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NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT  
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, Civil Supplies

Deptt. of H.W.H.E.  
29-06-04



To  
The Chief Secretary,  
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkhand/ Assam, Dispur/ Manipur, Imphal/  
Meghalaya, Shillong/ Mizoram, Aizawl/ Nagaland, Kohima/  
Sikkim, Gangtok/ Tripura, Agartala

For kind info

Sub: Revival of Merit Scholarship - Stipend & Book-Grant by NEC.

Sir,

With reference to NEC Secretariat Office letter of even No. dated 13.11.2003 on the above subject, I am directed to inform you that at the request of Chief Ministers of some States of North Eastern Region, North Eastern Council has decided to revive the Merit Scholarship of NEC under the scheme "Financial Assistance to the Students of NER for pursuing higher Studies".

EM. [Signature]

It has also been decided that the State Govts will administer and operate the scholarship scheme subject to the following conditions:

Stipend & Book Grant

- i. It shall be given only to those students pursuing subjects as approved by NEC (enclosed)
- ii. Preference will be given to those subjects where employment opportunities are better
- iii. It shall be given to those students who do not have any chance of getting stipend/scholarship from any other source.
- iv. Selection of candidates will be made purely on merit to ensure that meritorious students get priority and preference over less deserving students. Due to fund constraints, it cannot be given to all the applicants
- v. The State Govt will be required to submit Utilisation Certificate in GFR 19A along with Audit Certificate for the amount released under the scheme as per the existing procedure

The guidelines formulated for operation of the scheme are also enclosed for ready reference and necessary action

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

(S.K Malik)  
Director (MPD)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT  
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RULES FOR STIPEND AND BOOKGRANT

*(Under the Scheme "Financial Support to the Students of N.E.R. for Higher Professional Courses" to be  
operated directly by the States of North Eastern Region)*

The Secretary, NEC is pleased to make the following rules to regulate the grant of stipends and book-grants to the students of the N.E. Region undergoing studies in different disciplines at different levels of institutions inside as well as outside the North-East but within the country as specified hereinafter. The stipends shall be awarded in subjects which are enumerated in Annexure-I and which are found to be the areas/fields in which there is still a shortage of adequately trained manpower in the region.

1. The rules may be called "Rules for award of stipend and book-grant from NEC". These rules shall come into force from the year 2004-2005 and will supersede the previous rules on the above subject.

2. **Scope:** These stipends and book-grants are available for studies in India only and shall be awarded by the North Eastern States from the fund allotted by North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong.

3. **General Conditions of Eligibility:** Subject to specified conditions mentioned elsewhere, the general conditions of eligibility are stated below:

(A) The stipends and book-grants are open only to a candidate who is a permanent resident of any of the States in the North-East. The certificate to this effect obtained from the Deputy Commissioner of the district in which the candidate is a permanent resident must be produced by the candidate. Certificate from any other authority will not be accepted. However, for SC/ST applicants, the SC/ST Certificate issued by the competent authority can be considered as P.R.C.

(i). The candidate should possess the relevant qualification from any recognized institution. An original certificate from the Institution of study must be produced by the candidate.

(ii). The student must not be in receipt of any other financial assistance from any other source, except National or State Merit Scholarship. A sponsored candidate under full employment during the period of study shall not be eligible to receive the stipend.

(iii). Financial assistance of stipend/book-grant shall be admissible to students taking admission in the courses specified hereinafter in all Institutes recognized by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, respective Ministry of the Government of India.

(iv). The stipend/book-grant shall be tenable for the prescribed duration of a course. A student failing to pass in a particular year shall not receive further stipend till he/she passes the specific year of the course. The Institution shall come to that effect and make specific recommendations thereto.

(v). In several candidates are not covered by this scheme.

(vii) The minimum marks for the grant of stipend should be 55% for General, OBC, M.O.B.C. and 5% for SC, ST candidates in the relevant qualifying examination for Diploma, Degree, and Postgraduate courses.

(viii) Selection of students for M.Phil and Ph.D. should be done on the basis of topic of research which has relevance to N.E. Region.

(ix) Selection will be made on the basis of merit in all cases.

4. The present rate of Stipends & Subject/Courses is as under:-

(i) Level of study	Stipend	Book-grant
Diploma	Rs.600/- p.m	Rs.600/- p.a
Degree	Rs.700/- p.m.	Rs.1000/- p.a.
Postgraduate	Rs.900/- p.m.	Rs.1500/- p.a.
M.Phil	Rs.1200/- p.m	Rs.2000/- p.a.
Ph.D.	Rs.1200/- p.m	Rs.3000/- p.a.

The rates are subject to revision from time to time. A Committee will be appointed by the Secretary, NEC for the purpose.

(i) (a) The various courses of studies at different levels for which NEC's financial assistance is admissible would be those as decided by the NEC from time to time keeping in view the requirements of specialized manpower of the North Eastern Region. The current list of courses are outlined in Annexures-I (Dip), II (Degree), III (P.G) and IV (Ph.D)

(i) (b) The subjects topics for M. Phil and Ph.D. should invariably be directly, specifically and currently relevant to the N.E. Region. Basic and theoretical research shall not be favoured in general. The stipends for M. Phil will be available initially for 18 months extendable by a period of six months/ one semester and for Ph.D., stipends shall be initially for three years, extendable later by a maximum period of another one year on the basis of recommendations from the Guide of the Institute. The grant of stipend for M. Phil and Ph.D) would be after the registration of the student with the University.

5. The number of stipends to be awarded every year to candidates at different levels may be decided by the State Govt. keeping in mind the fund allocation to the State Govt. However, the number may be increased or decrease at each level of study depending upon the market demand and availability of fund.

6. Reservation for OBC, SC, ST, OBC:

(a) All candidates will first be considered under the General category.

(b) Reservation on the same principles as embodied in our Constitution and as followed by Govt. of India shall be followed in selection of candidates. This reservation will be made according to the percentage of SC, ST & OBC and also limited to a maximum of 50% as ruled by the Supreme Court and as followed by the Govt. of India. However, SC, ST & OBC candidates who are qualified on merit of their own as general candidates would be considered as additionality to the reservation for SC, ST & OBC. Hence, initially all candidates will be considered against the general quota.

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Selection and Fund Release

Selection of candidates for Diploma level upwards shall be made by the State Govt. after proper advertisement and following selection procedure as outlined at Annexure-V.

The stipend at stipulated rates for Diploma level and above will be paid directly by the State Govt. concerned to the respective Institutions.

Submission of Utilisation Certificate & Audit Certificate:

The State Govt. of North Eastern Region shall submit every year Utilisation Certificate in GFR 19A and Audit Certificate for the amount released from NEC under the scheme "Financial support to the students of North Eastern Region for higher professional courses".

9. In case of doubt clarification the matter shall be referred to Director (Manpower Development), North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong-793001

List of Courses covered under Diploma Level

Serial Subject	Courses	Code No
1. Textile Technology	Diploma in Textile Technology.	0001
2. Computer Science & Engineering	Diploma in Computer Science, Computer Engineering BCA, BCA, PGCCA	0002
3. Electronics	Diploma in Electronics Engineering.	0003
4. Telecom & Communication Engineering	Diploma in Telecom Engineering	0004
5. Automobile Engineering	Diploma in Automobile Engineering	0005
6. Hotel/Travel & Tourism Management	PG Diploma in Travel & Tourism Management (1 year), Diploma in hotel Management (3-years).	0006
7. Teaching of Physically-Mentally handicapped	Diploma in Teaching of Physically/Mentally handicapped	0007
8. Ceramic & Glass Technology	Diploma in Glass & or Ceramic Technology.	0008
9. Physical Education & Sports	Diploma in Physical Education.	0009
10. Fashion Technology & Design	Diploma in Fashion Technology & Design.	0010
11. Para-Medical including General Nursing	Diploma in Pharmacy, General Nursing & Psychiatric Nursing	0011
12. Foreign Trade Management	Diploma in Foreign Trade Management	0012
13. Forestry	B. Sc. (Forestry) 3 years Course.	0013
14. Ecology & Environment	B. Sc. (Ecology & Environment) 3 years Course.	0014
15. Gemmology	Diploma in Gemmology.	0015
16. Tea Technology	Diploma in Tea Technology.	0016
17. Leather Technology	Diploma in Leather Technology.	0017
18. Resin Technology	Diploma in Resin Technology	0018
19. Plastic Technology	Diploma in Plastic Technology	0019
20. Mass Communication	B.A/B. Sc. in Mass Communication	0020
21. Interior Decoration	Diploma in Interior Decoration	0021
22. Indian System of Medicine	Diploma in Indian System of Medicine	0022
23. Bio-Technology	Diploma in Bio-Tech 3 years course.	0023
24. Business Management	BBA/BEM.	0024
25. Electrical Engineering		0025
26. Civil Engineering		0026
27. Mechanical Engineering		0027
28. Information Technology		0028
29. Food Preservation Technology		0029
30. Food & Nutrition Dairy Technology		0030
31. Agri. Marketing Management		0031
32. Ornamental & Landscape Gardening, Intellectual Property Right		0032
33. Automobile Technology Maintenance		0033
34. Maternity & Neonatal Care		0034
35. Geriatrics, Physiotherapy		0035
36. Horticulture Nursery Management		0036
37. Bio-fertilizer Production/Bio-Pesticides Technology		0037
38. Commercial Horticulture		0038
39. Livestock Production Technology		0039
40. Poultry Rearing Technology		0040
41. Social Science		0041
42. Horticulture Produce		0042
43. Electrical & Telecommunication		0043
44. Electrical & Electronics		0044
45. Electrical & Hardware Maintenance		0045
46. Mechanics		0046
47. Tool and Die Making		0047
48. Manufacturing Technology		0048
49. Printing Technology		0049
50. Photography Technology		0050
51. R.C.T. (Combined ECG and X-Ray)		0051
52. Automobile Production		0052

**ANNEXURE-II**  
**List of Subjects covered under Degree Level**

<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Subjects</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Code No.</u>
01	Dairy Technology	B. Tech/B. E.	0001
02	Food Technology	B. Tech/B. E.	0002
03	Ecology & Environment	B. Tech/M. Sc.	0003
04	Architecture	B. Arch.	0004
05	Manufacturing Engg	B. Tech/B. E.	0005
06	Textile Technology	B. Tech/B. E.	0006
07	Electronics	B. Tech/B. E./M. Sc (Electronics)	0007
08	Computer Science	B. Tech/B. E./M. Sc (Computer Science)	0008
09	Computer Engineering	B. Tech/B. E.	0009
10	Foreign Trade Management	Degree in Foreign Trade Management	0010
11	Physical Education & Sports	B. P. Ed/P. G. Diploma in Physical Education & Sports	0011
12	Chemical Technology	B. Tech/B. E.	0012
13	Bio-Technology	B. Tech (Bio-Tech/M. Sc (Bio-Tech).	0013
14	Fashion Technology & Design		0014
15	Mass Communication & Journalism	M. Sc/P. G. Diploma	0015
16	Petroleum Engineering	B. Tech/B. E.	0016
17	Forestry	B. Tech. (Forestry)/M. Sc (Forestry)	0017
18	Medical Science	MBBS/BDS/BHMS/BAMS/BUMS/B. PHARM	0018
19	Business Administration	(PGDAM)	0019
20	Information Technology	B. Tech/B. E.	0020
21	Physiotherapy	(BPT-4 Years Course)	0021
22	Nursing	Sc (Nursing)	0022
23	B. Tech, Bio Informatics		0023
24	B. Tech, Bio Medical Engineering		0024
25	B. Sc, Horticulture		0025
26	B. L. B		0026
27	Agr (B. Sc)		0027
28	B. Sc (Bio-Tech)		0028
29	Air Craft Maintenance Engg		0029
30	Aeronautical Engg		0030
31	MLT Degree Course		0031
32	B. Sc on Hospitality and Hotel Admn.		0032
33	Electrical Power Engg		0033
34	Mechanical Engg		0034
35	Civil Engineering		0035
36	Electrical & Electronics Engineering		0036
37	Electronic & Communication Engg		0037
38	Electronics & Telecommunication		0038
39	Social Science		0039
40	Chemical Engineering		0040
41	Information Technology		0041
42	B. Tech Agriculture		0042
43	Architecture (B. Tech)		0043
44	B. Sc Agriculture		0044
45	BVSc & AH		0045
46	B. Sc IT		0046
47	B. Sc Fisheries		0047
48	B. Sc Forestry		0048
49	B. Sc Geology		0049
50	B. Sc Home Science		0050
51	BMLT		0051
52	BA/B. Sc Environment & Ecology		0052
53	BA Animation and Computer Graphics		0053
54	B. Ed		0054
55	BA/B. Sc Mass Comm/Journalism		0055
56	BBA BCA		0056
57	B.A. Sc in Mass Communication		0057

## ANNEXURE-III

## List of Subjects covered under Post Graduate Level

Sl. No.	Name of Subjects	Courses	Code No.
01	Computer Engineering	M. Tech/M. E.	0001
02	Computer Application	M. Tech.	0002
03	Computer Science	M. Tech.	0003
04	Agriculture & Allied Subject	M. Sc. (Agr)/M. V. Sc./M. F. Sc.	0004
05	Civil Engineering	M. Tech/M. E.	0005
06	Metrical Engineering	M. Tech/M. E.	0006
07	Electrical Engineering	M. Tech/M. E.	0007
08	Electronics	M. Tech/M. E.	0008
09	Architecture	M. Arch.	0009
10	Medical Sciences	MD/MS/PGD/Diploma/M. Pharm.	0010
11	Bio Technology	M. Tech (Bio-Tech)	0011
12	Foreign Trade	M. A. (Foreign Trade)	0012
13	Physical Education & Sports	M. A. (Physical Education)	0013
14	Fine Arts	MFA	0014
15	Food Technology	M. Tech.	0015
16	Information Technology	M. Tech (IT)	0016
17	Forestry	M. Tech (Forestry)	0017
18	Environmental Sciences	M. Tech.	0018
19	Genetic Technology	M. Tech.	0019
20	Energy Management	M. Tech.	0020
21	Nursing	M. Sc (Nursing)	0021
22	M. Sc Medical Bio Chemistry		0022
23	M. Sc Medical Physiology		0023
24	M. Sc Medical Micro Biology		0024
25	M. Sc Medical Anatomy		0025
26	M. Sc Physics		0026
27	M. Sc Chemistry		0027
28	M. Sc Mathematics		0028
29	M. Sc Environment & Ecology		0029
30	M. Sc Biotechnology		0030
31	M. Sc Horticulture		0031
32	M. Sc. Poultry Culture		0032
33	M. Sc. Geology		0033
34	MPT (Master in Physiotherapy)		0034
35	M. Sc. (MLT)		0035
36	M. Sc IT		0036
37	M. Ed		0037
38	M. Sc. Forestry		0038
39	MBA		0039
40	MCA		0040
41	L.M		0041

## ANNEXURE-IV

M. Phil &amp; Ph. D.

The Subject/topics for M. Phil and Ph. D. should invariably be directly, specifically and currently relevant to the N. E. Region. M. Phil, and Ph. D. candidates should be invariably submit a synopsis of their thesis counter signed by their Guides/Supervisors.

IN-SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHEME

## ANNEXURE-V

New Course

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>P. G. Diploma Level Course.</u>	<u>Code No.</u>
01.	Marketing Management	0001
02.	Business Admin	0002
03.	Financial Management	0003
04.	Advertising	0004
05.	Foreign Trade.	0005
06.	Entrepreneurship	0006
07.	Banking & Insurance	0007
08.	Finance & Taxation	0008
09.	Advertising & Salesmanship	0009
10.	Human & Management Retailing	0010
11.	hospital Management	0011
12.	Waste Management	0012
13.	NGO Management	0013
14.	Herbal Science	0014
15.	SHG Management	0015
16.	Social Science	0016

1. Department of Law (B.A. LL.B Honours/LLM)
2. Department of Nanotechnology (B.Tech/M.Tech)
3. Department of Energy Engineering (B.Tech/M.Tech)
4. Department of Botany (M.Sc)
5. Department of Zoology (M.Sc)



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ANNEXURE-V

Procedure for selection of stipendiaries by the States for the Diploma Level Courses and above

1. The stipendiaries must conform to the eligibility and other conditions laid down under the Rules for Stipend and Book-grant.
2. Respective Department of the State Government will advertise in English in a more widely circulated paper of the State once in a year at an appropriate time.
3. The advertisement shall give pertinent details, about scheme and the certificates, etc required to be submitted along with the application form.
4. Selection should be made purely on merit subject to the State quotas and reservation for SC, ST and OBC dovetailed by distribution to various courses/subjects. Selection of courses/ subjects and the number of stipends for each course will have to depend on number of candidates available/subjects and the quality of such candidates and also the perceived need of the respective State.
5. Students selected for grant of stipends/book-grants will be entitled to receive same from the date of admission/date of commencement whichever is later till completion of the course.
6. Stipend book-grant will not be available for Internship or any practical training.
7. Students pursuing dual course (Degree + PG) will be entitled to receive stipend for Degree Level only.
8. Students selected for Diploma level will be entitled to receive stipend for Diploma Level only. The student cannot claim for continuance of stipend for Degree Level.
9. The NEC shall release the fund directly to the State Governments. However, if it is brought to the notice of the NEC Secretariat that a candidate is enjoying stipends/ scholarship from one or more source including that of NEC, the stipend and book-grant shall be discontinued forthwith and the amount given in excess as per rule shall be recovered.
10. Progress report shall be furnished to the NEC by the respective State Government concerned.
11. For renewal of stipends (See Rules in Annexure VI) which is to be done on an annual basis each stipendiary will have to fill up a prescribed renewal form (specimen enclosed) obtainable from the State Govt. and get a recommendation thereon from the Head of the institute concerned who shall do so strictly on the basis of satisfactory progress of the stipendiary. Failure in any academic year will render the stipend liable to be discontinued for that entire period of failure and future renewal should be re-considered only from the date of passing to the next higher class/ semester. A copy of the Sanction order along with statement for the stipend renewed shall be enclosed to NEC.
12. The State Government shall furnish a list of candidates selected for stipend every year along with necessary details.

## RULES FOR RENEWAL OF STIPEND AND BOOK GRANT

1. Renewal of stipend and book-grant is not an automatic process and is subject to fulfillment of certain terms and conditions by the stipend holder.
2. All requests for renewal of stipend and bookgrant shall be made to the Director, Department connected to the State Govt. in the prescribed form which can be obtained from the Head of the Institution/Dean, Student Welfare of the educational institution/University where the stipend holder is studying. At the beginning of each financial year a sufficient number of renewal forms for the stipend shall be sent by post to the Head of the Institution/Dean, Student Welfare of the educational institution/university where the stipend holder is studying.
3. Renewal of stipend and book-grant is generally for a period of one year i.e. from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March of the next year.
4. Stipend holders shall apply for renewal of stipend and book-grant on a yearly basis. However stipend holders from the Medical Science stream may apply for renewal after completion of each professional examination.
5. While applying for renewal the stipend holder shall fill up the renewal form completely. Mark sheets, Pass Certificates for the previous year shall be enclosed. Ph.D./M.Phil students while applying for renewal shall enclose the latest progress report from the Guide countersigned by the Registrar. The filled in renewal forms shall be submitted to the Head of the educational institution for recommendation.
6. The Head of the educational institution while recommending a case for renewal of stipend and bookgrant shall clearly indicate whether the stipend holder has been promoted to the next year or not. Renewal cases of stipend holders who have not been promoted to the next year will not be forwarded for renewal.
7. Renewal cases of stipend holders who are not promoted to the next year will not be considered for further renewal and names of such stipend holders shall be removed from the records.
8. In case a stipend holder who failed in one or more subjects but is promoted to the next semester/year, such cases for renewal will be considered for renewal provided that the stipend holder clears all the back papers in the next examination. In all such cases for renewal a certificate in this regard from the Head of the Institution will accompany the request for subsequent renewal.
9. Request for renewal of stipend holders who have changed their subject of study will not be entertained for renewal if the student has availed the stipend for the previous course or part of it.
10. Request for renewal of stipend of such stipend holders who have changed their Institution of study will not be entertained for renewal.
11. Request for renewal of stipend and book-grant in respect of stipend holders who discontinue their study for any period for any reason other than on medical ground will not be entertained. Stipend holders who discontinue their study on medical ground will submit a medical certificate from the District Medical Officer/Head of the Medical Institutions in this regard clearly indicating the course and period of such break in study while applying for renewal.
12. Extension of stipend and bookgrant beyond the prescribed period of study will not be entertained. However, if such extension is due to reasons beyond the control of the stipend holder, then such

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cases may be considered for extension based on the merit of the individual case. All such requests for extension must be accompanied by a Certificate issued in this regard by the Head of the educational Institution as in the format given in the renewal form.

13. M. Phil stipend is sanctioned for a period of one and half year and is extendable by a period of six months-one semester based on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.
14. Ph.D. stipends and book-grants are sanctioned normally for a period of 3 years, which is extendable for another one year based on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.
15. Final year stipend holders wishing to draw the final disbursement of stipend and book-grant after completion of their courses directly from the State Govt. will be required to submit a recommendation in this regard from the Head of the Institution.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT  
SHILLONG 793001

No. NEC/MPD/13/2141

25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2004

To

The Secretary (Technical Education),  
Govt. of Assam, Dispur,  
Gowahati - 781006.

The Secretary (Higher Education),  
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar/ Tripura, Agartala.

The Secretary (Higher & Technical Education),  
Meghalaya, Shillong/ Nagaland, Kohima.

The Secretary, Science, Technology & Environment Wing,  
Govt. of Mizoram, Aizawl.

The Secretary, Human Resource Development,  
Govt. of Sikkim,  
Gangtok.

The Secretary (Education),  
Govt. of Manipur, Imphal.

Sub: Revival of Merit Scholarship - Stipend & Book-Grant by NEC.

Sir,

Please refer to this office letter of even number dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2004 addressed to the Chief Secretary of North Eastern States on the subject cited above. In this connection, I am to inform you that old rates of stipend and bookgrant were inadvertently quoted in Para 4 of the Guidelines. It is requested to award stipend and bookgrant at the current rates for different courses as noted below:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Bookgrant</u>
Diploma	Rs. 600/- Per month	Rs. 700/- Per annum
Degree	Rs. 800/- Per month	Rs. 1000/- Per annum
Postgraduate	Rs. 1000/- Per month	Rs. 1500/- Per annum
M.Phil	Rs. 1200/- Per month	Rs. 2000/- Per annum
Ph.D	Rs. 1500/- Per month	Rs. 3000/- Per annum

A copy of GER-19A Form is attached herewith as mentioned in Para B of the Guidelines for submission of Utilization Certificate and Audit Certificate for the amount to be released from NEC.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully,

(S.K. Malik)  
Director (MPD)

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Copy to

1. The Director of Technical Education, Govt. of Assam, Khetlipara Guwahati - 781001
2. The Director of Higher Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
3. The Director of Higher Education, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala
4. The Director of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong
5. The Director of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Nagaland, Kohima
6. The Principal Scientific Officer, Science, Technology & Environment Wing Planning Department, Govt. of Mizoram, Aizawl
7. The Controller of Technical Education, Govt. of Manipur, Imphal
8. The Director, Human Resource Development, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok

*S.K. Malik*  
(S.K. Malik)  
Director (MPD)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT  
SHILLONG

No. NEC/HRD&E/SHIP/2/2009

Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

To

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary,  
Higher and Technical Education Department,  
Govt. of Assam, Guwahati / Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar / Manipur, Imphal /  
Mizoram, Aizawl / Nagaland, Kohima / Tripura, Agartala / Meghalaya, Shillong.

Sub: Submission of Progress Reports and Utilization Certificate.

Sr,

Referring to this office letter of even No. dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, you are requested to kindly submit the Progress Reports and Utilization Certificate against the amount released by NEC during 2009-10 towards financial assistance to the students of North Eastern Region for pursuing Higher Professional Courses. While submitted the utilization certificate and report, it is requested to kindly send the information as per the format enclosed for our necessary action.

You are requested to indicate fund requirement both for ongoing beneficiaries and projected fresh candidates.

You are further requested to send advertisement copy as printed in Newspaper alongwith the papers, and also to intimate as to how the office is ensuring that only deserving people as stipulated in the guidelines, who has not / is not availing any other scholarship, are receiving NEC merit scholarship.

It may also be noted that selection must be carried out only for that number of people that can be covered with budget available with you. Rest should be kept as waiting list, which, as per the availability of fund, will subsequently be entertained. Waiting list, if not entertained during the current year should not be carried over to next financial year for funding. Fresh list is to be prepared every year, as all application and waiting list cannot be entertained because of paucity of fund.

As per availability of fund, students must be chosen on merit. Merit list to be prepared every year and must be intimated to NEC accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

( Sherry Lalhangzo )  
Director ( HRD & E )

Copy to : The Director, Higher and Technical Education Department, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati / Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar / Manipur, Imphal / Mizoram, Aizawl / Nagaland, / Tripura, Agartala for information and necessary action.

( Sherry Lalhangzo )  
Director ( HRD & E )

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Minutes of the meeting to review NEC scheme of Stipend and Book Grant held on 30.9.2016.

A meeting to review and revise the existing NEC Scheme of Stipend & Book Grant was held on 30.9.2016 at 11.00 a.m. in the NEC Secretariat Conference Hall, Shillong under the Chairmanship of Planning Adviser, NEC. The following members attended the meeting.

Sr. No.	Name of the officer	Designation	State
1.	Shri C.H. Kharshiing	Planning Adviser, Chairman	NEC Sectt. Shillong
2.	Shri G.K. Chin	Financial Adviser	-do-
3.	Smt. Sherry Lalthangzo	Director (Planning)	-do-
4.	Shri Kh. Sile Anthony	Director (HRD&E)	-do-
5.	Shri J.H. Zoremathanga	Secretary, Scholarship Board	Mizoram
6.	Shri D.B. Barma	Joint Director	Tripura
7.	Shri Bijoy Sarcar	Education Deptt.	Tripura
8.	Dr. Tejum Padu	Director, H/TE	Arunachal Pradesh
9.	Shri Ramasingh	Director, H/TE	Meghalaya
10.	Shri S. Bhattacharjee	Deputy Director, H/TE	Meghalaya
11.	Shri I. Alampokba	Director, H/TE	Nagaland
12.	Shri B. Dutta	Director, H/TE	Assam
13.	Shri M.K. Saud	Education Deptt.	Assam
14.	Shri Rakesh Konwar	Education Deptt.	Assam

Manipur and Sikkim could not be represented in the meeting.

Shri D. Khound, Economic Adviser (HR) could not attend the meeting due to other pre-engagement, but he gave some written suggestion which was circulated to all the members present for perusal and consideration.

Shri C.H. Kharshiing, Chairman welcomed the officers attending the meeting and requested to introduce themselves. Chairman gave a brief background of the purpose of meeting. Thereafter, he requested the members present to give their views and inputs for revision of the existing rate, inclusion of more courses and various other issues related to the subject.

The following State Govts. have given written suggestions:-

Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Assam and Meghalaya.

All the members present gave their valuable inputs. State-wise specific comments were -  
(a) Director Higher Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh stated that the number of ITIs have increased in Arunachal Pradesh. Most of the students prefer to avail NEC stipend and book grant. He requested to include more courses into the scheme and enhance the rate.

The Secretary Scholarship Board, Govt. of Mizoram requested NEC scheme and requested to include more courses and to enhance the rate of the scheme as it is compared to other Govt. scholarship schemes.

(c) Joint Director Education, Govt. of Tripura requested to continue with the existing cut off percentage as it is difficult to get eligible candidates from the tribal community even with the existing cut off percentage.

(d) Director Higher Education, Govt. of Meghalaya suggested for new courses to be included and requested to enhance the rate.

(e) Director Higher Education, Govt. of Nagaland informed that students from the Nagaland are not opting for NEC scheme as the rate is very low as compared to other scheme. If the rate is enhanced and more advance courses are included it may attract the students.

(f) Director Higher Education, Govt. of Assam requested that fund may be allotted according to the population and also to enhance the existing rate & include more courses in the existing list.

A threadbare discussion was held on the issues after getting views from the state representatives. After the detailed deliberations the following is recommended for further action.

1. The NEC Book Grant & Stipend may be renamed as "NEC Merit Scholarship".
2. The income ceiling of the beneficiary's parents/guardians should not exceed ₹4.5 lakhs per annum.
3. The NEC merit scholarship to be disbursed through DBT system to the beneficiaries. This is for strict compliance by the State.
4. Eligibility cut off marks would be 70% for General and 60% for ST/SC category.
5. An undertaking is to be obtained from the candidate that he/she has not availed any other scholarship other than NEC Merit Scholarship.
6. The proposed revised rate is as under-
 

i) Diploma	-	₹ 20,000/- p.a.
ii) Degree	-	₹ 22,000/- p.a.
iii) Post Graduate	-	₹ 25,000/- p.a.
iv) M.Phil /Ph.D	-	₹ 30,000/- p.a.
7. The revised rate and guidelines will come into force w.e.f. 1.04.2017.
8. The course which is not covered in the existing list to be included provided it is recognized by UGC, AICTE, NCT and other statutory bodies.
9. The number of beneficiaries to be restricted as per the budget allocation of NEC
10. The State will ensure strictly compliance to the guidelines and give preference to economically weaker sections.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.