



ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare – Overseas Scholarship Scheme – Provision of Educational Scholarships to 10 Muslim Students to pursue Higher Education Abroad – Guidelines – Financial Sanction – Orders – issued.

Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.79

Dated 03.09.2025

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Read:

From the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare, letter No.B1/0187/2025, dated 13.05.2025.

ORDER:

During the Demand for grants for the year 2025-26, the following announcement was made by the Hon'ble Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare:

"A new scheme will be formulated to provide educational assistance to 10 minority students annually, enabling them to pursue postgraduate studies abroad."

2. Following this announcement, the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare informed that the 'Padho Pardesh' scheme by the Government of India, which offered low-interest education loans to minority students for overseas studies was discontinued in December 2022. To continue supporting the educational and economic advancement of Minority students and to implement the above announcement, the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare has submitted a proposal to implement a new Overseas Scholarship scheme for the year 2025-26, along with the detailed guidelines benefiting 10 minority students and requested the Government to allocate funds of Rs.3.60 crores.

3. With a view to improve economic and social upliftment and to provide access to high quality international education opportunities to meritorious students, the Government, after careful examination, has decided to introduce a new Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Muslim Students and accords financial sanction of Rs.3.60 crores (Rupees

Three crores and Sixty lakh only) for the year 2025-2026. This scheme will benefit 10 Muslim students at the rate of Rs.36.00 lakh per student for pursuing higher studies abroad, in accordance with the guidelines annexed to this order. This Scheme will be implemented through Waqf Board on a pilot basis.

4. The List of Documents required, Model Application Form for Overseas Scholarship and Personal Surety Bond are also annexed to this order.

5. The amount sanctioned in paragraph 3 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

"2225 - WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTE, SCHEDULED TRIBES, OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES AND MINORITIES - 04 - WELFARE OF MINORITIES - 277 - EDUCATION STATE'S EXPENDITURE - AF - EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TO MINORITY STUDENTS TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION IN ABROAD - 312 - SCHOLARSHIPS AND STIPENDS - 02 - POST - MATRIC"
(IFHRMS - DPC: 2225-04-277-AF-31202)

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para 3 above shall constitute an item of **"New Service"** and the approval of the Legislature shall be obtained in due course of time by an inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2025-2026. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawal of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Commissioner of Minorities Welfare is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period upto next Supplementary Estimates and apply for sanction of the same as advance from the Contingency Fund to Finance (BG.I) Department directly in Form **"A"** appended to the Contingency Fund Rules, 1963 along with a copy of this order. Orders for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued from Finance (BG.I) Department. The Commissioner of Minorities Welfare shall also send necessary draft explanatory notes for inclusion of this expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2025-2026 to Government in Finance (BC, MBC & MW / BG-I) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department at Note #37 in e-file No.efile3/MWRU1/2025, dated.02.09.2025 with Additional Sanction Ledger No.2025091261.
(IFHRMS ASL No. 2025091261)

(By Order of the Governor)

E. Saravanelraj
Secretary to Government

To
The Commissioner of Minorities Welfare, Chennai-5.

The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Waqf Board, Chennai-1.

All District Collectors.

All District Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Officers.

District Minorities Welfare Officer, (Chennai, Vellore, Villupuram,
Coimbatore and Tirunelveli)

The Pay Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-8.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

Resident Account Office, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

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ANNEXURE-I

(G.O. (Ms) No.79, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU1) Department, Dated:03.09.2025)

I. Objective of the Scheme:-

The objective of the scheme is to assist Muslim Students of Tamil Nadu to pursue Master level courses in foreign institutions / Universities as accredited by the Government / authorized body of that country in following courses by providing scholarship:

- a) Engineering and Management,
- b) Pure Science and Applied Science.
- c) Agricultural Science and Medicine
- d) International Commerce, Economics, Accounting Finance.
- e) Humanities, Social Science, Fine Arts and Law.

II. Educational Qualifications:

For Post Graduate courses: 60% marks or equivalent grade in foundation Degree in Engineering / Management / Pure Sciences / Agriculture Sciences / Medicine & Nursing / Social Sciences / Humanities.

III. Eligibility

Candidates must have obtained an unconditional offer of admission letter from foreign Universities / Institutions that are ranked within the top 250 of the latest overall Global QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) rankings.

IV. Age limit

Not more than 30 years of age on the first day of April of the respective selection year for PG Courses.

V. Income Ceiling

Total family income from all sources not exceeding Rs.8.00 lakhs per annum

An Income Certificate should be obtained from the competent authority, the Zonal Deputy Tahsildar of the State Government.

VI. Financial Assistance

The Scholarship will consist of two components:

Component-1: Tuition Fees payable by the student every year

Component-2: Living expenses / Visa fees / Medical insurance premium / Air Fare at the beginning and end of the course in economy class / equipment allowance / Tax as applicable.

The total scholarship under both components should not exceed Rs.36.00 lakh per candidate, or the actual expenditure, whichever is less.

Illustration:

- i. If the Tuition Fee is greater than Rs.36.00 lakh, Component-1 / Tuition Fees up to Rs.36.00 lakh will be released in full. Component-2 will be borne by the students.
- ii. If the Tuition Fee is less than Rs.36.00 lakh Component-1/Tuition Fees in actual will be released. Component-2 will be released based on the actual claims.

The Total claim under both components is limited to Rs.36.00 lakh.

- iii. If the candidate has availed any other scholarship, the amount of that scholarship will be deducted from the scholarship given.

VII. Duration of Course

Master's Degree - 2 years

The extension of stay beyond the prescribed period of programme as mentioned may be considered without financial assistance for a specified period.

VIII. Mode of disbursal

Tuition Fee / Component-1 fixed by the Institution / University will be credited to the Bank account of the Institution / University abroad as provided by the Institution / University as per their norms:

- a. Four instalments: The Scholarship shall be payable to the sanctioned students in their listed Bank account in four equal instalments as mentioned below:
 - i. Instalment I: It shall be payable upon production of the landing permit / I-94 (Immigration Card)

- ii. Instalment II: It shall be payable upon production of the 1st semester / Term results.
 - iii. Instalment III: It shall be payable upon production of the 2nd Semester / Term results.
 - iv. Instalment IV: It shall be payable upon production of the final Semester / Term results.
 - v. Upon release of the 4th Instalment, a utilisation Certificate shall be obtained from the student with the endorsement of concerned University Authorities for record purposes under the scheme.
- b. Component-2 will be credited to the International Bank Account of the student as provided by the student.

In all cases where the student has paid a part of Tuition Fee / Component-1, as a deposit for securing admission, the amount paid by the student will be reimbursed into the student's International Bank account.

IX. Selection Committee:

The Selection shall be conducted by a State Level Selection Committee constituted by the Government, comprising the following members. The State Level Committee will scrutinize applications received as per above laid eligibility criteria. After scrutiny, sanction proceedings will be issued to the eligible candidates as recommended by the State Level Selection Committee.

Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department	Chairman
Director, Medical Education Department	Member
Commissioner, Technical Education	Member
Director, Collegiate Education	Member
Director, Legal Studies Department	Member
Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore	Member
Commissioner / Director of Minorities Welfare Department	Member-Convener.

X. Implementing Authority:

The Scheme will be implemented through the Waqf Board on a pilot basis.

XI. Application and Selection Procedures

- a. The Scheme will be advertised in the newspapers, on the website and through all other sources. Scheme guidelines are available on the portal: https://bcmbcmw.tn.gov.in/welfschemes_minorities.htm
- b. Eligible candidates can send their application in the prescribed format along with the required documents to the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare.
- c. On submission of the letter by the student, the same should be verified with the concerned Institution / University. The Department will issue a provisional selection letter expressing its intent to sponsor scholarship to the student.
- d. Candidates who are employed must forward their application through their employer along with a No objection certificate.
- e. No request for a change of Institution / University shall be entertained after securing admission. In case the selected candidate desires to change the course or university, he / she can apply afresh in the next available round.
- f. Selected candidates are required to furnish all such documents i.e., Visa, Passport, I-20 / Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) etc. before their departure, as decided by the Government from time to time.

XII. Other conditions

- a. The candidates are required to make their own efforts to seek admission and join in institutions which have a latest QS ranking up to 250. Students may be allowed a maximum time period of either one year or two intake

deferrals, whichever is earlier, from the date of issuance of provisional award letter to join University / Institute abroad. In case confirmation of award letter is issued to an awardee, he / she has to complete all the procedures like verification of original documents, submission of bonds, etc., before leaving the country for pursuing the course abroad or within six months whichever is earlier, failing which the award would stand automatically cancelled.

- b. He / She should possess a valid Visa and Passport before applying for this scheme. It will be the responsibility of the candidate to obtain the appropriate visa for a country wherein one intends to study further with scholarship under the scheme.
- c. The candidate must give an undertaking that he / she will allow his / her University to share information with Government of Tamil Nadu about his / her academic performance. The candidate must also inform the details of any other scholarship received by him / her.
- d. In case the selected candidate obtains admission in an accredited University / Institution abroad and joins the University / Institution before execution of bonds and is not able to return to India then he / she may execute a Power of Attorney (POA) for any of his/her representative in India to act for and on his / her behalf to execute legal Bonds / Agreements / Undertakings with the Government of Tamil Nadu. All such applicants are required to get the POA attested / validated by Indian Embassy / High Commission in the country where he / she is pursuing studies.
- e. Selected candidates are required to furnish all such documents and enter into such agreements before their departure as shall be decided by the Government of Tamil Nadu from time to time.

- f. Candidates shall not change the University / Institutions or Course of study for which the scholarship has been sanctioned. If under extraordinary circumstances, if the change is required, then it shall be left to the decision of the Government.
- g. The Selected candidate has to join the concerned University / Institution within six months of communication of selection under this scheme. On expiry of this specified period of time, the sanction will get automatically cancelled. No request for extension of time for availing the award is permissible under the scheme.
- h. The awardee cannot be considered for the award for second or subsequent times as the individual can be awarded only once.
The Institution / University / Individual should submit the Course completion certificate issued by concerned University and placement / Job related information to the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare.
- j. Every year, the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare shall obtain the academic performance of the individual from the Institute / University.

XIII. Default under the Scheme

In case a student pursuing studies abroad violates any of the terms and conditions mentioned below will be treated as a defaulter:

- a. Furnishing of false information for getting the scholarship
- b. Indulging in unlawful activities
- c. Institution debarbs such candidate for any misconduct
- d. Discontinuation of studies without any substantial reasons

On default, he / she will become liable to refund of entire amount spent on him/her along with the interest which will be 12% per annum

and in case an awardee fails to repay the amount within six months from the date on which a demand for such refund is made, penal interest at the rate which is 2.5% higher than the above normal rate of interest on the outstanding amount would be charged and he is liable to pay the entire amount failing which the District Collector of the concerned district will realize the amount as arrears under Revenue Recovery Act. A personal surety to this effect has to be submitted by the student.

E. Saravanelraj
Secretary to Government.

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Section Officer.

ANNEXURE-II

(G.O. (Ms) No.79, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU1) Department, Dated:03.09.2025)

A. List of Documents Required at the Application Stage:

- 1) Community Certificate
- 2) Income certificate
- 3) Aadhaar Card Copy
- 4) Photograph
- 5) Current Address proof/ Permanent Address Proof, in case different from current address
- 6) Qualifying Degree Certificate / Provisional Degree Certificate
- 7) Mark sheets of the qualifying examination.
- 8) Valid Document regarding admission in Foreign University (Application Registration or Admission related document)
- 9) Employer's No Objection Certificate (NOC), if the applicant is employed.
- 10) Any other Documents, as specified by the Government in Application form.

B. For the Selection process, the Candidates are required to submit the following:

1. Attested copies of certificates / documents
2. Self-Declaration regarding any pending case/non-conviction of offense.
3. Copy of Passport of the applicant
4. A Personal surety to be furnished by the students. Specimen copy of Personal Surety and Undertaking will be issued along with confirmation of award letter for doing needful. Undertaking is to be submitted in Rs.100/- non-Judicial stamp paper, sworn before a Notary public.

After the selection process, the candidates are required to submit the original documents as sought by the Directorate / Commissionerate of Minorities Welfare. Candidates are required to visit the office of the Commissioner of Minorities Welfare personally on any working day by taking prior permission/ appointment with all documents submitted along with application form in original for verification purposes.

C. Confirmation of scholarship will be issued upon the candidate furnishing the following documents:

- Personal surety to be furnished by the students. Specimen copy of Personal Surety and Undertaking will be issued along with confirmation of award letter. Undertaking is to be submitted in Rs.100/- non-Judicial stamp paper, sworn before a Notary public.
- Two copies of Passport and VISA of the candidate.
- An undertaking / declaration on non-judicial stamp paper stating that awardee has not acquired the qualification for which he / she has been selected and has not obtained any other scholarship for this purpose which should be certified by the concerned institutions.
- The probable date on which the awardee is desired to undertake the Air journey for joining at the foreign university.
- PDF copies of all the aforementioned documents sent via email.

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Section Officer.

ANNEXURE-III

(G.O. (Ms) No.79, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU1) Department, Dated:03.09.2025)

**APPLICATION FORM FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP
(Muslim Students)**

		Photograph
1.	Full Name (Shri/Smt/Selvi)	
2.	Father's Name	
3.	Parent's Occupation	
4.	Phone Number	
5.	Email address	
6.	Date of Birth	
7.	Place of Birth	
8.	Nationality	
9.	State/UT to which you belong	
10.	Religion	
11.	Proof of Religion a) Community Certificate or Transfer Certificate specifying Religion should be attached	
	b) Family Annual Income from all sources (Enclose Certificate issued by Zonal Deputy Tahsildar)	
12.	Address (with PIN code.):	
	a) Communication Address	
	b) Permanent Address	
13.	Passport ID (attach photocopy)	
14.	Aadhaar Number (attach photocopy)	

15. Particulars of Academic/Professional examinations passed (beginning with Matriculation or equivalent) (Attach Certificate Copies)

University/ Institution/ Board	Exam passed/ Degree Awarded	Year	Mark (%)	Class/ Division	Subjects

16. Employment particulars:

Office/Organisation	Date of Joining	Date of Leaving	Designation	Nature of work	Monthly Salary

Note: In case, if the applicant is employed currently under any State / Central sector, attach NOC issued by the Head of the Department.

17. Details of Eligibility test completed if any (TOEFL/IELTS/GRE/GMAT, etc.) (Enclose the certificate)

Name of Eligibility Test	Year of Completion	Score

18.	Institution in which the applicant has Admission offer letter obtained (Attach Institution offer letter)	
19.	Name of the Country	
20.	Course to be pursued	
21.	Probable date of joining the course	
22.	Duration of study abroad	
23.	Likely date of completion	
24.	QS Ranking of the Institution in the rank list published for 2025-2026	
25.	Details of foreign scholarship (if any):	
	i) Name of awarding authority	
	ii) Amount of assistance receivable under that scheme.	
26.	Amount of assistance sought from Government for economy class air passage to the country of study	

27.	Next of kin in India to be notified in case of emergency:	
a)	Name	
b)	Address	
c)	Telephone Number	
d)	Mobile Number	
e)	Email address	
f)	Relationship	
28.	Whether a Personal Surety executed before a Notary public in Rs.100/- enclosed bond paper	

Note: All the fields are mandatorily to be filled and attach all the supporting documents.

I hereby declare that the above entries are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and furnishing of false information by me will attract such action as detailed in the regulations of the Scheme.

Date:
Place:

(Signature of applicant)

E. Saravanelraj
Secretary to Government.

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Section Officer.

ANNEXURE-IV

(G.O. (Ms) No.79, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU1) Department, Dated:03.09.2025)

PERSONAL SURETY BOND FOR FULFILLMENT OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS

BY THIS PERSONAL SURETY BOND, I, _____,
son/daughter of _____, belonging to _____
religion, aged about _____ years, residing at _____
_____, a candidate awarded Overseas Scholarship for
pursuing _____ (Name of the degree), in
_____ course (Name of subject) at
_____ University, _____ country, from
the academic year 20... - 20... to 20... - 20... (course duration), firmly bind
myself to be of good behavior and fulfill all the terms and conditions and
regulations Governing the Tamil Nadu Government Overseas Scholarship
Scheme for Muslim Candidates as per G.O. (Ms) No.79, Backward
Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU1)
Department, Dated: 03.09.2025 while pursuing higher education in the
Country above mentioned and also upon return to India after the
completion of the course.

AND WHEREAS, in consideration of the said _____
(scholarship awardee), being selected under the Overseas Scholarship
scheme to pursue _____ (Name of the degree), in
_____ course (Name of subject) at
_____ University, _____ country,
from the academic year 20... - 20... to 20... - 20... (course duration) have

entered into this Personal surety bond for the sum of Rs.36.00 lakh for those in annual Income limit does not exceed Rs.8.00 lakh _____ (Total Course duration) or Actual Scholarship amount to be sanctioned whichever is lower as per G.O. (Ms) No.79, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare (MWRU1) Department, Dated: 03.09.2025 subject to the good behaviour, due performance for completion of Higher Studies by the said _____ Scholarship Awardee in Foreign Country mentioned herein above and strict adherence / fulfilment of all the Conditions / Regulations Governing the Scheme of Tamil Nadu Government Overseas Scholarship for Muslim candidates and the Scholarship awardee undertake to indemnify the Government of Tamil Nadu against all losses arising out of the acts or defaults of the said Scholarship Awardee.

NOW THE CONDITION of the above Personal surety bond is such that if the Overseas Scholarship Awardee avails the benefits under the scheme on any misrepresentation of facts / particulars or indulge in any unlawful activities / acts in contravention of the conditions and regulations of the scheme or debarred by the University for any misconduct during the course of his / her study in Foreign Country, the above named Scholarship awardee will then be declared as a defaulter and he / she is bound to repay the scholarship amount sanctioned to him / her in the manner as decided by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The bond will remain in force till the Government is indemnified for all losses / damages caused by the above named scholarship awardee.

And I firmly bind to the Government of Tamil Nadu and affirm that I will not seek any extension of stay abroad beyond the completion of the duration of the course pursued by me. I further affirm that I will not claim scholarship for any extension of stay abroad beyond the duration for which the scholarship is awarded unless or otherwise accepted by the Government. I agree that the Government of Tamil Nadu is the final decision making authority in this matter. Any expenses for a stay beyond the permitted period will be taken care on my own, unless permitted by the Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE ABOVE WRITTEN BOND WE HAVE
HERE TO SET OUR HAND THIS DAY OF 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE
Name:

Signature:

PARENT / GUARDIAN
Name:

Signature:

WITNESS (Enclose Aadhar Card photocopy)

1. Name:

Signature:

Contact address with Phone Number:

2. Name:

Signature:

Contact address with Phone Number:

E. Saravanelraj
Secretary to Government.

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