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**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**SOCIAL WELFARE SECRETARIAT**

(G.O. Ms. No. 1/2014/SWD/1136, dated 10th July 2014)

**NOTIFICATION**

In supersession of the orders issued in the G.O. Ms. No. 217/80-HEW (HSW), dated 16-10-1980 and G.O. Ms. No. 23/2001-Wel (SW-II), dated 16-10-2001 of the Welfare Secretariat, Puducherry, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry has been pleased to approve and notify "The rules for the grant of scholarship for the differently abled students from 1st Standard to Postgraduate Degree including Professional Degree 2013" in the Annexure appended to this order.



2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide U.O. No. 1777/F5/A2, dated 24-3-2014.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

K. UTHAMAN,

Under Secretary to Government (Social Welfare).

**RULES FOR THE GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED STUDENTS IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY - 2013**

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— This scheme shall be called "The rules for the grant of scholarship for the differently abled students 2013" and they shall come into force from the academic year 2013-14.

2. *Object.*— The main purpose of the scheme of scholarship is to assist the differently abled students to secure such education academic, technical or professional training or even training on the shop/floor of the industrial establishment as would enable them to earn a living and to become useful members of the society.

3. *Scope.*— The scheme is applicable to the differently abled persons which shall comprise of four categories of the differently abled viz., the blind, the deaf, the orthopaedically handicapped and the mild mentally retardation.

4. *Definitions.*— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(i) "Blind" means the blinds (visually impaired persons) are those who suffer from either of the following deformities:

(a) Total absence of sight; or

(b) Visual acuity not exceeding 6/60 or 20/200 (snellen) in the better eye with correcting lenses; or

(c) Limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of 20 degree worse.

(ii) "Deaf" means the ordinary deaf (hearing impaired persons) are those in whom the sense of hearing is non-functional for the ordinary purposes of life. Generally a loss of hearing at 70 decibel or above at 500, 1,000 or 2,000 frequencies will make residual hearing non-functional.

(iii) "Mild mentally retarded" means the mild mentally retarded persons who have the IQ range of 50 to 69 (standardised IQ test) which is indicative of mild retardation understanding and use of language tend to be delayed to a varying degree and executive speech problems that interfere with the development of independence may persist into adult life.

(iv) "Orthopaedically disabled" means the orthopaedically disabled are those who have a physical defect or deformity which causes interference with the normal functioning of bones, muscles and joints.

5. *Eligibility conditions.*— (i) *Nationality.* A candidate applying for scholarship under the scheme shall be a citizen of India and shall be visually impaired, hearing impaired and orthopaedically disabled or mild mentally retarded in accordance with the definition given in rule 4. Any students who are studying in the schools in the Union territory of Puducherry and the students who are the resident of Puducherry and pursuing higher studies in other States are eligible for scholarship under this rule.

(ii) *Educational requirement:* A differently abled i.e., a visually impaired, a hearing impaired, an orthopaedically disabled or a mild mentally retarded will be eligible for the award of scholarship for study from 1st standard to postgraduate level. The candidate should have secured at least 40% marks at the previous annual examination. Provided that in the case of students studying in 1st standard, this condition does not apply.

(iii) *Income:* No scholarship will be admissible if the combined annual income of the parents/guardian of the candidate is more than ₹ 48,000 (Rupees forty-eight thousand only). A certificate to this effect will have to be submitted in Appendix-I.

(iv) *Other requirements:* (a) *Course.* - A candidate must be studying a full time course in an educational institution, recognised by the Central or State Government in respect of courses from 1st standard to 12th standard and in respect of undergraduate, postgraduate, professional courses the institution should be affiliated to a University or Organisation approved by the Central or State Government.

(b) Scholarship is not admissible to a candidate who earns an income.



(c) A candidate shall not be in receipt of assistance from any other voluntary or State source either in cash or by way of free boarding or lodging. A visually impaired or orthopaedically disabled enjoying free boarding or lodging shall be allowed to avail of the following facility subject to the other conditions laid down in this rule: (i) Readers allowance in the case of visually impaired students, (ii) Transport allowance in the case of orthopaedically disabled students.

*Note:* Exemption from the payment of tuition fees, etc., granted by an institution shall not be taken into account while giving the scholarship/allowance as above. The candidate will have to furnish a declaration duly attested by a Gazetted Officer of the Central/State Government, Member of Parliament or the State Legislature or by a Magistrate or the Head of the Institution.

6. *Rate of scholarship.*— (a) The rates of scholarships for different standards are as detailed hereunder:

Sl. No.	School education standard/Collegiate education	Day scholar (rate per month)	Hosteller (rate per month)	Reader allowances for visually impaired students only (rate per month)	Transport allowances for orthopaedically disabled students only (rate per month)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
		₹	₹	₹	₹
1.	I to V	100	200	100	200
2.	VI to VIII or equivalent	200	400	160	200
3.	Class IX to XII, ITI, Diploma in Professional and Engineering Courses, etc./In-plant training or equivalent.	340	560	200	200
4.	UG courses Arts and Science or equivalent.	500	720	300	200