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NOTIFICATION

The Government is pleased to formulate a scheme "Providing Free Laptops to meritorious students belonging to Schedule Tribe (ST) & Schedule Caste (SC) Communities".

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1. Short Title and Commencement:
   a. This scheme shall be called "Providing Free Laptops to meritorious students belonging to Schedule Tribe (ST) & Schedule Caste (SC) Communities".
   b. The scheme shall come into force from the date of the notification of its publication in the official Gazette.

2. Introduction:

   To encourage students of the ST and SC communities to flourish in their schooling and pursue their higher education in the field of Information Technology, the Government of Goa is pleased to frame the scheme, namely "Providing Free Laptops to meritorious students belonging to Schedule Tribe (ST) & Schedule Caste (SC) Communities".

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3. Objective of the Scheme

a. To promote Information Technology/ Digital Skills amongst students from Schedule Tribe (ST) and Schedule Caste (SC) Communities.

b. To encourage students from Schedule Tribe (ST) and Schedule Caste (SC) Communities to pursue their higher education in the field of Information Technology.

4. Scope of the Scheme:

a. Under this scheme Department of Information Technology, Government of Goa will be providing free laptops to Class X meritorious students in the considered academic year.

b. Laptops will be provided to top 10 meritorious students (5 boys & 5 girls) belonging to the Schedule Tribe (ST) communities and top 10 meritorious students (5 boys & 5 girls) belonging to Schedule Caste (SC) Communities, from each of the talukas under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) and Schedule Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) respectively.

5. Eligibility under the scheme:

a. The Student should be born in the State of Goa.

b. The Student must belong to ST or SC Community.

c. The Student is required to pass Class X examination of Goa Board in first attempt.

d. The Student has to score at least 70 per cent (aggregate) in Class X examination of Goa Board.

e. The student should be schooling in the taluka in which he/she is considered meritorious.

f. In case of a male student, he should feature in the Top 5 amongst the Class X male (ST/SC) students of the taluka.

g. In case of a female student, she should feature in the Top 5 amongst the Class X female (ST/SC) students of the taluka.

6. Quantum of Financial Assistance under the Scheme:

a. M/s Info Tech Corporation of Goa Ltd. (M/s ITG) is nominated as the implementing agency for the proposed scheme.

b. The Department of Information Technology shall provide a Grant-in-aid amounting to Rs 90,00,000/- (ninety lakhs only) under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) and Rs 90,00,000/- (ninety lakhs only) under the Schedule Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) to M/s ITG on a yearly basis for providing Laptops to the meritorious students.

7. Pattern of Assistance

a. The grants shall be utilized exclusively for providing Laptops to the meritorious students. This includes procurement of laptops, SDA charges, charges towards advertisements, felicitation program, etc.

b. The entire amount of the grants should be utilized within a period of one financial year and only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned. Any portion of the grant, which is not ultimately required, will be refunded to the Government. After utilizing/ refunding the sanctioned amount, Utilization Certificate should be furnished to the sanctioning authority as required under form G.F.R. – 12-C.

c. No grant shall be paid to any other institutions/voluntary organizations out of this grant sanctioned by the Government.

d. The Grantee Institution must exercise reasonable economy, observe all financial rules as issued by the Government from time to time while incurring the expenditure.

e. The amount remaining unspent out of this grant shall be refunded back to the Government Treasury by Challan within 3 (three) months from the close of financial year.

f. The amount shall be drawn from the Directorate of Accounts on presentation of the bill in form GAR-32 duly counter signed by the

Drawing and Disbursing Officer, Department of Information Technology.

8. Relaxation and Interpretation of the provision of the Scheme

The Government through Department of Information Technology shall be empowered to relax/interpret any of the clauses/conditions of this scheme and the decision of the Director (IT) shall be final and binding, on all concerned.

9. This is issued with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister (IT) vide U.O No. 605/F Dated 22/04/2021 and has also been concurred by the Finance Department vide U.O No 3983/F Dated 15/12/2021. The Cabinet has also approved the scheme vide decision taken in its VIIIth Cabinet meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 20/07/2022.

By Order and in the name of the

Governor



(Praveen Volvotkar)
Director (IT) &
Ex-Officio Joint Secretary,
Govt of Goa

To:

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