Government of India Ministry of Communications Department of Posts

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NOTIFICATION Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana for students of class VIth to IXth

Dated: 23/11/2017

Department of Posts has launched a philately scholarship scheme **Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana** (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) on 03.11.2017 for generating interest regarding Philately amongst students.

About scheme:

Students of class VI to IX having good academic record and pursuing philately as a hobby will be awarded scholarship on the basis of Philately Quiz & Philately Project to be conducted by Circle offices. The amount of Scholarship per Awardee is to be Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month.

Salient Features:

1. Eligibility Condition:

- a) A Candidate must be a student (Class VIth to IXth) of a recognized School within India.
- b) Concerned School should have a Philately Club and the candidate should be a **member of the Club**,
- c) In case the School Philately Club hasn't been established a student having **his own**Philately Deposit Account may also be considered.
- d) A candidate must have good academic record. At the time of selection for award of scholarship, the candidate must have scored **at least 60% marks** or equivalent grade/ grade point in the **recent final examination in 2017** i,e, V, VI, VII & VIII final exams for students studying in VI, VII, VIII & IX respectively. Copies of Progress Report/Marks Card/Certificate from the school authorities should be enclosed along with the application. There will be 5% relaxation for SC/ST.

2. Selection Process:

The Selection Process will be consisting of two levels (Level 1- Philately Written Quiz & Level- 2- Philately Project).

Level 1: A **Philately Written Quiz** at regional level will be conducted on **15**th **December 2017** by postal authorities in their respective regions.

Level 2: Students selected at the Regional Level Written Quiz will have to submit a Philately Project for final selection by 15th Jan, 2018.

A communication (by any one of the following means i.e., Post or email or telephone from concerned RO/DO) will be issued by the Circle to the selected candidates of the quiz for detailing them on the list of Philately Project Topics & broad guidelines to be followed for writing their project. The candidates selected at Philately Written Quiz can submit their project on any one of the topic from the list provided by the circles.

3. Syllabus:

Philately Written Quiz will be a Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) quiz consisting of 50 (Fifty) questions from following subject: Current Affair, History, Science, Sports, Culture, Geography and Philately (local & national).

Philately Project should not be of more than 4 to 5 pages. In the project, student may use not more than 16 stamps and not more than 500 words. Detailed guidelines regarding the Project & sample project template will be issued by Circles after announcement of results of Philately written quiz to the selected candidates.

4. Amount of Scholarship:

The amount of Scholarship is to be Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/- per month for a selected candidate.

5. Disbursement of Scholarship:

The scholarship will be transferred in the joint account (with parents) of awardees in India Post Payment, Bank or Post Office Savings Bank in a branch, which has core banking facility.

6. Application Procedure:

The applications as per the prescribed Performa have to be addressed to the concerned divisional head clearly mentioning the subject on the envelope. The filled in applications are to be submitted in hardcopy by **Speed Post** to reach the concerned Divisional Office on or before **10.12.2017**. The application can be obtained from the nearest Postal Division. Before sending applications the candidates should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility criteria prescribed.

For more details and application format please contact concerned Regional Offices by providing your email id. The details are:

1. Postmaster General, Bengaluru Region, Bengaluru-560 001.

Phone No.080-22392525/22392560/22392597

Email id: pmg_karbg@indiapost.gov.in, phil.karbg@indiapost.gov.in.

2. Postmaster General, SK Region, Bengaluru-560 001.

Phone No.080-22850106/22850213

Email id: pmg_karsk@indiapost.gov.in, phil.karsk@indiapost.gov.in

3. Postmaster General, NK Region, Dharwad-580 001.

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