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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

Abstract.

SCSTDD- Financial assistance for providing laptops to Scheduled Caste Students studying B-Tech, M-Tech and MCA courses - Administrative Sanction Accorded - Orders issued.

**SCHEDULED CASTES /SCHEDULED TRIBES DEVELOPMENT (A) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.1520/2015/SCSTDD**

**Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 23-09-2015**

- Read:- 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 20-7-2015 for finalising the scheme for providing laptops to SC students  
2. Letter No. Edn. A1/13334/14 dated 29-7-2015 of the Director, Scheduled Caste Development Department

**ORDER**

In the meeting held on 20-7-2015, it had been decided to implement the continuous scheme of providing laptops to eligible Scheduled Caste Students studying B-Tech, M-Tech and MCA under the scheme of Assistance for Education to Scheduled Caste Students subject to certain modifications/ conditions.

(2) Accordingly, the Director, Scheduled Caste Development Department has furnished proposal vide letter read above and requested to give financial assistance for purchase of laptops to the following eligible Scheduled Caste students for which Rs. 15,41,00,000/- is required.

	I year (2015-16 academic session)	II year (2014-15 academic session)	III year (2013-14 academic session)	Total
M. Tech	192	192	-	384
B. Tech	1760	1760	1760	5280
MCA	250	250	-	500
	2202	2202	1760	6164

(3) Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for provision of Laptops to eligible Scheduled Caste students under the Scheme of Assistance for Education to Scheduled Caste students, subject to the following modifications/ conditions :

a. Eligible amount of assistance for purchasing laptops would be disbursed to the eligible Scheduled Caste students through the Heads of Institutions concerned on reimbursement basis, enabling the students to buy laptops of their choice, and claim the amount from the Institution by submitting copies of purchase bills/relevant documents etc., for verification by the authorised officer of the Institution. (If the authorised officer so desires, he can insist on physical verification of the laptop bought by the student).

b. Maximum amount of assistance per student will be Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only). Actual cost of laptop or Rs. 25,000/-, whichever is lower, would be reimbursed under the scheme.

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c. Laptop to be bought should confirm to minimum technical specifications, which will be finalised jointly by the Director, Scheduled Caste Development Department & IT Mission and conveyed to all the Institutions concerned. However, students would be free to buy laptop of higher specifications (of any brand), and/or price exceeding Rs. 25,000, but the reimbursement would be limited to 25,000/-

d. Scheduled Caste students studying M.Tech, B.Tech and MCA courses of I year (2015-16 academic session), II year (2014-15 academic session) and III year (2013-14 academic session) would be eligible for assistance under the Scheme.

e. A student will be provided laptop/assistance for laptop only once during his/her study. Institution may obtain a declaration in this regard from the student that he has not earlier availed such benefit under any Scheme of Government.

f. Considering that many students may find it difficult to arrange funds for purchase, if any student so desires, he can seek an advance amount, limited to a maximum of 75% of cost of laptop or 75% of maximum eligible amount, whichever is less, from the Institution concerned. Balance 25% will be reimbursed/paid by the institution on submission of bills/relevant documents etc., by the student & its due verification by the Institution/authorised officer. All payments will be made to the bank account of the eligible students.

g. Head of Institution concerned will send a consolidated implementation report along with details of students to whom assistance has been disbursed, amount disbursed etc., to Director, Scheduled Caste Development Department within one month of completing the disbursement to all students, who will in turn send a consolidated report to Government.

h. Director, Scheduled Caste Development Department & Heads of Institutions will give wide publicity to this Scheme by publishing in their websites and notice boards etc., and otherwise. Final list of students who receive assistance under this Scheme will also be uploaded in the Web Sites of Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department & Institutions concerned.

i. Director, Scheduled Caste Development Department will ensure proper utilisation of funds under the Scheme and ensure that benefit reaches to eligible students. He will put in place a requisite mechanism of checks/monitoring for the purpose.

(4) Sanction is also accorded to release an amount of Rs. 15,41,00,000/- (Fifteen Crore Forty One Lakh only) from the head of account "2225-00-277-57-34-Assistance for Education (P)", for implementing the scheme.

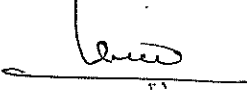
By Order of the Governor,  
**S.U.RAJEEV**

**Joint Secretary to Government**

To

The Director, Scheduled Castes Development Department, Thiruvananthapuram.  
The Principal Accountant General (G & S S A) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.  
The Principal Accountant General (E&RSA), Thiruvananthapuram  
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