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Copy of the Govt letter communicated to the Principal all Polytechnic colleges under DTE for information and necessary action.

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**ANI ABRAHAM
SENIOR JOINT DIRECTOR (PS)**

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

Higher Education (C) Department

No.C2/237/2026-HEDN

22-07-2026,Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Secretary to Government

1. The Director of Collegiate Education
2. The Director of Technical Education
3. The Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council

Sir,

Sub: Higher Education Department-Dispensation of domicile certificate for central sector as well as centrally sponsored scholarship schemes for scheduled caste (SC) & other Backward class (OBC) students

Ref: Letter No.K-11017/6/2026-SCD-V dated 21/05/2026 from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the letter received from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, informing that, with a view to simplifying the application process, reducing procedural difficulties and safeguarding the interests of eligible students, it has been decided to dispense with the requirement of Domicile Certificate for availing benefits under the Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Class (OBC) students. Accordingly, eligible students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) shall not be required to produce a Domicile Certificate either from their parent State/Union Territory or from the State/Union Territory where they are pursuing their studies for availing benefits under the above scholarship schemes.

You are, therefore, requested to take necessary action in accordance with the instructions in the letter cited above and to issue suitable directions to all educational institutions under your administrative

control to ensure strict compliance with immediate effect.

Yours Faithfully,
SHAMEEM MUHAMMED B M
UNDER SECRETARY
For Principal Secretary to Government.

Approved for Issue,

Section Officer.

Secretary, Revenue

May-23 11:55 AM

K-11017/6/2026-SCD-V

Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
(SCD-V Section)

GPOA Tower-3, Netaji Nagar.

Date the 21st May, 2026

To

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary.
Social Welfare/ Scheduled Caste Welfare Departments/Backward Classes Welfare
Departments.
All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations

Subject: Dispensation of Domicile Certificate for Central Sector as well as Centrally
Sponsored Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Caste (SC) & Other Backward Class
(OBC) Students.

Madam/Sir,

The requirement of domicile certificate by the States/UTs under the Central Sector as well as the Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Caste (SC) & Other Backward Class (OBC) students for availing the scholarship benefits, have many a times created hurdles for the eligible students, especially non-domiciled students who move to other States and UTs for the purposes of education or on other grounds and find themselves in a difficult situation while applying for the scholarships.

2. With a view to simplifying the process, reducing procedural difficulties, safeguarding the interests of eligible students and for reducing the unnecessary burden on the eligible applicants, it has been decided to dispense with the requirement of domicile certificate for providing benefits under the scholarship schemes administered by this Department.

3. State Governments/Administration of Union Territories are, therefore, informed that the submission of domicile certificate by the eligible students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) & Other Backward Classes (OBC), either in their domiciled State/UT, Parent State/UT or eligible applicants in the Non-domiciled State/UT is NOT TO BE INSISTED UPON for providing benefits under the scholarship schemes for Scheduled Caste (SC) & Other Backward Class (OBC) Students.

4. It is therefore, requested that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to all concerned implementing agencies/institutions for strict compliance with immediate effect.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Gaurav Singh Rajawat)

Director

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1. Chief Secretary, All States and UTs for compliance

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2. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, **School Education Department**. All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for necessary directions to the concerned institutions
3. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, **Higher Education Department**. All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for necessary directions to the concerned institutions/Colleges/Universities
4. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, **Technical Education Department**. All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for necessary directions to the concerned institutions
5. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary, **Medical Education Department**. All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for necessary directions to the concerned institutions
6. Sh Varindra Seth, HoG, NIC-NSP, New Delhi
7. Sh Umesh Kumar Agarwal, HoD, NIC-NSP
8. Director, DBT Mission, New Delhi