

F. No. 20015/23/2018-Sch  
Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(Scholarship Division)

Gate No.3, Ground floor,  
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Dated the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,  
Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi.

Sub: Grants-in-aid being released to the **State Govt. of Odisha** as arrears for the year 2023-24 and 1st instalment for the year 2024-25 under the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students during the current financial year 2024-25.

Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India and to release a grant-in-aid of **Rs.8,61,66,000/- (Eight crore Sixty One lakh and Sixty Six thousand only)** as a recurring grant, as per the availability of funds to the **State Govt. of Odisha** as arrears for the year 2023-24 and the 1st instalment for the year 2024-25 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of **Pre-Matric Scholarships to Scheduled Tribe students** during the current financial year 2024-25.

2. This sanction is subject to the provision of General Financial Rules, 2017 as amended from time to time and any other instructions issued in this regard.

3. The expenditure is debitable to the Major Head Grant, sub-head as indicated below:

Demand No.	Major Head, Sub Head	Amount
No. 100 Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Major Head: 3601-Grants-in-aid to State Governments (Major Head), 06- Grants for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 796-Tribal Area Sub-Plan (Minor Head), 85 –Programme for Development of Scheduled Tribes (PM Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojna), 01 – Pre-Matric Scholarship for STs, 85.01.31-Grants-in-aid General (Voted) under Demand No.100, Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2024-25.	<b>Rs.8,61,66,000/- (Eight crore Sixty One lakh and Sixty Six thousand only)</b>

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4. It is requested that arrangements may kindly be made to credit this amount to the State Government in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance OM No. 2(45)76-Spl.Cell dated 30-8-1976 and as modified vide OM of even number dated 16-09-1976 under intimation to this Ministry.

5. The calculation of grants as arrears for the year 2023-24 and 1st instalment for the year 2024-25 is as follows:

(Rs. In Lakhs)					
Year	Actual/ Anticipated expenditure	State share (25%)	Central Share (75%)	Central share released	Amount to be released
1	2	3	4	5	6
2023-24 (Actual)	5096.26	1274.07	3822.19	3767.68 (excess released for AY 2022-23)	54.51
2024-25 (Estimated)	5147.19	1286.80	3860.39	Nil	2895.29 (75% of central share)
<b>Total Amount</b>					<b>2949.80</b>
<b>Amount being released as per availability of fund</b>					<b>861.66</b>

6. Scholarships are payable to the ST students according to the Guidelines of the Scheme. The State Government shall ensure that the Scholarship funds received from the Government of India/Ministry of Tribal Affairs are released directly to the beneficiaries electronically as laid down in Union Ministry of Finance's O.M. No. I-11011/58/2013-DBT dated 27.08.2015. A copy of the release order should be sent by email on edu-tribal@nic.in.

7. You are requested to advise RBI, CAS, Nagpur for crediting the above-mentioned amount to the account of **State Government of Odisha** in accordance with procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance's OM No. 2(45)76-Spl.Cell dated 30-8-1976 as modified vide OM of even number dated 16-09-1976.

8. As per Rule 236(1) of GFR-2017, the accounts of the institution/organization shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG(DPC) Act 1971 and internal audit by the principal account's office of the Ministry or Department, whenever the institution or organization is called upon to do so.

9. No utilization certificate is due for rendition.

10. Diversion of funds and deviation from the norms of the scheme shall not be allowed. the State Government has no authority to divert the funds for other purpose.

  
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11. This sanction is being issued with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry vide their **Dy.No.12429/JS&FA/2025 dated 10.03.2025.**

12. Certified that this sanction has been noted at **S. No. 16** in Register of Grants.

Yours faithfully,



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1. The Accounts General, Government of Odisha.
2. The Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha.
3. The Secretary, Education Department, Govt. of Odisha.
4. The Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner Tribal Affairs, Govt. of Odisha.
5. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Odisha.
6. The Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Odisha.
7. The Secretary, National Commission for STs, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. The Director General of Audit, Central Revenue, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
9. The NITI Aayog, Yojna Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. The Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Room No. 403, 'C'-wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
11. Internal Audit, Ground Floor, D-Wing, Wing, M/o HRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
12. Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Odisha, Odisha Bhawan, New Delhi.
13. PS to JS (Sch.), US (IFD), Guard File, Spare copy.
14. Director (NIC) – with a request for uploading copy of sanction on the Ministry's website

Yours faithfully,



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