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Dear Sh. Jindal,

The centrally sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste students (PMS-SC), which is a flagship Scheme for educational empowerment of SC students, is implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. In accordance with the funding pattern of the Scheme outlined in clause XIII of the guidelines governing the Scheme, the State Govts./UTs receive 100% central assistance from Government of India for the total expenditure under the scheme, over and above their respective Committed Liability. The North Eastern States have been exempted from Committed Liability from Ninth Plan Period (1997-2002) onwards.

2. The level of Committed Liability of respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for a year is equivalent to the level of actual expenditure incurred by them under the scheme during the terminal year of the last Five Year Plan Period and is required to be borne by them for which they are required to make required provision in their own budget. Accordingly, the committed liability of various States/UTs is required to be fixed under the Scheme for XII Plan Period.

3. However, it is also stipulated in the guidelines of the Scheme that additional committed liability arising on account of the revision of the Scheme w.e.f. 01.07.2010 shall be passed on to the States / UTs at the end of the XII Five Year Plan (w.e.f. 01.04.2017) and not at the end of the XI Plan. It implies that the actual expenditure for fixation of committed liability should not include:-

- i) It should not include details/expenditure incurred for beneficiaries added after increase in income ceiling from Rs. 1.00 lakh to Rs.2.00 lakh w.e.f. 1-7-2010 due to revision of Scheme;
- ii) The maintenance allowance should be calculated as per pre-revised rates, i.e. rates applicable before the revision of Scheme on 1-7-2010.