Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date: 20th June, 2018.

To

The Registrar/Administrator
159 Institutes as per Attached sheet

Subject: **Re-activation of the National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0) for inviting Applications (fresh and renewal both) under National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students for the financial year 2018-19.**

Sir/Madam,

Your Institute is one of the identified institutes under the scheme of "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students" and financial assistance is provided by the Ministry to such ST students as per scheme norms. The students who would like to avail the benefits only for Scholarship (Top Class) of the scheme and not for the Fellowship scheme, are required to fill the data on National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

2. In this regard it is intimated that the National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0) will be reactivate from 01st July, 2018 for inviting applications (Fresh and Renewal both) under National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST Students for the financial year 2018-19 on web-site **www.scholarships.gov.in**. The Institutes are to adhere to the time lines as per life cycle of the Scholarship disbursal process through National Scholarship Portal. The timelines to be followed in this regard is as follows:

Opening date of Application Registration by Student (For Fresh and For Renewal)	01st July'2018
Closing Date of Application Registration by Student (For Fresh and For Renewal)	30th September'2018
Verification of Applications by Institute	10th October,2018

3. Detailed guidelines for the Students and for the Institutes are enclosed for your reference.

4. Enclosed is a circular issued from MHRD dated 24th June 2016 and 08th April 2016 stating that the tuition fee is exempted for ST students studying in IITs and NITs across the country.

5. A copy of reference number 1/21/2014-FI (C-69551) dated 01.06.2018 issued by Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance to all Banks for smooth disbursement of scholarships is also attached.

6. Institutes are also advised to provide the contact details (Name, Designation, Phone No. (Office / Mobile #, Email) of the designated officer assigned for the scholarships to this Ministry on email: edu-tribal@nic.in.

Encl: as above Dean(A) pleall.

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Yours faithfully,

(M. Dilip Kumar)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

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website.

Instructions for Institutes:

1) Institutes are advised to do proper advertisement in the campus about the opening and closing dates of application registration so that all ST students can apply on NSP in time. Following broad changes have been incorporated in the Revised Guidelines which need to be kept in view by the Institute while advertising the scheme among eligible students:

   i) Income ceiling of eligible students from all sources has been fixed at Rs. 6.0 lakh per annum
   ii) Income and Caste Certificates issued by the Competent Authority
   iii) For the first year the income certificate should have been issued by Competent authority. From second year onwards students can submit self -certified income certificate.

2) Institutes will convey all the students who are eligible for Renewal for the year 2018-19 that they will apply only on NSP. Ministry will not accept any offline proposal of any student for the year 2018-19 (Fresh) and Renewal for previous year.

3) Institutes will do proper verification of applications on the basis that the student is bonafide student of the Institute. Institutes will check that all documents of the students as per the Top Class Scheme of ST Students in the following way

   i) Every year, the institute will verify & forward Annual Income Certificate in case of scholarship scheme. For first year the income certificate should have been issued by competent Authority. From second year onwards students can submit self-certified income certificate.

   ii) Caste Certificate should be signed by competent Authority in case of Fresh batch students.

   iii) Income Certificate should be signed by Tehsildar in case of Fresh batch students.

4) An excel sheet has also been prepared (copy enclosed) to be filled by Institutes to ensure the genuineness of the beneficiary. Institutes should send this Excel Sheet to the Ministry with signature and stamp of the competent officer. In absence of Excel Sheet Ministry will not be able to verify any student of any Institute. Fee details should be filled as per below details :

   i) **Expenses on Computer and accessories, Books & Stationery, Living Expenses and Other Non-Refundable Charges** will be entered in Misc. Fees Column/Other Lump sum Entitlement which will go to the student's account directly.

   ii) **Admission Fees/Tuition Fee** - Amount of Admission and Tuition fee for the year in which student is studying in the institute will be paid to the Institute. This amount is to be filled under Admission/Tuition Fees column on the portal. In case the students has already paid these fees to the institute, it will the responsibility of institute to further transfer this amount to the students.

Instructions for Students:

1) Total family income from all sources shall not exceed Rs.6.0 lakh per annum for all ST students.

2) All the Fresh Students (studying in first year) should apply in Fresh category in NSP.

3) All the renewal students (studying in subsequent years) who have not applied earlier on NSP, should apply in NSP under Fresh category as a Fresh.

4) All the students who have already applied in NSP and have application Id should apply in NSP under Renewal category with same application Id.

5) Students while filling the application should fill only his/her correct bank accounts, IFSC Code, Aadhaar linked number. Ministry will not be responsible for releasing scholarship if above mentioned details are wrong.

6) Application form will be rejected if any student applied for more than one scheme.

7) Students has to upload all the documents on the portal like caste certificate, income certificates, Tuition Fees and Admission Fees (already paid to the Institutes),

8) Students should note following :

   i)   The amount filled under Misc Fees column / Other Lump sum Entitlement will go to the student's account directly and the amount filled in Tuition Fees and Admission Fees column will go to the Institute Account.

   ii) Student will ensure that Computer fees, books/stationery fees, Living Expenses charges, Non-Refundable charges fees/scholarship amount is entered in the Misc. Fees column/ Other Lump sum Entitlement.

   iii) Admission Fees and Tuition Fee will be provided to the institute and in case the student has already paid these fee to the institute, it will be the responsibility of institute to further transfer this amount to the students at the earliest.

9) Fee details should be filled by student as per details given below :

   a)   An amount of upto Rs. 45000/- is admissible for student for purchase of Computer/accessories subject to actuals once during the entire course duration.

   b)   Books/Stationery (Maximum Rs. 3,000/- per annum subject to actuals)

   c)   Non-Refundable charges (as per Institutes norms)

   d)   Living Expenses @ Rs. 2200/- per month for students who lives in Institutes (Rs. 26400/- per annum subject to actuals)