Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Notification

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Government of Goa is pleased to supersede the scheme "The Grant of Stipend to Physically Handicap Student" notified vide Notification No. 50-289-96-97-HC/VOL-I/PART I dated 20-05-2008 and published in Official Gazette Series I No. 8 dated 22-05-2008 cited by a Scheme viz. 'The Grant of Stipend to Students with Disabilities' the following Scheme and is hereby published for general information of public, which shall come into force with the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

1. *Short title and commencement.*—

This Scheme shall be called Grant of Stipend to Students with Disabilities. This Scheme shall be applicable throughout the State of Goa, and shall come into force with effect from publication in Official Gazette.

2. *Objective.*—

The objective of the scheme-Grant of Stipend to Students with Disabilities is to encourage students with disabilities to pursue education by providing financial support in the form of stipends. This assistance helps them to overcome economic barriers that might otherwise prevent them from attending school.

3. *Applicability.*—

The stipend is awarded to students with disabilities enrolled in school-level education.

Under this scheme, stipend will be given to the Students studying from Anganwadi to Class VIIIth.

4. *Definitions.*—

a) Government means the Government of Goa.

b) Director means, The Director, Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa.

c) Head of Institution means the Headmaster/Headmistress of the school.

d) Institute means the school/institute recognized by the Directorate of Education of Goa or any other recognized agency.

5. *Eligibility conditions.*—

To be eligible to apply for financial assistance under this scheme, the applicant must satisfy the following conditions:

a) The Student must be regular student of a recognized school.

b) Combined Income Certificate issued by Competent Authority not exceeding Rs. 8.0 lakhs per annum.

c) The Student should not be in receipt of any other stipend from any other source.

d) If a family has more than one Child with Disabilities, all will be eligible for the grant of stipend under this scheme subject to the conditions that other conditions under these scheme are fulfilled.

e) Stipend is open to students with benchmark disability i.e. 40% or more disability as defined in the 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016'.

f) The Student must have UDID Card, Aadhaar card and Bank Pass book (Bank account should be Aadhaar seeded).

g) The Student shall not be eligible for the grant of stipend if he/she happens to be a repeater in a particular standard. However the failure can be condoned at the discretion of the Director.

6. *Financial Assistance.*—

The eligible students will be paid stipend at the following rates:-

Sr. No.	Standard/Class	Rate per month (11 months)
1	Anganwadi/Preschool/Balvatika to Std. II	Rs. 300/- p.m
2	Std. III to V	Rs. 400/- p.m
3	Std. VI to VIII	Rs. 500/- p.m

a) The applications received shall be scrutinized by the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

b) One academic year shall be taken as 11 months.

c) The payment shall be disbursed through ECS after furnishing G.A.R 33 from concern school/institution.

d) The Director shall be the sanctioning Authority under this scheme and his decision as regard to the selection or rejection of the grant shall be final.

7. *Cancellation/Withdrawal of Financial Assistance.*—

a) The Stipend shall be cancelled or withheld for a particular period if a candidate fails to pass in an annual examination or if the progress continues to be unsatisfactory or if the conduct is found to be unsatisfactory.

b) Furnishing incorrect information or suppressing material facts will automatically liable for cancellation of scheme.

c) Every student shall abide by such rules as may be prescribed by the concerned of authority. Failure to do so will automatically be liable for cancellation of scheme.

8. *Mode of applying.*—

The applications should be sent to the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities within the period as may be specified from time to time. Each application shall be accompanied by the following documents:

a) Disability Certificate issued by Goa Medical College Bambolim, District Hospital North and South and Institute of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Bambolim.

b) Income Certificate issued by Competent Authority not exceeding Rs. 8.0 lakhs p.a

c) A copy of a Mark Sheet of last annual Examination.

d) A copy of Bank Pass Book. (Bank account should be Aadhaar seeded)

e) A copy of Aadhaar card

f) UDID card

9. *Other terms and conditions.*—

a) A Student is liable to refund the Stipend amount at the discretion of the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, if during the course of the year, the student discontinued the studies for which the Stipend has been awarded.

10. *Interpretation of the provision of this Scheme.*—

If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

11. *Relaxation of the provisions of the Scheme.*—

a) The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all of the clauses or conditions of this scheme in genuine case(s) for sanction of the grant.

b) The Government shall have the power to modify, amend, or make any necessary changes to the Scheme, as and when required.

This issue with the approval of Finance (Exp) Division vide U.O. No. 1400114817 dated 11-10-2025.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Varsha Naik, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (DEPwD).

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