

## **GRANT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:**

The main objective of this scheme is to improve the educational opportunities for children with special needs by way of providing financial assistance to the parents of such children. This scheme has been designed to make children with disabilities independent and earning members of their family so that they need not be a liability of the family.

The financial assistance shall apply to children with special needs studying in recognized schools from Std. I to XII, who are classified as under:

- (i) Mentally Challenged.
- (ii) Slow Learner/Learning Disabled.
- (iii) Autistic child.
- (iv) Hearing & Speech Impaired.
- (v) Orthopaedically handicapped including polio and accident cases.
- (vi) Visually Impaired.

Under this Scheme children with special needs are entitled to financial assistance for:

- (i) Grant for books and other stationary per annum .. Rs. 500/-
- (ii) Fixed amount for uniform per annum ..... Rs. 800/-
- (iii) Traveling allowance of Rs.200/- per month ..... Rs. 200/-  
subject to attendance of 60% in the month
- (iv) Escort allowance of Rs.200/- per month ..... Rs. 200/-  
subject to attendance of 60% in the month
- (v) Actual expenses on equipment required for  
facilitating the child's Education upto a maximum  
of Rs.5000/- once in three years (to be given in the  
first year) ..... Rs. 5000/-

Schools, both special and regular shall be provided with an incentive of Rs.300/- for more than 60% student attendance or Rs.200/-for less than 60%

student attendance but more than 45% attendance, per month per child with special needs.

The Scheme also covers:

- (a) Vocational Training
- (b) Hostel facilities
- (c) Teacher training
- (d) Early detection of disabilities
- (e) Resource rooms.

Under this scheme, 1562, 1766, 1452, students are benefited for the year 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10.

<b>Item</b>	<b>2007-08 Actual</b>	<b>2008-09 Actual</b>	<b>2009-10 Actual</b>	<b>2010-11 Anti- cipated</b>	<b>2011-12 Proposed</b>
Grants are distributed to the children are	1563	1766	1861	1861	1861
The Expenditure incurred	99.96	113.11	79.79	100.00	105.00

An outlay of Rs. 105.00 lakh is proposed in the Annual Plan 2011-12 for the purpose.