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Central Board of Open Schooling and Examination

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NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL OPEN SCHOOLING SCHOLARSHIP FOR DISADVANTAGED

The Central Board of Open Schooling & Examination (CBOSE) hereby announces the launch of the **Special Open Schooling Scholarship Scheme – 2023**, a national-level initiative dedicated to supporting financially disadvantaged and academically vulnerable learners. This scheme has been designed to ensure that open schooling remains accessible, inclusive and equitable for all sections of society, especially those who face financial, social or familial challenges that hinder their educational pursuits.

Open schooling candidates often represent some of the most underserved communities in the country. Many belong to low-income families, single-parent households, rural areas with limited schooling infrastructure, migrant labour families, and socio-economically challenged backgrounds. Several learners also juggle part-time work, household responsibilities or care-giving duties, making it difficult for them to allocate funds for examination fees, study materials, digital devices or learning support. Recognizing these difficulties, the Board has decided to introduce a scholarship that directly addresses financial barriers and ensures that no learner is denied education due to economic constraints.

Under this initiative, eligible learners will be granted fee waivers, partial or full sponsorship of examination fees, access to free digital study materials and priority inclusion in the Board's academic support programs. Candidates will be selected based on household income criteria, socio-economic background, learner vulnerability, previous academic interruptions and recommendation reports from affiliated institutions. The scheme particularly encourages the participation of students belonging to economically backward families, differently-abled learners and those who have discontinued school due to social or financial hardship.

The Board emphasizes that this scholarship is not merely a financial support mechanism, but a step towards building confidence and self-esteem among learners who may feel disconnected from mainstream education. By providing financial assistance, academic counselling and structured learning resources, CBOSE aims to create a supportive environment that motivates

learners to continue their education fearlessly and with renewed hope. The scholarship program is fully aligned with the inclusive vision of NEP 2020, which mandates the removal of barriers to education and encourages self-paced, flexible learning.

Institutions are instructed to identify eligible learners with utmost sincerity and submit complete applications within the announced timeline. Verification will be carried out through a transparent, multi-stage process involving documentation review, telephonic interviews and cross-verification by regional offices.

This notification is issued in the interest of promoting educational equity, encouraging socially responsible learning and strengthening the open schooling ecosystem across India.

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

1. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBOSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
2. All Joint Directors/Deputy Directors/Assistant Directors, CBOSE
3. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBOSE websites



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General Secretary

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