either post matric state scholarship or Government of India Post-matric scholarship and whose pecuniary circumstances are such that they are not able to meet the full expenditure for pursuing their courses.

4. The funds towards grant/loan-cum-grant under these rules shall ordinarily be granted for the Medical, Engineering, Technology, Agriculture and veterinary courses and Law conducted in the Educational Institutions under the control of the Director of Medical Education, Director of Technical Education, Director of Agriculture and Director of Veterinary Education and Research Institution of Law University including recognised non-Government institutions and institutions under the control of the Government of India subsidies will be granted to post-graduate students studying in Arts and Sciences and Professional courses viz. Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Agricultural science and Veterinary Science, Research and Law also but not for evening course. The award will be granted for sandwich course if the student in that course is not in receipt of any regular salary from his employer while under study.

5. CONDITION FOR ELIGIBILITY:

Students of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes/ Scheduled Caste Christians will be eligible for award under these rules

i. Students must pursue Degree or Post-Graduate courses in Medicine MBBS, BVSC, BDS) Engineering, Technology, Veterinary science or Agriculrure Science or Arts, Commerce and Science Post-Graduate or Research and Law. Preference shall be given to the professional course students.

ii. The students should not be in receipt of any kind of scholarship or loan from the Government (state or Central) other than the Scholarship sanctioned by the Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare Department under the State Government Regulations or Government of India Regulations and

6. VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS:

i) For maximum rate of Educational subsidy for difference stages of education are as follows:-

a) Graduate Degree\Diploma courses in non-technical subjects or in professional subjects like cost works and accountancy other than Agriculture, Engineering, Technology and medicine. – Rs.6,500\- per annum.

b. Degree courses in Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Agriculture Veterinary Science Law and para-medicals. –Rs.7,000/- per annum

c. M.A.M.Sc.,M.Com., and equivalent examinations. – Rs.7,000\- per annum

d. Post Graduate Courses in Engineering Technology, Medicine, Agricultural Veterinary Science and Law. – Rs.7,000\- per annum

e. Ph.D.D.Sc., in subjects other than Engineering, Technology, Medicine, Agriculture and Veterinary Science and Law. –Rs.7,000\- per annum

f. Ph.D. D.Sc., in Engineering, Technology and Medicine Agriculture, Veterinary Science and M.D\M.S. in Medicine and Law. – Rs.7,000\- per annum.

g. For Medical U.G and P.G. 25% shall be loan and 75% grant as there is a repaying capacity, as the 25% loan shall be made as per the conditions stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.122. Social Welfare Department, Dt.18.2.72.

h Backlog applications shall not be carried forward for subsequent years and will lapse. Fresh applications only be considered afresh every year for sanction of grant and grant cum-loan.

ii) In determining the amount of individual award the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare Officers would care into consideration factors such whether the student is a day scholar or resident in hostel, whether the institution is located in an urban or rural area and the actual need of the student.

iii) A student not staying in a college hostel or an "approved lodging" may also be considered as a hosteller provided that:

a) The applicant is not a local resident and has come from an out station to the place of study specifically for higher education.

b) That the applicant is not staying with relatives but stays in an independent lodge by himself/ herself or in company with other students and for which rent is paid and

c) That the candidate did apply for a room or a seat in the hostel or approved lodging but was not allotted any room or seat because of the shortagtes of accommodation.

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v) If before the completion of the stage for which a Higher Educational Special Scholarship award is sanctioned, a student becomes eligible for some other scholarship which he/she chooses in preference to the Higher Educational Special Scholarship award, he/she should do on the clear understanding that he/she would lose all claim on the Higher Educational Special Scholarship award and would not be permitted to revert to the same thereafter under any circumstances. If for any reasons he/she subsequenty wants to be considered for the Higher Educational Special Schbiarship award, he/she shall have to apply as a fresh candidate in the beginning of the academic year and take his chance along with other candidates.

13.INABILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION OWING TO ILLNESS:

If a scholar is unable to appear for the Annual / Final/ Semester examination within a continuous course of studies owing to illness, the award may be renewed for the next academic year on the submission of a medical certificate to the satisfaction of the Head of the Institution, Director/Commissioner of Adi Dravidar welfare.

If a scholar is unable to appear in the final University Examination due to prolonged illness extending over a long period and resulting in shortage in the year on the submission of a medical certificate to the satisfaction of the Head of the Institution, the Director/Commissioner of Adi Dravidar welfare.

14.PAYMENT

The Amount sanctioned by the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer will be sent through Bank Draft to the Heacs of Institutn who will disburse the amount to the scholar after obtaining acquittance. The heads of Institutions will forward the acquittance to the District Adi Dravidar ad Tribal welfare Officer concerned.

b) The amount of Higher Educational Special Scholarship sanctioned shall be sent to the Head of the Institutiion concerned. The Head of the Institution shall adjust the amount against the students monthly hostel dues, arrars of tuition fees etc and only the balance if any, shall be paid to the studen.

c) In case of absence due to illness the Scholarship will be admissible provided the period of illness does not exceed three months, a medical certificate is submitted to the satisfaction of the Head of the Institution and his/her certifying that the scholar is likely to make up the deficiency in lectures and stups during the rest of the period of the course of Studies.

15.REPAYMENT OF LOAN:

For medical Under Graduation and Post Graduation 25% will be loan and 75% grant as there is repaying capacity.

a. The repayment will start one year after the scholar has began to earn income which term shall not include paid practical training, or three years after termination of scholarship whichever is earlier. In case of students who decline the Loan scholarship in the midst of their courses in order to take up some other scholarship the repayment will start one year after the scholar has began to earn an income or 3 years after the termination of their course of studies which they were following at the time of declining the loan scholarship whichever is earlier.

b. In case of a scholar who discontinues his/her scholarship because of some valid reasons and rejoins the same course of studies after a apse of some years, he/she shall have to repay the loan one year after he/she had began to earn an income or three years after termination of the course of studies, which he/she was following at the time of discontinuing his studies, whichever is earlier, and at the latest Five years after the commencement of his studies.

c. The repayment shall be made in 20 equal monthly instalments basis.

It will however, be open to the scholars to volunteer arlier repayment of higher amount than indicated above.

i) The amount to be repaid shall be deposited in a Treasury or any other manner to be specified, by the 10th of every month and a copy of the chalan sent to the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer and Commissioner of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare.

ii) In the event of the death of a scholar during the course of his/her studies or after the repayment has started but full payment has not been made, the loan will be written off.

iii) In the event of a scholar becoming incapacitated or invalid before the completion of studies and unable to earn an income the loan may be written off on the submission of a medical report from the competent medical authority. This will apply to a scholar who becomes incapacitated or invalid after completion of his studies but before repaying the entire loan. In this case the balance of the loan may be written off.

iv) In case the scholar fails to repay any instalment with one month after the due date, the balance due for the month with interest at the aforesaid rate from the date of such failures shall be recovered as an arrear of land Revenue.

v) If the scholarship is cancelled due to breach by the scholar of any of the terms and conditions of this agreement due to his/her misconduct and /or objectionable activities the entire amount on the date of such cancellation may together with interest be recovered forth with as arrears of land revenue without prejudice to any other remedy and rights of the Government.

vi) A uniform ledger sheet shall be maintained for each beneficiary and it shall be printed and distributed by the Commissionarate. If the beneficiary shifts his/her residence/ Institution from one district to another district, this ledger sheet alone

could be transferred to another district so as to watch the recovery performance continously. These Registers should be maintained by the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officers of the Districts. The Commissioner/ Director of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare will also monitor the repayments/ recoveries progress.

16. INTEREST

All loans given under the scheme will be interest free, Penal interest shall, however, be charged at 6% p.a in respect of default in payment of any instalment or other delays.

17.OTHER CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARDS.

i) The scholars shall devote themselves to their studies to the entire satisfaction of the Head of the Institution, and sha. not undertake any paid work.

ii) No change in the course of study for which the award has been sanctioned shall be made without the prior permission of Commissioner/Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare.

iii) In case a scholar migrates from one institution to other without changing the course, he/she should immediately inform the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer/ Commissioner of Adi Dravidar welfare of the change through the Head of Institutions where he/she migrates and get the change approved.

iv) All changes in address should be notified prmptly to the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare Officer and Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare by the candidate, not later than 1 month from the date of change.

v) If a scholar gets any other scholarship or financial assistance during the course of studies he/ she shall immediately communicate this information to the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare Officer and Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare bough the Head of the Institutions.

18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEME

The Commissioner/Director of Adi Dravidar welfare will announce in the first week of May every year particulars of the scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in leading newspapers. The scheme will also be circulated to all the Universities in the state.

19. CONTROL OF ACCOUNTS

The Commissioner of Adi Dravidar Welfare will control the expenditure over the budget provision as a whole and furnish monthly reconciliation certificate of charges and receipts and annual certificate of acceptance of balance. The District Adi Dravidar

and Tribal Welfare Officers shall be responsible for maintaining accounts at the District level and furnish monthly reconciliation of receipts and charges and annual certificates of acceptance of balance. A Register shall be maintained by the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officers as well as the educational Institutions in this regard.

20. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:

i) An application for the Higher Educational Special Scholarship (HESS) should comprise:

a) One copy of the application for Higher Educational Special Scholarship in the prescribed form

b) One copy of a recently taken passport size photograph with signature (to be pasted on the application form - the space provided for it)

c) One attested copy of the Matriculation or equivalent certificate and Certificates in respect of all examinations passed.

d) One attested copy of each of Certificate, Diploma, degree, marks sheets etc inrespect of all examinations passed.

e) One attested copy of a testimonial from the Head of the Institution last attended and

f) One affidavit by the parent/ Guardian stating definite income of the family from all sources in the prescribed form as well as Income Certificate from competent Revenue authorities.

ii) Applications complete in all respect should be submitted to the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare Officers (by designation to the Officer mentioned in the advertisement) on or before 31st December even year.

iii) Incomplete applications or applications received after the prescribed date shall not be considered.

iv) Incorrect entry in the application form or wrong declaration in respect of income, financial help by way of other scholarships or financial support by relatives or friends or philanthropists or any other organisations or individuals would make the scholarship liable to cancellation and or to penalties to be determined by the Government.

P.SELVAM,
SECETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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