

**PADHO PARDESH - SCHEME OF INTEREST SUBSIDY ON EDUCATIONAL  
LOANS FOR OVERSEAS STUDIES FOR THE STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE  
MINORITY COMMUNITIES**

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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## 1. BACKGROUND

The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. It provides that the schemes for scholarships for meritorious students from minority communities will be formulated and implemented. The scheme of Interest Subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies will promote educational advancement of student from minority communities.

## 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of notified minority communities so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability.

## 3. SCOPE

This is a Central Sector Scheme to provide interest subsidy to the student belonging to the communities declared as minority communities

in terms of section 2 (c) of National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, on the interest payable for the period of moratorium for the Education Loans under the Scheme of Interest subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies to pursue approved courses of studies abroad at Masters and M. Phil /Ph.D levels.

## 4. CONDITIONS FOR INTEREST SUBSIDY

i) The Scheme is applicable for higher studies abroad. The interest Subsidy shall be linked with the existing Educational Loan Scheme of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) and restricted to students enrolled for course at Masters, M.Phil and Ph.D levels given at para 14.

ii) The interest subsidy under the scheme shall be available to the eligible students only once, either for Masters, M.Phil. or Ph.D. levels. Interest subsidy shall not be available to those students who either discontinued the course mid-stream, due to any reason, or those who are expelled from the institutions on disciplinary or academic grounds.

iii) If it is found that a student has violated any condition of the scheme, the subsidy will be discontinued forthwith.

iv) If a student is found to have obtained the subsidy by false statement/documents/certificates, the subsidy will be withdrawn/cancelled forthwith and amount of the subsidy paid already, shall be recovered with penal interest, apart from taking criminal action as per law.

v) The students obtaining benefits under this Scheme shall not be given the interest subsidy if he gives up Indian citizenship during the tenure of the period.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY

The student should have secured admission in the approved courses at Masters, M.Phil or Ph.D levels abroad for the courses mentioned at Para-14.

ii) He/ She should have availed loan from a scheduled bank under the Education Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks Association (IBA) for the purpose.

iii) Students should apply for the benefits under the scheme during 1st year itself of the course. Fresh applications received during 2nd year or subsequent years will not be accepted in any case.

## 6. INCOME CEILING

i) Total income from all sources of the employed candidate or his/ her parents/guardians in case of unemployed candidate shall not exceed Rs. 6.00 lakh per annum.

ii) Income certificate issued by the competent authority in the State/ Union Territory should be submitted in support of income shown by a candidate.

## 7. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

i) 35% seats will be earmarked for girl students. In case of non-availability of girl students, seats can be transferred to boys students.

ii) The decision of the Selection Committee in regard to awarding the interest subsidy will be final and no appeal could be filed against it.

## 8. RATE OF INTEREST SUBSIDY

(i) Under the scheme, interest payable by the students availing of the education loans of the IBA for the period of moratorium (i.e. course period, plus one year or six months after getting job, whichever is earlier) as prescribed under the Education Loan Scheme of the IBA, shall be borne by the Government of India.

(ii) After the period of moratorium is over, the interest on the outstanding loan amount shall be paid by the student, in accordance with the existing Educational Loan Scheme as may be amended from time to time.

(iii) The Candidate will bear the Principal installments and interest beyond moratorium period.

9. \* INDICATIVE SUBJECTS/ DISCIPLINES COVERED UNDER THE SCHEME (for Masters, M.Phil and Ph.D only)

The subjects/ disciplines in which courses may be undertaken for the grant of interest subsidy are listed below:-

1. Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences
2. Commerce
3. Pure Sciences
4. Engineering
5. Bio- technology/ Genetic Engineering
6. Industrial Environmental Engineering
7. Nano- technology
8. Marine Engineering
9. Petro-chemical Engineering
10. Plastic Technology
11. Cryogenic Engineering
12. Mechatronics
13. Automation Robotics including artificial intelligence
14. Laser Technology
15. Low Temperature Thermal Dynamics
16. Optometry
17. Art Restoration Technology
18. Dock and Harbour Engineering
19. Imaging System Technology
20. Composite Materials Engineering including Decentralized power Distribution (for Solar Heat) system, Energy Storage Engineering, Energy conservation, Energy Efficient Habitat
21. Packaging Engineering/ Technology
22. Nuclear Engineering

23. Information Technology including Computer Engineering, Software, Software Quality assurance, Networking/ Connectivity Engineering, Communication system under Hazardous or Post-disaster conditions, Multi- media Communication
24. Industrial Safety Engineering
25. Agriculture & Agro Technology
26. Agronomy
27. Medical
28. Floriculture & Landscaping
29. Food Sciences & Technology
30. Forestry & Natural Resources
31. Horticulture
32. Plant Pathology
33. Energy Studies
34. Farm Power & Machinery
35. Veterinary Sciences
36. Soils & Water Management
37. Plant Breeding & Genetics
38. Small- scale Rural Technology
39. Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences
40. M.B.A
41. M.C.A
42. Any other Subject -----\*

\* Subject may be deleted or added by the Ministry from time to time as situation demands.

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