

II. Revision of Income Ceiling for eligibility (per annum)

The following table shows the existing and revised income ceilings :-

<u>Income ceiling limit of parents/guardians (per annum)</u>		<u>Scholarship eligibility towards maintenance allowance and fees.</u>
<u>Existing</u>	<u>Revised</u>	
Rs. 18,000/-	Rs. 33,400/-	Full maintenance allowance and full fees.
Rs. 24,000/-	Rs. 44,500/-	(i) Full maintenance allowance and full fees for courses in Group 'A' (ii) Half maintenance allowance and full fees for courses in Groups 'B', 'C', 'D', and 'E'.

The revised income ceilings account for Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers upto October, 1995.

Government of India have also decided to have revision of income ceilings once in every two years and to link it with Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers.

III. Relaxation of Restrictive Clause of providing benefits of the Scheme to two children of same parents/guardians, in case of girls.

At present only two children of same parents/guardians can get benefits of the Scheme if otherwise eligible. This condition has been relaxed for girls and now any number of girls of the same parents/guardians can get benefits of the Scheme.

IV. Revision of Study Tour Charges.

The existing amount of upto Rs. 100/- per annum towards required study tours has been raised upto Rs. 500/- per annum.

V. Provision of Allowance for books to students pursuing correspondence courses including distance and continuing education, besides existing reimbursement of compulsory course fees.

The Book allowance of Rs. 500/- per annum will now be provided with effect from 1.10.1995 besides existing compulsory course fee to students pursuing correspondence courses including distance and continuing education.

3. The State Government/Union Territory Administrations are accordingly requested to take immediate necessary action to implement the above decisions. The revised proposals towards receiving central assistance during 1995-96 (w.e.f. 1.10.1995) on account of above decisions, may be very urgently furnished to this Ministry, after making adjustment to the extent of central assistance already received during 1995-96.

4. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are also requested to give wide publicity to the above decisions through various media-outfits and through State and District administrations including various academic institutions.