GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

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To: The Head Masters of all Government / Zilla Parishad/MP/Municipal/Private Aided Schools, Model schools which have no residential facility in the State

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Sub:- NMSS, November, 2019 - Conduct of examination on 03-11-2019- Instructions and guidelines to register the applications of the candidates online and to pay exam fee online through SBI collect – submission of Nominal Rolls - communicated - Reg.

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With reference to the subject cited, I am to inform you that the National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMSS) Examination will be conducted on 03.11.2019 from 9.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M. in Telugu/English/Hindi/Urdu Mediums for which a press note was also given to all reputed daily News Papers. Online Applications are invited for this examination from this office website "http://bse.telangana.gov.in". User guide to register the applications of the candidates online, to pay examination fee online through SBI collect and to take print out of registered applications and Nominal Rolls. Head Master Instructions, due dates, and general guide lines of NMMS scheme are available in the same website. Under this scheme, the students studying VII Class during the academic year 2019-20 and VII Class Pass out for the year 2018-19 with at least 55% (for SC/STs 50%) of marks are eligible to write the Examination. The eligibility for award of scholarship to the selected students will be from class IX and continues till class XII @ Rs.12000/- per annum if the candidate satisfies the eligibility conditions of MHRD (see general guide lines). The main objectives of the scheme are:

i) To award meritorious students who are studying in High Schools & Upper Primary schools under Government/Zilla Parished/ Municipal (local body)/ Private Aided, Model schools which have no residential facility and whose parental annual income is below Rs.1,50,000/-. Students selected for NMSS should continue their studies in above said category of schools only. Otherwise they forgo their eligibility for scholarship.

ii) To arrest dropouts at Class VIII and to encourage those students to continue their studies till class XII.

Synoptically the method adopted by the Government to implement the scheme is as follows:

a) Eligibility for award of Scholarship: Eligibility for getting Scholarships will be on the basis of performance in examination to be held on 03-11-2019 from 9.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M. in all revenue divisions in the state.

b) Reservation: State reservation norms will be implemented for award of scholarships in each district (in case of reserved categories a copy of caste certificate from Mandal Revenue Officer of Telangana state and in case of physically disabled copy of medical certificate issue by medical board as proof has to be submitted by the candidate).

c) Eligibility: A candidate who
   i) scored at least 55% of marks in class VII examination of the year 2018-2019 and has been promoted to Class VIII for the academic year 2019-20. In respect of SC/ST candidates they should have secured at least 50% or it’s equivalent grade.
   ii) is studying in Government /Zilla Parishad/Mandal Parishad/local body/ Municipal/private aided School, Model schools which have no residential facility is only eligible to write the examination. The students studying in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, all Residential schools run by the State Government, (Institutions where facilities like boarding, lodging and education are provided) and in private schools including Sainik Schools are not eligible to appear for this exam.
iii) whose parental annual income is below Rs.1,50,000/- from all sources only is eligible to appear for the examination (an Income certificate from Mandal Revenue Officer of Telangana has to be submitted as proof). In case of Government employee salary certificate will be enough as a proof of income issued by the employer.

**Examination:** It comprises two parts, namely (i) Mental Ability Test (MAT) and (ii) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) covering sciences, mathematics and social sciences, of classes VII & VIII.

d) **MAT & SAT** will have 90 multiple choice questions each and each question will carry one mark, i.e., MAT 90 + SAT 90 = 180 questions and 180 marks. Duration of time is 180 minutes. (One minute for each question). 30 minutes extra per each session will be provided for Physically disabled candidates.

c) **Merit List:** Merit list of candidates will be prepared for each district separately. The minimum qualifying marks for each paper will be 40% and for the SC/ST students this cut-off will be 32% to become eligible for the selection and subject to the allocation and availability of district-wise and category-wise quota.

f) **Care for uploading Application Form:**
Proper care shall be taken while registering the applications of candidates online. Heads of the schools should follow all the guide lines and instructions scrupulously. Verify the eligibility conditions as per school records and Guide the eligible students only in proper way in registering the application forms online. Candidate’s, mother’s and father’s names should not exceed 30 characters including space. Spaces have to be given between initials/surname and name. All the particulars shall be recorded as per the Admission Register of the school. **Furnish Aadhaar Number of candidate, if available, otherwise furnish Enrollment number including date.** See whether the name of the candidate in Aadhar and admission register is similar or not. Printed copy of online registered Application form and nominal roll should be certified by the Head Master concerned. The Head Master should satisfy with the documents produced by the candidate before certifying it. He will be held responsible for any lapses in future. Caste/Medical certificates in respect of BC/SC/ST/PHC candidates should be uploaded at the time registration of applications on line.

**g) Examination Fee:**
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Examination fee has to be remitted online through the system of **SBI Collect which is linked with the link of online application.** The Headmaster can collect the fee from all the students of his/her school (those who desire to appear from the eligible candidates) and remit through the said procedure consolidatedly. But in such cases a list of the candidates with caste and amount is to be enclosed along with the Nominal Rolls.

The print out of application forms, and 2 sets of Nominal Roll (one set of NRs & fee receipts, and remaining are in other set) duly attested by the Head Master/ Principal of the School should be submitted to the District Educational Officer concerned along with the attested copies of Income Certificate, VII Class Memo of Marks for all students registered, Caste Certificates in case of BC/SC/ST candidates, medical certificates (in case of physically disabled candidates) and list of all the candidates with fee particulars. (Three (3) sets of printout of Nominal Rolls have to be taken by the Headmaster. One set of Nominal Roll has to be kept with the Headmaster for office purpose)

Check and satisfy with the eligibility conditions of the candidate before submitting the print out of applications and NR to the District Educational Officer Concerned. The caste, percentage of marks in class VII & parental annual income of the candidate have to be thoroughly checked. The certification with regard to percentage of marks in class VII has to be given by you. The caste & parental annual income certificate has to be obtained from the Mandal Revenue Officer concerned or any officer/authority authorized by the Government in G.O to issue the certificates and PH certificates issued by District Medical Board (candidates having less than 40% disability are not eligible for PH reservation).

Attested copies of certificates shall be enclosed to the print out of Applications & Nominal Rolls.

In view of the above you are requested to forward maximum number of students to appear in the NMMS Exams. Please remember that the NTS Written Test for X class studying students and NMMS Written Test for VIII class studying students will be conducted on the same day.

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