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1.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME:

Saksham is a MHRD Scheme being implemented by AICTE aimed at providing encouragement and support to specially-abled children to pursue technical education. This is an attempt to give every young student, who is otherwise specially-abled, the opportunity to study further and prepare for a successful future through technical education/ knowledge.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

- 1) The candidate should be admitted to First year of Diploma level course OR Second year of Diploma level course through lateral entry in any of the AICTE approved Institution of respective year.
- 2) Specially-abled student, having disability of not less than 40%.
- 3) Family income from all sources should not be more than Rs. 8 lakh per annum during the current financial year. A valid income certificate issued by State/UT Government need to be enclosed.

3.0 NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

All eligible specially-abled student admitted to First year of Diploma level course OR Second year of Diploma level course through lateral entry in any of the AICTE approved Institution will get the scholarship.

4.0 AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- 1) Rs. 50,000/- per annum for every year of study i.e. maximum 3 years for first year admitted students and maximum 2 years second year admitted students through lateral entry as lump sum amount towards payment of college fee, purchase of computer, stationeries, books, equipments, softwares etc. No other additional grant will be payable in lieu of hostel charges and medical charges etc.
- 2) No documentary proof need to be attached for the above while availing benefits.

5.0 MODE OF PAYMENT:

After selection, the awardee will be paid scholarship through DBT mode on annual basis.

6.0 PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:

- 1) The candidate fulfilling the eligibility conditions is required to apply online on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) after initiation of application process and notice to be published on AICTE website.
- 2) The host institution where the candidate is studying, required to verify the online application.
- 3) Department of Technical Education (DTE) of respective State/ UT will verify these applications as second level of scrutiny.

7.0 RENEWALS:

- 1) The scholarship will be renewed for the next year of study on receipt of renewal through National Scholarship Portal by submitting passing certificate/ marksheet along with letter from the Head of the Institution on the online portal.
- 2) Student failing to get promoted to the next class/ level would forfeit the scholarship.

8.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 1) The gap period between the year of passing the qualifying examination and the session of admission in diploma course should not be more than two years.
- 2) Applications will be invited once in a year through National e-Scholarship Portal of the Government of India.
- 3) Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. Only verified online applications will be considered for the award of scholarship.
- 4) If a candidate failed/ drop out in subsequent year, she/ he will not be eligible for further scholarship.
- 5) The grant of scholarship is subject to the condition that the student does not receive any financial assistance in shape of scholarship/any emoluments, salary, stipend etc. from any other source during her/ his course of study in the Institute. In case of receipt of any financial assistance from any other sources, the scholarship shall be discontinued and the entire amount of scholarship will have to be refunded to AICTE by D/Draft drawn in favour of "Member Secretary, AICTE" payable at New Delhi.
- 6) Scheme will be implemented and monitored by the AICTE.
- 7) For converting Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) to percentage, multiplying factor will be 9.5 i.e. to convert the CGPA into percentage; $CGPA \times 9.5$ will give the percentage.
- 8) In case both CGPA & total marks are given in the mark sheet, total marks will be considered for determining percentage.
- 9) If grades are given like A1, A2, B1, B2 etc. in the mark sheet, first the grades will be converted into CGPA and then average CGPA will be calculated. This CGPA will be converted into percentage as given in point No. 7.
- 10) Provisional list of shortlisted candidates will be uploaded on the AICTE web portal. In case, candidate has any query about merit list of scholarship, they may raise their grievances within a month. No query regarding merit list will be entertained after one-month duration from the date of publishing of merit list on AICTE website.

- 11) Query regarding non-payment of the scholarship due to invalid/wrong account number will be entertained only upto six months from the date of publishing of merit list on AICTE website.

