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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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To,

Additional Chief Secretary/
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/
Additional Secretary/ Incharges
Social Welfare Department/SC/OBC Welfare Department
All States/UTs as per list

Subject: Instructions under Post-Matric SC (PMS-SC) and Pre-Matric Scholarship Schemes from 2022-23- reg.

Respected Madam/Sir,

With reference to Post-Matric SC (PMS-SC) and revised Pre-Matric Scholarship Schemes guidelines, I am directed to inform that with respect to mandatory Aadhaar requirement to avail the scholarship under the said Schemes from 2022-23 the following process has been approved by the Ministry:-

i.   **For students aged 18 years and above:**

1. Students are required to provide either their Aadhaar number or EID. Consent for using the Aadhaar details for the purpose of authentication is required to be provided by the student. Students will also get the option of giving e-Consent on NSP while applying.
2. Student ID on the NSP shall only be generated after the Demo-Auth of all the students has been done. Demo-auth will not to be conducted by NSP for those students whose Aadhaar details are already verified in 2021-22.

    • In case of fresh Application, candidate Aadhaar demo-auth or EID validation is required.

    In case of Renewal of Application-

    • The student who has provided Aadhaar no. (Demo Auth is already done in last academic year), system will not be allowing any change in the Aadhaar no, name, DOB and gender.
    • The student who has not provided the Aadhaar in last academic year, it is mandatory for them to give Aadhaar or EID for further process.

3. In case Aadhaar details are given by the student and the Aadhaar is linked with a bank account, payment would only be made into their Aadhaar linked bank accounts.
4. Those students who do not have Aadhaar linked bank account will be required to link their Aadhaar with their accounts within 30 days of registration. Students need to provide Bank Account Details, if

    ○ Student is not linking Aadhaar to account no. within 30 days.
    ○ Where student has provided only the EID.

5. For those students who do not have Aadhaar linked bank account or fail to link their bank accounts with Aadhaar or who have furnished only EID details are required to submit their bank account details.

6. In case of students supplying only EID, a check regarding genuineness of EID number will be done before student ID is generated. There will not be any other option to upload any supporting document for the verification of identity and eligibility except uploading of first page of Bank Passbook that is to be validated, the provided Bank Account Details, by State Governments.

7. Thereafter the students will be directed to the concerned State Portals for filing their applications and uploading the necessary documents.

8. The verification of the applications will be done by the State Governments/ UTs as per the information filled by the students on the State Portal and thereafter the payment process shall be followed in the same manner in which it was done in the year 2021-22.

9. For students who have applied through EID, in case the student consequently submits the Aadhaar no. when it is allotted against the EID, he/she needs to submit the Aadhaar Details on NSP itself, even though his application is already moved to State Portals.After that, Demo Auth will be done. In case demo auth fails with the Aadhar Number provided against EID by the student, his/her application will get rejected and notification will be sent to student along with the rejection reason.

10. Students in renewal cases for the year 2023-24 shall mandatorily be required to submit their Aadhaar details as provided in the Scheme guidelines and no EID details of such students will be taken in the absence of Aadhaar.

ii.   For students less than 18 years of age-

Section 3A (3) of UIDAI act states that *"Notwithstanding anything in section 7, a child shall not be denied any subsidy, benefit or service under that Section in case of failure to establish his identity by undergoing authentication, or furnishing proof of possession of Aadhaar number, or in the case of a child to whom no Aadhaar number has been assigned, producing an application for enrolment".*

Therefore, for such cases, the following process shall be followed-

1. The students are required to submit their Aadhaar details after taking consent of their parents for use of Aadhaar details for authentication. Payment shall be made to the Aadhaar linked accounts only if they are Aadhaar linked. In case, the Aadhar is not linked to any Bank Account, the bank account details shall be furnished by the applicant.

2. In case the students do not have Aadhaar details, they shall be encouraged to submit EID details. In this case, as mentioned above a check regarding genuineness of EID number will be done before student ID is generated. There will not be any other option to upload any supporting document for the verification of identity and eligibility except uploading of first page of Bank Passbook that is to be validated, the provided Bank Account Details, by the States Governments.

3. In case a student does not submit EID details, they shall be asked to submit first page of Bank Passbook, including bank account details, bank passbook, Pan Card, passport, Driving License for payment and verification of their identity and eligibility. However, the applicant would be reminded at frequent intervals through SMSs generated by NSP, to apply for Aadhaar.

11. The exception to conditions mentioned in para (1) above is as under:-

A 'separate electronic register' shall be maintained on NSP as an 'Exception Handling Mechanism' keeping in view the proviso of Section 7 of the Act which implies that *"if an Aadhaar number is not assigned to an individual, the individual shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification for delivery of the subsidy, benefit or service".* Accordingly, for the purpose of identification of an individual, in case he/she is not assigned an Aadhaar number, the students will be provided alternate and viable means of identification for delivery of scholarships.

III.   After registration on NSP Portal, State will fetch the data from NSP Portal. Student will log on to State Portal and fill the remaining details in the Application Form as required. Verification will be done at State Portal. Remaining process will be the same as AY 2021-22.

IV.   In addition, the following decisions have been taken by the Competent Authority with regard to acceptance and processing of applications under the aforementioned schemes:

1. From academic year (2022 – 2023), the initial registration of the applications related to Pre – Matric & Post – Matric Scholarship Scheme shall be received directly on NSP (PMS-SC) from 14th April' 2022 onwards. Details of registered candidates will be shared with the States for allowing the applicant to fill the applications on the State portal.
2. APIs to be designed and developed for sharing the student registration details with the States/UTs on real time basis or as per the States/UTs requirements.
3. Application verification and Sanction verification shall happen on State Portals and States shall be sharing the application verification and sanction verified data to NSP. On receiving the L1 and L2 level verified data, NSP will proceed with the payment of scholarships.

V.   In this context, States/UTs are requested to comply with the above instructions and start preparations to this effect at their ends at high priority.

VI.   This issues with the approval of Secretary (SJ&E).

Р   This matter is to be treated as TOP priority.

Yours faithfully

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