The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, is implementing the Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University Students, which has been linked to the National E Scholarship Portal. Scholarships commencing from the academic year 2015-16 onwards are being disbursed through the portal.

From this financial year (2016-17) onwards, Aadhar has been made mandatory for disbursal of Government subsidies/scholarships which would be directly disbursed into the beneficiaries bank account which has been seeded with the Aadhar number.

A letter, in this regard, has been sent by Secretary (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, to all the Chief Secretaries.

It is requested that the Board, give wide publicity to the scheme and its linkage with the NeSP, as well as the fact that Aadhar number is now mandatory.

A draft Public Notice is enclosed, which the Boards could upload on their website and also give wide publicity about the same through the regional dailies. A copy of the letter relating to implementation of Aadhar based DBT from the Cabinet Secretariat is also attached.

Yours sincerely,

(Manoj Kumar Kejrewal)

To

Chairperson/Secretaries of all State Education Boards.
To, Chairman, CBSE and Chairman, CISCE, Secretaries, State Education Board of all States

Subject: Implementation of Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College- and University (CSSS) Students through National Scholarship 2.0 Portal (NSP) - Mandatory requirement of seeding Aadhaar Number with Bank Accounts – reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development is operating a Scholarship Scheme titled ‘Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for College and University Students’ from the year 2008-09. The scheme has been included in the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) programme of the Government of India and scholarships to eligible students are disbursed directly in the bank accounts of the beneficiaries from 1st January, 2013 based on the eligibility lists furnished/uploaded by the State Education Boards.

2. In this connection, it is informed that for online submission of applications for fresh and renewal of scholarship, a mechanism of National e-Scholarship Portal (http://scholarships.gov.in/login.do) was developed and fresh scholarships awarded during the financial year 2015-16 were processed and disbursed through NeS Portal. The National e-Scholarship Portal is open for all scholarship administered by various Ministries/Departments of Government of India.

3. It may also be pointed out that, from this financial year (2016-17) onwards, Aadhaar has been made mandatory for disbursement of all Government subsidies/scholarships. Separate Bank Account in the name of the beneficiary is required to be opened and the same need to be seeded with the Aadhaar number to enable direct transfer of scholarship to the bank account of each beneficiary.

4. Since the issue of disbursement of scholarships by various Ministries/Departments is being monitored in weekly meetings at higher level on the direction of the Prime Minister’s Office, regular updating, monitoring and removal of bottlenecks need to be done at all levels periodically.

5. You are, therefore, requested to give wide publicity about the Scheme and the Portal through advertisement in regional dailies and also upload the information on the website.

Yours faithfully,

(Chandresh)  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India  
Tel. No. 011-2617 2917
PUBLIC NOTICE

From 2016-17 onwards, Aadhaar has been made mandatory for all Government subsidies/scholarships which would be disbursed directly into the beneficiary's bank account seeded with Aadhaar number. The Cabinet Secretariat has directed that all DBT disbursals to be Aadhaar-linked by 31st December 2016.

In light of the above, all students who are availing scholarship or wish to apply for the same under "Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for College and University Students" (CSSS) should obtain Aadhaar number, if not already done, and have it seeded with their bank account for uninterrupted disbursal of scholarship to their bank account. For applying for online/offline Aadhaar card, please visit URL: http://www.aadharcarduidai.in/aadhar-card-apply-online-offline/.
Dear

The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing the 'Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students' which has been linked to the National e-Scholarship Portal (NeSP). Scholarships commencing from the academic year 2015-16 onwards are being disbursed through the portal.

2. The initiative has resulted in streamlining and fast tracking the release of scholarships. There however continues to be under-utilisation of the scholarships; only about 50% of the target was achieved in the preceding year. One reason for the low utilization has been lack of student awareness about the scheme and of the fact that applications need to be routed through the NeSP portal.

3. From this financial year (2016-17) onwards, Aadhaar has been made mandatory for disbursement of all Government subsidies/scholarships which would be disbursed directly into the beneficiary's bank account which has been seeded with an Aadhaar number.

4. I would be grateful if you could kindly give directions to your State Education Board to give wide publicity to the scheme and its linkage with National e-Scholarship Portal (NeSP), as well as the fact that Aadhaar is now mandatory. The Board may be asked to upload this information on their website at the earliest.

5. A copy of the letter relating to implementation of Aadhaar based DBT, from the Cabinet Secretariat is attached.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vinay Sheel Oberoi)

Encl. As above

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs

Copy to:

Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapatibhavan, New Delhi - 110004.

(Vinay Sheel Oberoi)
Dear Vinay,

As you are aware, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) programme has gained momentum and its implementation is being monitored at the highest level. In this regard, DBT Mission has already issued orders (vide Ministry of Finance O.Ms (No. I-11011/58/2013-DBT) dated 13th and 19th February, 2015) for universalisation of DBT across Ministries and Schemes where cash benefits are provided to individuals. Now, the scope of DBT had also been expanded to include in-kind transfers as well as transfers made to various enablers of Govt. Schemes (vide DBT Mission's O.M. dated 31st March, 2016-copy enclosed). The said O.M. also specifically lays down that Ministries / Departments are required to establish internal DBT Cells for facilitating transition of their Schemes on the DBT platform.

2. It may be mentioned that Hon'ble Prime Minister has reviewed the progress of DBT and Aadhaar on 9th May, 2016, wherein stiff lines for implementation of DBT were laid down. These include - DBT Cell in all Ministries & States by 30th June, 2016, all DBT disbursement to be Aadhaar linked by 31st December, 2016 and all Subsidies and Welfare Schemes to be brought under DBT by 31st March, 2017.

3. You will agree that for meeting the above timelines, each Ministry / Department will have to constitute internal DBT Cells for on-boarding various welfare schemes on DBT. These Cells may be headed by a Joint Secretary level or above officer and comprise of IT experts, coordinating with respective Program Divisions and IFD for the DBT transition of Schemes. This has to be followed by a live MIS portal under each Scheme for capturing real time information about various beneficiaries and underlying transactions at Central Ministry / Department level. Subsequently, all implementing agencies have to be on-boarded on the IT platform and fund flow has to be integrated on the PFMS platform.

4. A number of Ministries/Departments like Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Environment & Forests & Climate Change, Department of Sports, Department of Science & Technology, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Home Affairs have already constituted such internal DBT Cells and are working towards the DBT transition exercise of their Schemes.

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5. In view of the above, I once again seek your cooperation in meeting the timelines set for the implementation of DBT reform initiative. The matter may be treated important, as the same will also be reviewed by the Cabinet Secretary shortly.

Regards

Yours sincerely,

(Sanjay Kumar Srivastava)

Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi,
Secretary,
Deptt. of Higher Education,
New Delhi