

DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER ON
PROVIDING INCENTIVE TO GOVERNMENT AIDED AND RECOGNIZED PRIVATE
SCHOOLS FOR INTRODUCTION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION UNER CSS OF VSHSE

Introduction

The revised scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education approved by the Cabinet on 12th February, 2014 provides incentive to the Government aided schools and recognized private schools to introduce NOS compliant vocational education courses in accordance with the norms of the Scheme. This is a step to ensure active and effective participation of government aided schools and recognized private schools in promotion of vocational education at secondary and higher secondary level.

Under the scheme it is proposed to release grants to the government aided and recognized private schools @ Rs. 6500 per child on successful completion of any two levels of the course by the students in accordance with the norms of the scheme.

Implementation Agency

It is proposed to implement the provision for grant of incentive to Government aided and recognized private schools for introduction of vocational education through National and State Boards of Education.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for consideration the schools should adhere to the scheme guidelines including the following:

- The schools should introduce vocational education as an additional sixth subject at Secondary level and as a compulsory elective at Senior Secondary Level as provided for in the Scheme.
- The schools should adopt curriculum compliant with National Occupational Standard (NOS) and for job roles as notified by the Sector Skills Council and adopted by State Boards of Education.
- The schools should involve the industry for providing hands on training and for assessing the skills sets of students at all levels as provided in the Scheme and as advocated in the National Skills Qualifications Framework. The Boards of Education may engage with the Sector Skills Councils and their State chapters /National Skill Development Corporation in this regard.

Selection of Schools

While selecting schools National/State Board should give preference to Government aided schools particularly those located in Special Focus Districts,

educationally backward blocks, left wing affected districts and districts with high drop-out rates at secondary level.

Student Coverage

Incentive will be provided for a maximum of 100 students per school who acquire the desired competencies i.e. those who successfully complete level 2 and level 4 of NSQF.

The National / State Board of Education and the schools should ensure that 25% of the students for whom incentives are being granted to the government aided and private schools under the Scheme are children belonging to socio-economically weaker sections i.e. (SC/ST/OBC/Minorities/Students with Special Needs/Students below poverty lines. Out of these, 50% should be girls).

Guidelines for Performance- linked Incentives

- The National/State Boards will be the Nodal agency to receive applications from schools affiliated to the respective Boards and submit consolidated proposals after necessary scrutiny and with clear recommendation through State Education Department for consideration of the Ministry. The incentive is proposed to be released through the State (Treasury) to the National/State Boards of Education and thereafter to the schools. Thus the Boards shall be responsible for release of the incentive to the Government aided and private schools affiliated with them .The Boards will also ensure adherence of the scheme guidelines by the schools receiving performance linked incentive .
- The National / State Board of Education shall assess the skill sets of the students in partnership with the industry in accordance with the guidelines of the Scheme. Thereafter the Board on the basis of the performance/ result of the students over a period of two years , shall submit a proposal including details of schools and eligible students to the Ministry as part of the Annual Work Plan and Budget of the State for consideration approval by the Project Approval Board for release of performance linked incentive .
- In order to attract the students to vocational education, it is proposed that a part of the incentive i.e. Rupees 1500/-out of Rupees 6500/should be necessarily be passed by the schools to the students in the form of Scholarship/Cash incentive on successful completion of two levels of vocational education. The funds are to be transferred electronically to the Bank Accounts of the students who are eligible for the incentive. It shall be the responsibility of the school to ensure that all students being proposed for incentive have proper bank accounts.

- The schools should inter alia utilize the incentive for :
 - i. Procurement of infrastructure
 - ii. Engagement of Resource persons
 - iii. Cost of engaging with the industry ,practical training of students in work place
 - iv. Assessment and Certification cost
 - v. Guidance and Counselling
- It is proposed to allow the National/State Boards to retain 5% of the incentive per student as processing fee. The State Board/National Board will ensure and certify that the Schools adhere to the norms of the scheme with special reference to job roles, NOS compliant curriculum ., industry engagement etc and fulfil the eligibility criteria .
- Funds for incentivising government aided and private schools may be restricted to a maximum of 15 % of the budget allocated for the vocational component of RMSA and can be incrementally increased.

Tracking of Vocational Students Covered

- It is proposed to track the students covered under the provision through a comprehensive data base linked to Aadhar. The State should provide a list of schools along with details of vocational students and their Aadhar number for which the incentive is proposed to be received. A National level MIS is being developed for tracking of vocational students. The details of all students assisted through these incentives will be a part of this MIS to enable tracking and placement of these students.

Third Party Monitoring

A third party Monitoring of Government aided and private schools receiving performance linked incentive under the scheme , shall be carried out on a yearly basis and those schools which are found not adhering to the prescribed guidelines , shall not be entitled to further funding under the Scheme.