

**PRESS RELEASE**

**PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR THE YEAR 2015-16 FOR STUDENT  
BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES**

Applications are invited by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for award of Pre-Matric Scholarship for the year 2015-16 from students belonging to minority communities notified by the Central Government, and who pursuing studies from class I to X in Government/recognized private Schools/ Institutes.

Financial assistance will be given to eligible students who have secured not less than 50% marks in the previous final examination and where the annual income of his/her parents/guardians from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakh. A scholarship holder under this Scheme will not avail any other scholarship/stipend for pursuing his/her studies and will not be given to more than two students in a family. Continuation of the scholarship in subsequent years will depend upon the successful completion of the courses during the preceding years. 30% of scholarships are reserved for female candidates. If enough women candidates are not available, then male candidates would be selected. The Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme with 100% Central Funding. From 2015-16, the scholarship amount to students under Pre-matric scholarship scheme will be disbursed directly to the beneficiaries bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode

Applications for Scholarships as well as for Renewals (who were granted Pre-matric scholarship for previous years) in the prescribed format, along with the following documents, should be submitted to the Directorate of Social Welfare, A&N Administration, Goalghar, Port Blair latest by 31.07.2015 through the Heads of the Schools/Institutes of the student.

- a) One copy of passport size photograph with signature, pasted on the application form
- b) Attested copy of Mark Sheet/certificates of previous final examination
- c) Income declaration certificate from the concerned Authority.

- d) Minority community declaration certificate. (not required in case of renewal application).
- e) Proof of permanent residence (not required in case of renewal application)
- f) Attested copy of Aadhar card.
- g) Attested copy of bank account number along with IFSC code of the bank.
- h) Receipt in acknowledgement of scholarship in the previous year duly countersigned by the Head of the school/institute. (for renewal case)

Under the Pre-Matric scholarship, financial assistance is given as (i) admission fee from class VI to X @ Rs. 500/- per annum subject to actual for hostellers as well as for day scholars. (ii) Tuition fee from class VI to X @ Rs. 350/- per month subject to actual for hostellers as well as for day scholars. (iii) Maintenance allowance will be payable for a period of not exceeding 10 months in an academic year @ Rs. 100/- per month for day scholars for a student from class I to V. (iv) Maintenance allowance for student for class VI to X will be @ Rs. 600/- per month subject to actual for hostellers and @ Rs. 100/- per month for day scholars.

Students of class I to VIII are requested to collect the forms from their respective schools or from the Directorate's office on any working day while students of classes IX & X will have to apply for the Scholarship online in the dedicated scholarship portal under URL: [www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in). **No offline applications will be accepted from students of class IX & X**

Non-submission of above said declaration/documents, unsigned, incomplete application shall be liable to be rejected without assigning any reason whatsoever. Distribution of scholarship by the Ministry for the year 2015-16 among the students belonging to minority community for A&N Islands is 1694 i.e Muslims-453, Christian-1196, Sikh-25, Buddhist-07, Jain- 0 & Parsi-13.

  
**Director (SW)**