

F.No. 1-116/2007-TW (PF)

This is regarding grant of additional scholarship to the ST students for prosecuting higher education in the Govt. colleges of these Islands for the academic session 2007-08.

It is mentioned here that the additional scholarship to 143 ST students i.e. (131 ST students of JNRM, Port Blair and 13 ST students of MG, College Mayabunder) from July'07 to November'07 has been sanctioned vide order No. 28 dated 24.1.08 at page 1-5/cor. The additional scholarship for the remaining months i.e. from December'07 to March'08 is due and the same is to be disbursed after acquiring the attendance of the students from the respective colleges.

We had requested the Principal, JNRM, Port Blair and MG, College Mayabunder to furnish the attendance of the ST students for the month of December'2007 to March'2008 vide our letter dated 13.3.08 at page 1/cor. In response to which the Principal, JNRM and MG College, Mayabunder have furnished the attendance of the ST students for the month of December'2007 to March'2008 vide letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> March'2008 and 20<sup>th</sup> March'08 at pages 9-14/cor. (PUC). As per the attendance submitted by the Principal, JNRM, Port Blair at page 10-12/cor against 130 ST students 11 ST students at Sl.No. 18, 23, 44, 52, 98, 99, 106, 108, 112, 120 & 130 are absent. Thus 119 ST students of the JNRM, Port Blair are present from December'07 to March'08. It is, therefore, proposed that we may make the payment of additional scholarship for the month December'07 to March'08 to 132 i.e. 119 ST students of JNRM, Port Blair and 13 ST students of MG, College Mayabunder.

As approved by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide their letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> June'2006 and letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> July'2002 at pages 15-16/cor the tribal students are eligible for additional scholarship @ Rs. 500/- p.m. Thus, the total expenditure for 132 ST students works out to Rs. 2,64,000/- (132x500x4)

A provision of Rs. 6.00 lakh has been made under scheme No. 2 of sector - "Welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs" under Annual Plan 2007-2008, of which an expenditure of Rs. 2,64,000/- towards payment of additional scholarship to 132 tribal students for year 2007-2008 may be met.