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NOTIFICATION

Scheme to provide Grant in Aid for students of High Schools and Higher Secondary schools in the State of Goa.

The Government of Goa is pleased to frame the **Scheme to provide Grant in Aid for students of High Schools and Higher Secondary schools in the State of Goa** to enable them to attend and participate in Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness Programmes in India.

1. *Short title and commencement:-*

- (i) This scheme may be called as “*Scheme to provide Grant in Aid for students of High Schools and Higher Secondary schools in the State of Goa.*” (Herein after called as the Scheme).
- (ii) It shall come into force with immediate effect.
- (iii) The scheme shall be implemented by Goa State Council for Science & Technology (GSCST).
- (iv) The scheme shall promote the goal of the Department through Students of High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools in the State of Goa by deputing them to various exhibitions, science seminars, visit to reputed Institution in India, Science popularization workshops and awareness programs in India and in reputed Institutions in India.

2. *Introduction of the scheme:-*

- (i) The scheme envisages the popularization and promotion of Science & Technology by providing financial support to Students of High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools for attending Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes.

3) Objectives of the scheme:-

(i) The scheme is formulated with the objectives to promote and popularize Science & Technology, among Students of High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools in the state of Goa by deputing them to various exhibitions, science seminars, workshops and awareness programs in India, visits to Institutions and providing financial assistance for attending these events.

(ii) To inculcate the scientific temper in the minds of Students in High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools.

4. Scope of the scheme:-

(i) The scope of the scheme is to provide annual financial assistance to Students of High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools to facilitate them to attend Science seminars, workshops and awareness programmes in India with a condition that every team visiting these events shall contain atleast 40 percent members from ST community.

(ii) Project Review Committee

A Project Review Committee (PRC) comprising of Vice Chairman of GSCST & Hon'ble Minister Science & Technology, Principal Secretary / Secretary Science & Technology, Director, Department of Science and Technology, Representatives of Goa University, Goa Science Centre, Chairman GSPCB, Environment Engineer of GSPCB, Representative of Goa Engineering College will review the proposals received and upon the recommendation of the committee, the grants will be released. The proposal will be appraised by the committee by conducting a meeting or by circulation. Alternately the project could be appraised through the Goa State Council for Science & Technology or other experts of various Institutions.

(iii) The Department of Science & Technology shall maintain a database record of Students of High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools to whom grants have already been provided to facilitate them for attending the Science Seminars, Workshops and awareness programmes in India.

(iv) The activities involved under the Programme are to support Students to participate in Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness Programmes in Science & Technology in India.

(v) Wherever, possible and available Government accommodation should be used for the visiting students, teachers etc. and travel mode shall be railway, bus etc.

5. *Eligibility for availing benefits under the scheme:-*

- (i) Students of the High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools of Goa, who are been recommended and attested by the Principal / Headmaster of Institution are eligible only once in a year to attend and participate in Science Seminars, Science Workshops, awareness programmes in consultation with the GSCST.
- (ii) The group of students attending and participating in Science Seminars, Science Workshops and awareness programmes shall consist atleast 40 percent students from ST community.
- (iii) Each group of students of High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools (maximum of 10 such groups/grantees) will be eligible to get the grant of Rs.50,000/- or actual expenses, whichever is less, per annum for attending and participating in Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness Programmes. However with the approval of Government in specific cases higher amount could be granted. **(Proforma for seeking GIA in “FORM I”)**. The institution could contribute to the additional amount/expenses from their own funds.
- (iv) The Students of High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools will be eligible for seeking grant, only once a year for attending and participating in science seminars, workshops and awareness programmes.

6) **Quantum of financial assistance under the Scheme**

- (i) An amount of Rs. 50,000/- to each such group of students/teacher (i.e. one teacher for five students) shall be provided per annum to the eligible 10 nos of grantees, directly on case to case basis to promote scientific temper among the Students.
- (ii) The office of the GSCST shall maintain a database record of the Students of High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools to whom grants have already been provided with the details of the subject / theme of the Science Seminars, Workshops and awareness programmes.
- (iii) Government reserves the right to stop future grants and also modify the financial quantum, so also the conditions of the scheme, depending upon the budgetary provisions. Government also reserves the right to sanction the grant to the GSCST as also to hold in abeyance or suspend or cancel the scheme, at any point of time, and no claim or appeal or challenge shall lie with any authority or tribunal or court, in respect of this decision of the Government.

7. *Pattern of Assistance of the Scheme:-*

- (i) The grants shall be disbursed as single installment to participating group of students.
- (ii) The grantee shall be entitled to receive Government grants based on the estimate approved by the Government in the Budget Estimate during that financial year for the scheme and will be sanctioned as per the terms and conditions laid by the Government.
- (iii) The entire amount of the grants approved within the same financial year, should be utilized before the month of March of the subsequent year and should be used only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned. Any portion of the grant which is not ultimately required for the purpose for which it is sanctioned will be refunded to the Government Treasury. After 'utilizing/refunding' the sanctioned amount, an Utilization Certificate should be furnished to the sanctioning authority as required under Form GFR – 19A.
- (iv) The account of the Grantee in respect of this grants should be audited by the government approved Auditor / Chartered Accountant and counter signed by Headmaster/Head of Institution as the case may be. Such certificate shall be submitted along with detailed report. The accounts of the grants shall be maintained separately and properly from its normal activities.
- (v) The Audited statement of accounts showing the expenditure incurred by the Grantee from the grants should be furnished to the Government within a period of one year from the date of sanction and should certify that expenditure incurred is only for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.
- (vi) A performance-cum-achievement report specifying in detail of the achievements made by the Grantee with the Government grants / amount for which it is sanctioned should be furnished to the Department of Science & Technology annually, by Goa State Council for Science and Technology (GSCST).
- (vii) The grantee Institution must exercise reasonable economy, observe all financial propriety and the financial rules as issued by the Government from time to time while incurring the expenditure.
- (viii) In case of portion of grants being utilized for the purpose for which it is not sanctioned, the amount so utilized shall be recovered from the Grantee in a manner as decided by the Government and in terms of the provisions and in accordance to the law in force. The Government shall also initiate appropriate criminal proceedings against the perpetrators.
- (ix) The amount remaining unspent out of this grant on or before the month of September of the subsequent year of grants, shall be refunded back to the Government Treasury by challan within 03 (three) months from the date of submission of report.

- (x) The grantee shall duly acknowledge the grant provided by the department in its report as well as any publications of such report for which the department has provided grants.
- (xi) The grantee shall ensure that no unlawful activities, propaganda in consistent with the Government illegal Policy, Rules and Regulations should be undertaken.

8. *Relaxation of the provisions of the scheme:-*

The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all of the clauses or conditions of this scheme in genuine case(s) for sanction of the grant.

9. *Interpretation of the provisions of this scheme:-*

If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

10. *Redressal of grievances and dispute:-*

Grievances or disputes if any, arising out of implementation of this scheme, shall be referred to the Secretary (S&T) of Government who shall hear and decide such matters and the decision of the Secretary (S& T) to the Government in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Provided no grievance or dispute regarding the decision of the Government under clause 6 (iii) above shall lie with any authority or tribunal or court, in respect of the decision.

11. This scheme has been issued with the concurrence of the Finance (Exp.) Department vide their U.O. No.1400071191. dated 24/01/2020 and administrative approval of the Government under U.O. No. 025 dated 01/08/2019.

By Order and in the name of the
Governor of Goa

Sd/-
(Levinson J. Martins)
Director (S&T) / Ex-Officio,
Jt. Secretary to Government

To,
The Director, Department of Printing and Stationery, Panaji *with a request to print the above Notification immediately in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa.*

FORM I

PROFORMA FOR SEEKING GRANT IN AID UNDER SCHEME FOR STUDENTS OF HIGH SCHOOLS AND HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Sr.No.	Particulars	
1.	Name of the Institutions seeking Grants in Aid to attend seminars / Workshops / Awareness Programmes	
2.	Name of the Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes to be attended	
3.	Total No. of Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes attended earlier	
4.	How many people expected for Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes	
5.	Time duration of the Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes	
6.	Dates of the Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes	
7.	Venue of the Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes	
8.	Title of the Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes	
9.	whether Grants in Aid was provided for any other project to the institutions earlier Yes/ No	
10.	If Yes Names, Total amount sought and the time duration of the Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes	
11.	Whether settlement of earlier Accounts complied Yes/No	
12.	Travel Charges to be paid to the Students	
13.	Honorarium to be paid to the students	
14.	Total Expenditure for publicity , advertisement, Handouts	
15.	Whether any other institution has sponsored Students for Science Seminars, Workshops and Awareness programmes on the Subject for which Grants In Aid is sought. Y/N if yes the title and name of the Institution	
16.	Any other Costs	

DECLARATION

I _____ hereby state that I am working as _____ in _____ Institution, since _____ and have not sought Funds from the State Government or any other source / Agency for organising the seminar / awareness programme. It is further stated that no additional grants / funds shall be sought / claim from any other agency / organization for the said purpose.

Counter Sign by Head Master / Principal

Signature of Project Incharge

Seal of Institution