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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Guidelines for providing Financial Assistance to Male Students from economically weaker families under Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Babu Aasoni, who are enrolled in UG 1st and 2nd Years and PG 1st and 2nd Years in Government and Provincialised Higher Educational Institutions of Assam.

1. Background

The Government of Assam has launched several flagship welfare schemes to ensure equitable access to education and has introduced the Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Babu Aasoni to provide monthly financial assistance to male students to support their continuation in Higher Education studies. To ensure gender-balanced support and address dropout trends among economically vulnerable boys, the Higher Education Department is implementing the “Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Babu Aasoni”, providing DBT-based financial assistance to male students enrolled in UG 1st and 2nd Years and PG 1st and 2nd Years in Government and Provincialised Educational Institutions of Assam.

2. Objective of the Scheme:

- a) To increase enrolment of male students from economically weaker families in Higher Education, thereby improving the overall Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of the State.
- b) To increase the percentage of boys pursuing education beyond the Higher Secondary level in Assam.
- c) To reduce dropout rates among male students, particularly at the undergraduate and postgraduate entry levels.
- d) To provide support to male students so as to ensure gender parity, promote social equity and align with the goals of NEP 2020.

3. Scope of Applicability:

- a) Financial assistance shall be provided to eligible male students domiciled in Assam, who are enrolled in Undergraduate (UG) 1st and 2nd Years and Postgraduate (PG) 1st and 2nd Years in Government and Provincialised Educational Institutions, belonging to families with an annual income of less than ₹4 lakh and admitted under the Fee Waiver Scheme of the Government of Assam. The incentive shall be provided only to regular students. No arrear amount shall be admissible.
- b) Beneficiaries under the Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Babu Aasoni shall be required to maintain discipline and comply with all rules and regulations of their respective institutions, including regular attendance, academic conduct and respectful behaviour towards faculty, staff and fellow students.
- c) Any violation of institutional rules, including misconduct, indiscipline, cheating, ragging, vandalism or any other unacceptable behaviour, shall result in withdrawal of benefits under the scheme.

4. Eligibility Criteria:

- a) The incentive shall be applicable to male students domiciled in Assam, belonging to families with an annual income below Rs. 4.00 lakh and admitted under the Fee Waiver category.
- b) The student must be enrolled as a regular student in UG 1st and 2nd Years or PG 1st and 2nd Years in a Government or Provincialised Institution.
- c) In the case of UG male students, those who are married shall not be eligible for the scheme.
- d) In the case of UG male students, those who have opted for the Dr. Banikanta Kakati Merit Award (Scooter) shall not be eligible for the scheme.
- e) Postgraduate students availing the CM's Jibon Prerana Scheme shall not be eligible for this scheme.

5. Amount to be provided to each male student:

- a) Each eligible male student enrolled in Undergraduate 1st & 2nd Years shall receive an incentive of ₹1,000/- per month for a maximum period of ten (10) months per academic year.
- b) Each eligible male student enrolled in Postgraduate (PG) 1st & 2nd Years shall receive an incentive of ₹2,000/- per month for a maximum period of ten (10) months per academic year.
- c) No incentive will be paid during the summer vacation or winter break. The scheme shall not be effective during the months of June and July or during any other month as decided by the Government.

6. Mode of application:

- a) The students shall fill up the prescribed application form and submit the same to the respective institutions in which they are currently enrolled.
- b) Applicants must possess a valid Aadhaar number and must have an Aadhaar-seeded bank account, and this information must be submitted along with a signed consent & declaration form during the MMNBA application process. DBT will be done only through the Aadhaar-based payment system to the Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts of eligible girl students. No applicant will be eligible to receive benefit under the Scheme without a valid Aadhaar number and an Aadhaar-seeded bank account.
- c) The students shall ensure that the data provided by them is correct and complete.
- d) The Heads of the Institutions shall ensure collection and verification of the application forms through their respective portals and submit the correct data in the portal.
- e) All Heads of the Institutions shall ensure that only male students, admitted under fee-waiver scheme apply for the MMNB Aasoni. A valid income certificate from the competent authority or ration card of the parent of respective student is required for verification and upload.
- f) All Heads of Institutions shall notify One / Two Nodal Officers for implementing MMNBA Aasoni in their respective institution.
- g) The guardians can choose as to whether their sons will avail the benefits provided under the scheme.
- h) The Heads of Institutions will intimate the concerned authorities if any student has opted out of the institution or becomes ineligible. They will also ensure that the beneficiaries attend classes regularly.
- i) Students who have not enrolled for the final examinations of the previous academic year shall also not be eligible to avail MMNBA benefits.
- j) For existing beneficiaries, the same conditions as above will apply. They will also submit a duly filled in application form with correct and complete details. The Head of the Institutions will ensure that the student has adhered to all the above conditions and has 70% attendance in the previous year.

7. Mode of payment:

- a) By monthly DBT through Aadhaar-based payment system to the Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts of eligible male student.

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Higher Education Department

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