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Dear Shri Kumar

With reference to this office letter No. F.11(32)/Sch/DSCST/P. File/2016-17/3827-36 dated 05/08/2016 regarding online scholarship schemes sponsored by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India and Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, guidelines issued by DBT Mission, Govt. of India regarding of National Scholarship Portal 2.0 is also enclosed. As per the guidelines, there now appears to be a significant change under the methodology of processing of scholarship applications compared to the earlier years. Application forms will no longer be scrutinized and processed by the Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC but will have to be done by the concerned departments (i.e. Department of Education, Higher Education, Technical Education, Municipal Corporations, Kendriya Vidhyalya Sangathan, Directorate of Cantonment Education Board) to which the student pertains. It may kindly be noted that the NSP-2.0 also requires scrutiny of forms first at the level of the institution in which the student is studying and for which the educational institution is required to obtain log in and digital certificates in order to access scholarship portal.

02. Further the first level scrutiny as well as the retention of documents will be the responsibility of the educational institution itself. The Nodal Department / concerned departments may inspect/ audit the forms at any time in the institutions of its jurisdiction. Further, the case where the claimed amount is less than 50,000/- uploading of documents on the portal is not required. However, where the amount is higher than 50,000, documents are to be uploaded as per requirement. Moreover, the concerned department will have to nominate nodal officers, preferably district wise to validate and authenticate the data. Further a nodal officer department wise of sufficient seniority will have to be nominated at the state level for interacting with coordinating department i.e. Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC. The operational Guidelines on National Scholarship Portal for students is also enclosed herewith.

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