To

Chief Secretary/Administrator
State Government/UT Administration of _____

Subject: Physical Allocation of Scholarships and Time-line activities under Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme (MCM) Scheme for students belonging to the notified minority communities for the year 2015-16- issue of advertisement –reg.
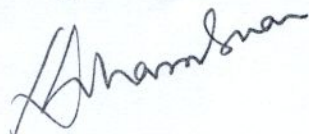
Madam / Sir,

I am directed to say that the Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme (MCM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched in the year 2007 with 100% Central funding. This Scheme is made Central Sector Scheme from 2014-15. Under the scheme, Scholarships are awarded to the meritorious students from notified minority communities viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis) and Jains, pursuing professional and technical courses, at under-graduate and post-graduate levels in Institutions recognized by the appropriate authority, who have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination and the annual income of whose parents/guardian, from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh.

2.   The Community-wise **Physical allocation** are enclosed at **(Annexure - I)** for Fresh Scholarship in respect of your State Government/UT Administration under the Scheme of Merit-cum Means based Scholarship belonging to minority communities along with **Timeline** for the financial year 2015-16. **As far as, Renewals of Scholarships are concerned, there is no target for them.**

3.   States/UTs are aware of the fact that Online Scholarship Management System (OSMS) has already been introduced in the Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme, from the year 2011-12. The site was accessed through the URL www.momascholarship.gov.in. However, from 2015-16, the online implementation of the Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme will be done through the common **National Scholarship Web Portal of the Government of India**, under URL www.scholarships.gov.in. A link to the site is also made available in the website of this Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. **Only Online applications under the Scheme will be accepted and no request for Offline applications will be entertained.** This may be brought out clearly in the Advertisement.

4.   Attention is drawn to para-viii of the scheme which states, *"The scheme will be announced by the concerned State Government / UT Administration well in time, through advertisements in the leading language newspapers and local dailies and by using other suitable publicity media."*

5.   The State Government/UT Administration is accordingly requested to publish advertisement inviting applications for the year 2015-16 well in time and adhere to the following time line with regard to various activities related to submission of proposals to this Ministry.

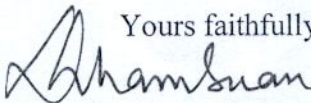**Time-line (for Fresh & Renewal scholarship):**

Sl.No.	Activities	Date (Fresh)	Date (Renewal)
1.	Advertisement for Merit-cum Means based Scholarship scheme for the year 2015-16.	28th April to 28th May, 2015	
2.	Submission of Online applications for fresh/Renewal scholarship by students.	01st June to 30th September, 2015	1st June to 15th Nov. 2015
3.	Scrutiny of online applications by Institute.	01st June to 20th October, 2015	1st June to 25th Nov. 2015
4.	Scrutiny of online applications by State/UT Administration.	01st June to 31st October, 2015	1st June to 5th Dec.2015
5.	Generation of merit list and submission of fresh/renewal proposals by State / UT Administration.	1st Nov. to 05th Nov. 2015	1st June to 7th Dec.2015

6.   In the advertisement, the State / UT Department may also invite attention of the students to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the homepage of the website for filling up of Online Application. The Timeline of activities desirable for students may also be advertised. Applicants may also be advised to take print-out of the duly filled-in application forms, after submitting it Online and to send it alongwith all supporting documents through their respective Institutes to the District / State / UT Department (as per the selected work flow for the State / UT).

7.   The National Scholarship Web portal provides uploading facility for uploading all required documents by the Students. Authority verifying these documents may exercise due diligence for their validation.

8.   The State/UT should fulfill all terms and conditions contained in the Scheme at the time of submitting the proposals. It may also be ensured that proposals are submitted along with Utilization Certificate (UC) in GFR-19 A for the amount for which submission of UC is pending.

9.   The State Governments/UT Administrations must upload on their respective websites, the detailed list of students who were given scholarship in the previous year so that the same could be hyperlinked with the website of this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Lucas L. Kamsuan)
Director (SS)
Tele.: 011- 2436 4279
Fax. : 011- 2436 9216

Copy to :-

1. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries
   Dealing with Minority Welfare Department,
   State Government/UT Administration of _____(as per list)_____
2. Nodal Officer of States/UTs
   Dealing with minority welfare Department. _____(as per list)_____

3. PMU (OSMS) to e-mail all Nodal Officers of District, State / UT Departments dealing with Minority Welfare Department.
4. NIC for uploading in the website of the Ministry.

State/UT- wise & Community- wise distribution of Merit-cum-means based Scholarship for fresh cases for students belonging to the minority communities 2015-16

S.No.	States/UTs	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Parsi	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	971	247	2	1	7	0	1228
2	Telangana	1194	119	8	9	6	0	1336
3	Arunachal Pradesh	6	64	1	44	0	0	115
4	Assam	2553	306	7	16	7	0	2889
5	Bihar	4251	16	6	6	5	0	4284
6	Chhattisgarh	127	124	22	20	17	0	310
7	Goa	29	111	2	0	0	3	145
8	Gujarat	1423	88	14	6	163	3	1697
9	Haryana	379	8	363	2	18	0	770
10	Himachal Pradesh	37	2	22	24	0	0	85
11	Jammu & Kashmir	2105	6	64	35	1	0	2211
12	Jharkhand	1156	339	26	2	5	0	1528
13	Karnataka	2002	313	5	122	128	0	2570
14	Kerala	2436	1877	1	1	1	0	4316
15	Madhya Pradesh	1190	53	47	65	169	0	1524
16	Maharashtra	3180	328	67	1809	403	10	5797
17	Manipur	59	229	1	1	0	0	290
18	Meghalaya	31	505	1	1	0	0	538
19	Mizoram	3	239	0	22	0	0	264
20	Nagaland	11	555	0	0	1	0	567
21	Odisha	236	278	5	3	3	0	525
22	Punjab	118	91	4518	13	12	0	4752
23	Rajasthan	1483	23	254	3	202	0	1965
24	Sikkim	2	11	0	47	0	0	60
25	Tamil Nadu	1075	1173	3	2	26	0	2279
26	Tripura	79	32	0	31	0	0	142
27	Uttar Pradesh	9514	66	210	94	64	0	9948
28	Uttarakhand	314	8	66	4	3	0	395
29	West Bengal	6266	160	23	75	17	0	6541
30	Andaman & Nicobar	9	24	0	0	0	0	33
31	Chandigarh	11	2	45	0	2	0	60
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
33	Daman & Diu	4	1	0	0	0	1	6
34	Delhi	503	40	172	7	48	0	770
35	Lakshadweep	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
36	Puducherry	18	21	0	0	0	0	39
	Total:	42794	7461	5955	2465	1308	17	60000

9/3/15