

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU  
ABSTRACT.

Education-Scholarships Award of scholarships to talented boys  
and girls from rural areas-Orders issued.

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EDUCATION (E2) DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.960.

Dated: 11.10.91  
Purattasi 25, Thiruvalluvar  
Andu 2022.

Read:

1. From the Director of School Education D.O.Letter No. 112644/J3/91, dated 1.8.91 and 13.8-1991.
2. From the Director of Elementary Education D.O.Letter No.35691/B1/91 dated 2.8.91.

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ORDER:

In the Budget presented before the Legislature for the year 1991-92, the Government have announced a new Talent Search scheme for Rural children. In pursuance of this, the Government have certain proposals from the Director of School Education and the Director of Elementary Education regarding selection of rural boys and girls to get scholarship so that the best talented and most intelligent boys and girls in the rural areas can get direct benefit of cash awards from the Government.

2. The Government have considered the proposals and the need to encourage the talented students from rural areas and have decided that a scheme should be launched to select the talented students from rural areas from an early age to get scholarships to prosecute their studies in High and Higher Secondary Schools.

3. Accordingly the Government approve a scheme for award of scholarships to talented boys and girls from rural areas in Tamilnadu for implementation from the academic year 1991-92 and the scheme will be named as Tamilnadu Rural Students' Talent Search Scheme (TRUSTE).

4. The scheme shall be implemented as per the following guidelines:-

- 1) The Scholarship scheme for the talented rural students shall be for the students studying in the schools located in rural areas only. Schools in rural areas would mean all the Government Recognised schools other than the schools located in Municipal Corporations and Municipalities. The Schools located in village Panchayats, Town Panchayats and Townships shall come within the ambit of this scheme.
- ii) At the end of VIIIth standard a test will be held for Boys/Girls.
- iii) The first 50 boys and 50 girls from each district shall be selected for the scholarship on the basis of a Talent search examination irrespective of Caste and religion.

- v) The Department of Government Examinations shall conduct the Talent search Examination. A suit ble pattern and technique of evaluation will be adopted by that Department in consultation with Director of school Education and Director of Elementary Education. The merit list showing the rank, district-wise shall be furnished by Director of Government Examinations to the Director of school Education.
- vi) The selected students shall be awarded an annual scholarship amount of Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) every year till the student completes studies in standard XII, at the end of each academic year, provided that he/she continues to get 50% of marks at the end of each academic year.
- vii) The student selected under the scheme if detained or discontinued his/her studies will not be eligible ~~afxxx~~ for scholarship amount subsequently.
- viii) The students whose parent's annual income does not exceed Rs.12,000/- will be eligible for competing in the Talent Research Examination.
- viii) The Director of school education will implement the scheme.

5. The Government sanction one post of assistant for the Directorate of School Education and one post of Assistant for the Directorate of Government Examinations for the implementation of the scheme and for the conduct of Examinations. The posts will carry the ~~Maxid~~ scale of pay of Rs.1200-2040. The posts shall be for a period of one year from the date of filling of the posts. The incumbents of the posts shall be eligible for Dearness and other allowances as admissible from time to time.

6. The expenditure on the scheme shall be debited to a new sub-head of account to be opened under "2202-02 Secondary Education-107. Scholarships-II. State plan.

7. The expenditure sanctioned is on a "New Service" and the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval by the legislature, the expenditure will be initially met by an advance from the contingency Fund, Orders regarding which will be issued separatel" from the Finance (SOI) Department.

The Director of School Education should apply to the Government in the Finance (SOI) Department in prescribed proforma for the sanction of the advance from the contingency Fund with copy of this order.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vice its U.O.No.4479/SM/P/91 dated 6.8.91.

( BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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