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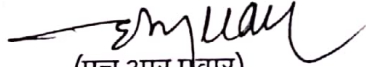
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विषय :- Random Physical verification on the NPS for CSSS-REG.

संदर्भ :- उच्च शिक्षा (ग्रुप-3) विभाग राजस्थान सरकार क्रमांक: प.10(6)
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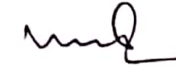
उपर्युक्त विषयान्तर्गत उच्च शिक्षा (ग्रुप-3) विभाग राजस्थान सरकार से प्राप्त संलग्न पत्र का अवलोकन कर पालना सुनिश्चित करावें।

संलग्न:- उपरोक्तानुसार।


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प्रतिलिपि - निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित है-

1. उच्च शिक्षा (ग्रुप-3) विभाग राजस्थान सरकार का डायरी क्रमांक 178 दिनांक 06.04.2021 के क्रम में
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आयुक्त,
कॉलेज शिक्षा,
राजस्थान, जयपुर।

D. No. 178 /PS/3300
Dated 6/4/21

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6/4/21

विषय:- Random Physical verification on the NPS for CSSS-REG.

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयान्तर्गत निदेशक, छात्रवृत्ति उच्च शिक्षा छात्रवृत्ति अनुभाग नई दिल्ली से प्राप्त क्रमांक No. 1-34/2020-NS-1(Part-2) दिनांक 16.03.2021 की छाया प्रति संलग्न कर नियमानुसार अग्रिम आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित है।

संलग्न: उपरोक्तानुसार।

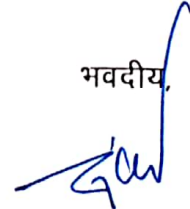
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No.1-34/2020-NS-1(Part-2)
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
Scholarship Division

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24/3/2021

West Block -1, Wing 6, R.K. Puram, Sect.
New Delhi-110066
Date: 24/3/2021

To
Chief/Principal Secretary, Education, State Governments

Sub: Random physical verification on the NSP for CSSS - REG

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation of this Department's D.O. letter dated 27th November, 2020 to Chief Secretaries and subsequent reminders dated 20.01.2021 and 25.01.2021. Secretaries of all State Education Departments/Boards requesting them to undertake random physical verification of the beneficiaries under CSSS studying in the institutions located in respective States/UTs. It was also requested that States may form a team by constituting the State Education Boards (SEBs) to randomly visit and check genuineness of the institutions and beneficiaries.

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2. It is appreciated that some of the States could manage to do random verification of institutes as well as beneficiaries and send report. Kindly note that this process has been approved from PMO and NSP is being strengthened to enable fraud detection better. Some notable process changes are:

DSSE
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(i) Aadhaar based authentication of INO/SNO is now incorporated on NSP. States which do not have INO/SNO cannot verify applications. Hence INO needs to be a regular employee of the State. From AY2021-22 Aadhaar authentication of INO/SNO is mandatory.

22.08.2021

(ii) Head of the Institution now has a login wherein he/she can see the applications received and verified by INO for better monitoring.

(iii) System generated red flags/alerts now activated on NSP as listed in the para 2.3 of the Minutes of Meeting of DBT held on 21.01.21 may also be seen to effect better monitoring.

3. To enable better verification system in the scholarship disbursement process, the State Education Departments is solicited.

I, therefore, seek your personal intervention in having this completed at the earliest.

Encl: MoM 21.01.21 DBT

Yours Faithfully,

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(Malathi Narayanan)
Director (Scholarship)

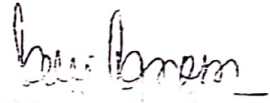
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Government of India/ भारत सरकार
Cabinet Secretariat/ अंमिडडल सचिवालय
DBT Mission/ प्रत्यक्ष लाभ अंतरण मिशन

4th Floor, Shivaji Stadium
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Dated: February 1, 2021

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting held to review of Action Taken on the various instructions issued to strengthen the National Scholarship Portal.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the meeting held on 21st Jan 2021 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (DBT), Cabinet Secretariat on the above-mentioned subject and to forward herewith the Minutes of the Meeting for your kind information and further necessary action.

Enclosures: As above



Under Secretary (DBT),
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To,

1. Secretary, D/o Higher Education
2. Secretary, D/o Social Justice & Empowerment
3. Secretary, M/o Minority Affairs
4. Secretary, M/o Tribal Affairs
5. Secretary, D/o Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
6. Secretary, D/o School Education & Literacy
7. Secretary, M/o Labour & Employment
8. Secretary, M/o Electronics & IT
9. Controller General of Accounts.
10. CEO, UIDAI
11. Director General, NIC
12. Secretary, UGC
13. Chairman, AICTE

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Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
(DBT Mission)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (DBT), Cabinet Secretariat held on 21st January, 2021 through VC to review the Action Taken on the guidelines issued by DBT Mission on 17th November, 2020 for strengthening of NSP and the decisions taken in the meeting held on 27th November, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary. List of participants is at Annexure-I. Ministry wise status against the action points are as follows:

2. **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology/NIC.**

It was noted that Action Taken Report has been received from the NIC.

2.1 **Providing Data Vault Facility -** DDG (NSP), NIC informed that bid for Central Aadhaar data vault has been prepared and the same would be published after obtaining necessary approval. Aadhaar data vault may be operational by ... 2021.

2.2 **Performing Aadhaar authentication of INOs/DNOs on NSP -** DDG (NSP), NIC informed that provision for Aadhaar based demographic authentication of INOs/DNOs has been incorporated on the Portal.

Joint Secretary (DBT) requested all participating Ministries/Departments to make provision in their respective scheme guidelines for mandatory Aadhaar authentication of INO/DNO from academic year 2021-22 onwards.

2.3 **System Generated Red flags/alerts -** DDG(NSP) made a detailed presentation on the recently developed red flags/alerts in NSP. On issue of re-activation of an institute, which has been blocked on request of a Ministry, JS(DBT) clarified that the account of the said institute would be reactivated only on receiving the clearance from the ministry, which had initially requested to block the institute.

Some of the red-flags/alerts incorporated in NSP are:-

- i) Applicant's age outside the pre-defined range for the scheme.
- ii) Any bank branch (identified by IFSC) having accounts of more than ... applicants.
- iii) Applications from a particular school/institute found inconsistent with the data provided by AISHE/U-DISE (e.g. number of girls/boys, ... etc.)
- iv) In Aadhaar validation, matching of gender and DoB also included besides name matching.
- v) Non-recognized/non-affiliated or non-operational institute on ... data provided by AISHE/DISE

4. Department of Higher Education

It was noted that the Action Taken Report has been received from the Department.

4.1 Strengthening of Application Scrutiny Process.

In one scheme, implemented by the department, eligible applicants are pre-identified as only top 20 percentile students of respective State Education Board can apply for scholarship.

UGC has developed a verification form on NSP and made it mandatory for students applying for its scholarship schemes.

4.2 Strengthening of System of Super Checks/Physical Verification

The department, with the help of the state governments, has undertaken random physical verification of 2% of applications received on NSP.

4.3 Ministry to take Ownership and ensure proper disbursement of funds
The Department submitted that it is closely watching the process through dashboard.

4.4 Guidelines for scholarships schemes may be revisited - The Department is revisiting the scheme guidelines.

4.5 Robust Third Party Monitoring mechanism to be implemented -
Third party evaluation, to be done by IEG, would be incorporated in the scheme guidelines.

4.6 Institute Nodal Officer(INO) to be permanent staff of the institute.
The Ministry will take necessary steps to ensure the same.

4.7 On boarding of All Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes on NSP:
The Ministry does not implement any Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes on NSP.

5. Department of School Education and Literacy Action Taken Report has not been received from the Department.

5.1 Strengthening of Application Scrutiny Process - The Department requested the States to ensure authenticity of the schools and the credentials of the beneficiaries, their results and bank accounts.

5.2 Strengthening of System of Super Checks/Physical Verification -
Department has requested to State Governments to undertake random physical verification to ensure effective implementation of the scheme.

5.3 Ministry to take Ownership and ensure proper disbursement of funds

5.4 Guidelines for scholarships schemes may be revisited - The Department informed that a committee had been constituted for evaluation of guidelines.

5.5 Robust Third Party Monitoring mechanism to be implemented.
Department mentioned that third party evaluation agency had been appointed and evaluation process would start shortly.

- 2.4 Provision of sending SMS to INOs/Principals/DNOs/SNOs implemented.
- 2.5 Integration with UDISE/ AISHE has been completed. Scholarship application data will be cross checked with UDISE/ AISHE data.
- 2.6 A detailed dashboard for fraud analysis is under preparation and will be ready by next Academic Year.
- 2.7 Login for Head of the Institution has been created. Reports on applications received and verified by INO have been provided there.

3. Ministry of Minority Affairs

It was noted that Action Taken Report has been received from the Ministry.

3.1 Strengthening of Application Scrutiny Process -

- Head of institutes to certify the verified list of applicants.
- Physical reverification of doubtful/suspicious applications.

In addition, all verified applications received on NSP till 31st December have been sent back for re verification by respective INOs & DNOs.

3.2 Strengthening of System of Super Checks/Physical Verification for

- SNOs/DNOs to undertake mandatory physical verification of institutional applicants. 2% of applications verified on NSP to be physically re verified by DNO/SNO.
- INO/Principal to share the final list of beneficiaries as well as due scholarship amount with the Public representatives, school committees etc.
- INO to maintain a hard file for at least five years of applications verified for inspection, whenever required.

3.3 Ministry to take Ownership and ensure proper disbursal of scholarship -

Ministry is conducting regular review and follow up meetings with the State Secretaries at Secretary level.

3.4 Guidelines for scholarships schemes may be revisited - The Ministry is revisiting the guidelines of its scholarship schemes.

3.5 Robust Third Party Monitoring mechanisms to be implemented

The ministry has requested States/UTs to conduct a third party audit of all three scholarship schemes. School-wise list of beneficiaries and scholarship details are being made available in public domain. The Ministry has also initiated the process to engage Centre of Excellence for Data Analytics (CEDA) for detection of suspicious activities on NSP.

3.6 Institute Nodal Officer(INO) to be permanent staff of the institute.

The Ministry has undertaken re verification of all INOs and DNOs.

3.7 On boarding of All Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes

The Ministry does not implement any Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Scheme. Its three Scholarship schemes are on-boarded on NSP. Remaining two scholarship schemes will also be on boarded from next academic year.

7.1 **Strengthening of Application Scrutiny Process - All States/UTs** - All States/UTs are advised to strengthen the application scrutiny process and to be extra cautious in verifying the applications. Any suspicious case to be reported to the Department for appropriate action.

7.2 **Strengthening of System of Super Checks/Physical Verification** - Physical verification of 25% of the applications will be done, where scholarship amount exceeds Rs. 50,000/- per annum.

7.3 **Ministry to take Ownership and ensure proper disbursal of scholarship** - The Department has noted the suggestion for compliance.

7.4 **Guidelines for scholarships schemes may be revisited** - The scholarship scheme guidelines are being revised.

7.5 **Robust Third Party Monitoring mechanism to be implemented** - The third party monitoring is underway and is likely to be completed by 31st January, 2022.

7.6 **Institute Nodal Officer (INO) to be permanent staff of the institute** - The Department has been requested to take necessary action on this issue.

7.7 **On boarding of All Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes on NSP** - Department does not implement any Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Scheme.

8. Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

The Action Taken Report has not been received from the Department. It was submitted in the meeting, that the Department itself is the second level authority and applies due diligence in the application scrutiny process. Its scholarship guidelines are under revision and recently the cabinet has approved its revised Post-Matric Scholarship scheme. The Department was requested to take necessary provisions to bring its all Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes on NSP. Joint Secretary (DBT) further requested the Department to submit the action taken report on priority.

9. Ministry of Labour & Employment

The Ministry has not yet submitted the Action Taken Report. Joint Secretary (DBT) requested the Ministry to ensure compliance of guidelines issued by the Department Secretariat and submit the action taken report at the earliest.

10. Other Issues.

10.1 **Training to INOs/DNOs** - Ministry of Tribal Affairs mentioned that it is providing training to DNOs/SNOs through Video Conference. MTA mentioned that it conducts workshops for this purpose every year. This year the same is being conducted through VC. Joint Secretary (DBT) suggested NSP to develop suitable multimedia based training modules for stakeholders and deploy them on NSP. D/o Higher Education offered the support of its agency named National Centre of Educational Communication (CEC), which has expertise in developing such...

5.6 Institute Nodal Officer(INO) to be permanent staff of the institute.

The Department has been requested to issue necessary instruction.

5.7 On boarding of All Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes on NSP:

The Department does not implement any Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes.

Joint Secretary(DBT) requested the department to submit the action taken report at the earliest.

6. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

It was noted that the Action Taken Report has been received from the Ministry.

6.1 Strengthening of Application Scrutiny Process -

Regular meeting with Institutes to monitor implementation of National Fellowship and Scholarship scheme.

Centre for (CEDA) is engaged for data analysis to flag suspicious applications.

For centrally sponsored schemes of pre-matric and post-matric scholarships, state governments have been requested to take necessary action.

6.2 Strengthening of System of Super Checks/Physical Verification - Ministry itself is the second level verification authority and applies due diligence while verifying applications and requisite documents/certificates. Further, the Ministry requested States/UTs to carry out physical verification on random basis for its centrally sponsored scholarship schemes.

6.3 Ministry to take Ownership and ensure proper disbursement of scholarship - Regular monitoring of the scholarship schemes and regular meetings with the stakeholders. States/UTs have been requested to take note of any abnormal changes in number of applications and take appropriate action.

6.4 Guidelines for scholarships schemes may be revisited - The Ministry is revisiting the scholarship schemes' guidelines.

6.5 Robust Third Party Monitoring mechanism to be implemented - Ministry mentioned that evaluation of its scholarship schemes had been carried out by the Indian Institutes of Public Administration (IIPA) for AY 2019-20. JS(DBT) requested the ministry to incorporate third party monitoring mechanism in its guidelines.

6.6 Institute Nodal Officer (INO) to be permanent staff of the institute.

The Ministry was requested to issue necessary instruction to ensure the same.

6.7 On boarding of All Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes on NSP:

The Ministry implements Pre-Matric Scholarship Schemes for ST and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for ST, which are Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes. The guidelines are under revision. The Ministry was requested to ensure that these schemes are implemented through NSP.

7. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability

It was noted that the Action Taken Report has been received from the Department.

List of Participants

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2. Shri Shashi Bhushan, DDG, NIC
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4. Ms. Malathi Narayan, Deputy Secretary, D/o Higher Education
5. Shri Dhruv Chakravarty, Deputy Secretary, M/o Minority Affairs
6. Ms. Beena E. Chakravarty, Deputy Secretary, D/o Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
7. Shri Sanjay Gupta, Deputy Secretary, D/o Social Justice & Empowerment
8. Shri V.K. Verma, Deputy Secretary, D/o School Education & Literacy
9. Dr. Surender Singh, Joint Secretary, UGC
10. Shri Amit Kumar Srivastava, Director, AICTE.
11. Shri Anand Sharma, Director, AICTE
12. Ms. Sonal Sati, Scientist-E, NIC
13. Shri Kshiti Kushugra, Scientist- E, Meity
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21. Shri Prakash Chand, Section Officer, M/o Railway Protection Force
22. Shri Sandeep Shah, Sr. Manager, UIDAI
23. Shri Amit Kumar, Sr. Consultant, Meity
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26. Ms. Rashmi, Consultant, Ministry Tribal Affairs
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