

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Scheduled Tribes Development Department – Prematric Scholarship to ST Students of Class IX and X - Release of total amount of Rs.105.19 lakh (central share of Rs.78.89 lakh & corresponding state share of Rs.26.30 lakh) - Sanction accorded – Orders Issued.

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**Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes (PM) Department**

G.O.(Ms)No.13/2026/SCSTD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 23-03-2026

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- Read 1 G.O(Rt)No. 809/2024/SCSTDD dated 13/09/2024
- 2 Lr.No STDD/1301/2025-C3 dated 06.05.2025 and 13.03.2026 from Director, Scheduled Tribes Development Department .
  - 3 Lr.No. 20015/16/2016 dated 24.02.2026 from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi .
  - 4 Government letter No.PM1/228/2025-SCSTDD dated 21.03.2026.
  5. Email dated 22.03.2026 from Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Department.

**ORDER**

As per the letter 4th cited it is intimated to the Director, Scheduled Tribes Development Department that the Pre matric scholarship of scheduled Tribe students for class IX and X is a Aadhaar based DBT Scheme and hence to be onboarded to SPARSH platform, urgently. Mother sanction is received for Rs. 287 Lakh and requested to take Aadhaar based Sparsh DBT bills for Rs. 78.89 lakh, urgently. With regard to the arrear amount of Rs. 208.11 Lakh (287-78.89) spent by the State, amount is to be remitted back to State account (account based) after getting the approval from Ministry, as this is a Aadhaar based DBT Scheme. This approval is to be got before 31.03.2026, as the Mother Sanction expires by that date. Once the approval of Ministry is received in this regard, bill is to be taken through SPARSH platform and to credit it to the holding account of ST Directorate, which is immediately to be remitted to 'Deduct Recoveries of Over Payment' Head of Account, concerned.

In the email dated 22.03.2026,read as 5th paper above, it is reported that

as per the scheme guidelines, the Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a cost-sharing ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the State. To facilitate the full disbursement of scholarship to students, it is essential that the proportionate State Share (25%) is also to be released along with the Central Share (75%). Hence it is requested to issue a Govt. Order covering the Central share of Rs.78.89 lakh with corresponding State share (25%) of Rs.26.30 lakh and also authorization to draw the total combined amount of Rs.105.19 lakh under the H/A 2225-02-277-26-02-12 Plan through SPARSH Platform.

Government have examined the matter and are pleased to accord sanction to release the total amount of Rs.105.19 lakh (Rupees One Crore Five Lakh Nineteen Thousand only ) (Central Share of Rs.78.89 lakh and corresponding State Share of Rs. 26.30 Lakh ) towards pre matric scholarship to ST Students of Class IX and X. Director of Scheduled Tribes Development Department is authorized to draw the amount under the Head of Account 2225-02-277-26-02-12(Plan) through the SPARSH Platform .

(By order of the Governor)

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DEPUTY SECRETARY & OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY

To:

1. The Director, Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Thiruvananthapuram
2. The Under Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi
3. The, Principal Accountant General (Social & General Sector), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
4. The, Principal Accountant General (Economic & Revenue Sector), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
5. The Chief, Decentralized Planning Division, State Planning Board, Thiruvananthapuram
6. The Finance (WW) Department.
7. The Information Officer, Web & New Media, I&PRD, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram
8. Stock File

Forwarded /By order

Section Officer