

Maharashtra Government**Higher and Technical Education Department
Government Resolution No. Scholarship-2024/Case
No.105/TanShi-4****Ministry Extension Building, Madame Cama Road,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mumbai-400032.****Date: 08 July 2024.****Subject:**

Approval of 100% benefit on tuition fees and exam fees for girls from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC), and Other Backward Classes (OBC), instead of the previously approved 50% benefit.

Reference:

- Higher and Technical Education Department, Government Resolution No. TEM-2015/Case No.219/TanShi-4, dated 31.03.2016.
- Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, Government Resolution No. EBC-2056/Case No.221/Education-1, dated 31.03.2016.
- Higher and Technical Education Department, Government Resolution No. Miscellaneous-2017/Case No.332/TanShi-4, dated 07.10.2017.
- Women and Child Development Department, Government Resolution No. Orphan-2022/Case No.122/Ka-03, dated 06.04.2023.

Introduction:

The Higher and Technical Education Department, the Medical Education and Drugs Department, and the Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, and Fisheries Department offer various professional courses through centralized admission processes. Currently, eligible students from the OBC, EWS, and SEBC categories with an annual family income of less than ₹8.00 lakhs receive a 50% concession on tuition and exam fees.

As the representation of girls in professional education is limited to 36%, and in line with the New Education Policy (NEP), there is a need to increase the participation of girls in professional education. This will ensure broader educational opportunities and contribute to women's empowerment by preventing economically disadvantaged girls from missing out on professional education. In light of these considerations, the state cabinet, in its meeting held on 05.07.2024, has decided as follows:

Government Resolution:

Starting from the academic year 2024-25, the government of Maharashtra has approved a 100% concession on tuition and exam fees, instead of the existing 50% benefit, for new and existing female students from the EWS, SEBC, and OBC categories with an annual family income of ₹8.00 lakhs or less. This applies to admissions made through the Centralized Admission Process (CAP) in government colleges, government-aided private colleges, partially aided (Step Grant) and permanently unaided colleges/technical institutes, public universities, and government-deemed universities (excluding private deemed universities/self-financing universities). The financial burden of ₹906.05 crores for this initiative has been approved.

This 100% concession on tuition and exam fees is also extended to orphaned boys and girls categorized as "institutional" and "non-institutional," as mentioned in the Women and Child Development Department's Government Resolution dated 06.04.2023.

All relevant administrative departments are instructed to adjust their financial provisions accordingly and ensure that funds for this scheme are budgeted under the appropriate headings. Separate orders may be issued by the respective administrative departments for the implementation of the tuition and exam fee benefits.

In line with the decision of the Maratha Reservation and Facilities Cabinet Subcommittee, the income criteria for the EWS category will be standardized with that of the OBC category. Accordingly, the Higher and Technical Education Department's Government Resolution dated 07.10.2017 will be amended as follows:

Students admitted under the EWS reservation category will be required to submit an income certificate issued by the competent authority, based on the combined income of both parents, instead of the EWS certificate, to avail benefits under the Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Tuition Fee Scholarship Scheme. Students who are employed will need to include their income along with their parents' income in the income certificate.

The above provisions related to income certificates will also be extended to orphaned boys and girls included in the "institutional" and "non-institutional" categories.

The relevant administrative departments are directed to amend their Government Resolutions accordingly. All other terms, conditions, and procedures of the scheme will remain unchanged.

This Government Resolution is issued as per the approval granted in the Cabinet meeting held on 05.07.2024.

**Medical Education and Drugs Department,
Government Circular No. MED 1016/PR. NO. 473/16/
Education-2****Govt. T.B. Hospital New Building, 9th Floor,
Govt. T.B. Hospital Complex,
Lokmanya Tilak Road, Mumbai 400001****Date: 03 May 2018****Read:**

1. Government Decision, Higher and Technical Education Department, No. TEM2016/PK501/TANSHI-4, dated 13.10.2016
2. Government Decision, Medical Education and Drugs Department, No. MED1016/PK473/16/Education-2, dated 09.12.2016
3. Government Decision, Higher and Technical Education Department, No. TEM2016/PK559/TANSHI-4, dated 15.04.2017
4. Government Circular, Higher and Technical Education Department, No. EBC2018/PK38/TANSHI-4, dated 14.02.2018
5. Government Decision, Medical Education and Drugs Department, No. MED1018/PK49/18/Education-2, dated 17.04.2018

Circular:

In the state, the "Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj State Educational Fee Reimbursement Scheme" has been approved as per Government Decision No. 1, to provide 50% reimbursement of tuition fees to students from economically weaker sections (EWS) whose family income is within the prescribed limit, with certain conditions. In connection with this, supplementary orders have been issued as per Government Decision No. 2, allowing eligible students from economically weaker sections enrolled in professional undergraduate courses in health sciences at government/ government-aided/ private unaided colleges to benefit from the "Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj State Educational Fee Reimbursement Scheme." Additionally, as per Government Decision No. 5, students enrolled in MBBS and BDS courses in government/ government-aided/ private unaided medical and dental colleges, with family incomes between Rs. 2.50 lakh and Rs. 6.00 lakh, will receive 50% of the prescribed tuition fees as a scholarship instead of interest reimbursement on educational loans.

1. As per Government Decision No. 3, the "Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj State Educational Fee Reimbursement Scheme" has been renamed to "Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj State Educational Fee Scholarship Scheme." Under this scheme, 50% of the prescribed tuition fees will be directly deposited into the Aadhaar-linked bank accounts of eligible EWS students as a scholarship. The students are then required to pay this amount to their respective colleges. Therefore, eligible EWS students enrolled in professional health science courses are not required to pay 50% of the tuition fees at the time of admission. Colleges are also advised not to insist on the payment of the eligible fee amount from these students at the time of admission, nor should they delay admission for this reason. If any college demands full payment of tuition fees from eligible EWS students at the time of admission, appropriate action will be taken against such colleges.
2. The Higher and Technical Education Department, in relation to the "Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj State Educational Fee Scholarship Scheme," has issued a directive to educational institutions to refrain from insisting on the payment of the scholarship amount towards tuition fees at the time of admission. This directive also applies to the eligible EWS students enrolled in professional health science courses.
3. This Government Circular is to be brought to the attention of all colleges under the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Medical Education and Research and the Directorate of AYUSH, and the respective directors are to ensure strict compliance with the instructions contained in this circular.
4. This Government Circular is available on the Maharashtra Government's official website www.maharashtra.gov.in under index code 201805031517347613. This order is issued with a digital signature.