

**F. No. 1-10/2010-SS
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy**

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 25th July, 2017

To

Education Secretaries of all States/ UTs (as per list attached)
(In-charge of Secondary Education)

Subject: Conduct of examination for selection of students for award of scholarships under National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) –regarding.

Sir/Madam,

The centrally sponsored “National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme” was launched in May 2008.

2. The examination for selection of students for award of NMMS scholarships under the scheme is being conducted by the State/UT Governments.

3. As it is a time-bound process, you are requested to take necessary action immediately for conducting the selection test/examination in November, 2018 for selection of students for the award of NMMS scholarships for academic year 2019-20 as per terms and conditions of the scheme. The result of the examination may be announced immediately thereafter but not later than February, 2019.

4. Since the scheme is meant for meritorious students of economically weaker sections whose parental income is less than Rs.1.50 lakh per annum, the standard of examination may be maintained to ensure that only meritorious students are selected in the examination for award of scholarships. All the States/UTs are therefore requested to give wide publicity to the scheme along with revised guidelines of the schemes issued by this Ministry vide a letter No. 1-7/2018-SS dated 20th April, 2018 (copy enclosed), so that sufficient number of students are able to appear in the examination leading to selection of meritorious students in full strength so that the allotted quota of scholarships for States/UTs are fulfilled.

5. The students shall have minimum of 55% marks or equivalent grade in Class VII examination for appearing in selection test for award of NMMS scholarships (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST) as prescribed in the terms & conditions of this scheme. At the time of selection for the award of scholarship, the following conditions may apply:

- (i) The students must pass both the tests i.e. MAT and SAT with at least 40 % marks in aggregate taken together for these two tests. For the SC/ST students, this cut off will be 32% marks.
- (ii) The student must have scored at least 55% mark or equivalent grade in Class VIII examination. There will be 5 % relaxation for SC/ST students.