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Principles and procedure for financial assistance to meritorious 12th Pass students for purchase of laptop, for the year 2023 under "Biju Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana"

The Government in Higher Education Department, Odisha have been distributing free laptops to the 12th pass-out meritorious students since the year 2013. The Scheme has undergone various modifications since its inception so as to make it more student- centric, faster & transparent. From the year 2020-21, the scheme has been converted to a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme, wherein Rs. 30000/- is transferred directly to the students' accounts in lieu of laptops. In order to make the scheme more inclusive, selection of students, from the year 2023, is done considering Block as a unit, instead of District.

Method of selection of beneficiary for the year 2023:

Stream wise, category wise distribution of the target of 15000 beneficiaries for the year 2023-24 will be as follows:

The Approved allocation by the EFC (Expenditure Finance Committee) was as follows:

	General Students	SC/ST Students	Base Number
Arts	3100	2300	5400
Science	5000	2000	7000
Commerce	1500	500	2000
Vocational	100	100	200
Sanskrit	300	100	400
Total	10000	5000	15000

The allocation earmarked to SC & ST students in a particular stream is bifurcated between SC and ST as per the ratio 16.25:22.5, which is also the reservation ratio in employment in the State.

Accordingly, the final Stream-wise and Category-wise allocation has been prepared as per the table below:

Stream and category wise allocation of number

	General Students	SC Students	ST Students	Base Number
ARTS	3100	2300*16.25/38.75= 965	2300*22.5/38.75= 1335	5400
SCIENCE	5000	2000*16.25/38.75= 839	2000*22.5/38.75= 1161	7000
COMMERCE	1500	500*16.25/38.75= 210	500*22.5/38.75= 290	2000
VOCATIONAL	100	100*16.25/38.75= 42	100*22.5/38.75= 58	200
SANSKRIT	300	100*16.25/38.75= 42	100*22.5/38.75= 58	400
TOTAL	10000	2098	2902	15000

Further, the stream-wise and category-wise pass-out number of students have been collected from CHSE and SJSV. For an equivalent representation of students of all blocks/ULBs in the merit list of beneficiaries of the scheme, the beneficiaries have been selected based on the respective **Block's pass proportion** compared to the whole state, which is determined by dividing the number of pass students of the particular stream and category of that Block/ULB with the total number of students passed in that particular stream and category in the whole state.

The formula adopted for block-wise allocation is:

*Block-wise allocation for a particular stream = {Total pass of the Block (category/Stream) / Total pass of state (category/ stream)} * No of laptops/beneficiaries allocated for that (stream/ category)*

For example:

CALCULATION FOR ARTS STREAM								
SL.	DISTRICT	Block	SC PASS	ST PASS	GEN PASS	SC (965)	ST (1335)	GEN (3100)
A	B	C	D	E	F	G =(D/33331 *965)	H=(E/41129 *1335)	I =(F/107424 *3100)
1	Angul	Athamalik	103	94	378	3	3	11
2	Balasore	Remuna	105	49	250	3	2	7

Where no eligible candidates are available in the Block in the same category and stream, the block target will be absorbed in the same district of the block.

Where no eligible candidates are available in the District in the same category and stream, the District target will be absorbed in the State as a whole. In such cases, the decision of the Department will be final.

Procedure of selection and disbursal of the financial assistance:-

i. The list of meritorious students who pass the Annual Higher Secondary Examination (Arts/Science/Commerce) / Vocational Examination conducted by Council of Higher Secondary Examination (CHSE), Odisha, or Upashastri Examination conducted by Sri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Puri are collected from CHSE, Odisha and SJSV, Puri respectively on the basis of merit under each category. As reported by CHSE and SJSV, the total number of students passed in AHSE 2023 is 290500.

ii. Block-wise, District-wise, Stream-wise and Category-wise beneficiary lists for this purpose are prepared from the information provided by the CHSE and SJSV as per the selection principle given above.

iii. The eligible beneficiaries will be selected as per the marks secured, and allocation of the block. Preferably students securing 60% and above marks will be considered for selection of beneficiary under the scheme, as per the allocation of the block. The list will be published in the Department's website as well as in the State Scholarship Portal, i.e., https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in/. The eligible beneficiary students will have to apply through https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in/ to receive financial assistance of Rs.30,000/- for Purchase of a Laptop.

iv. Beneficiary student should mandatorily have an Aadhaar number and mobile number linked to that Aadhaar number to receive log in credentials during registration in the portal.

v. Only those Students whose name appeared in the beneficiary list will be able to apply after registration to get the benefit of the scheme in the State Scholarship Portal by uploading their bank passbook to receive the DBT amount of Rs 30,000/- in their account.

vi. Necessary Budget provision has been made for the said purpose in the State Plan scheme.

Joint Secretary to Government

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