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National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) scheme

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Why is in news? Implementation of NOS Scheme

The expenditure incurred under the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) scheme increased appreciably since 2018-19. More than 200 crore funds disbursed under the NOS schemes since 2018-19 till date

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment implements two National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) schemes.

One is implemented by the **Department of Social Justice & Empowerment** for students from Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans.

The other is implemented by **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DoEPwD)** for students with disabilities. Both the Departments review their schemes from time to time and make changes for the betterment of the scheme.

The **Central Sector Scheme** of National Overseas Scholarship is to **facilitate the low income students** belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category to obtain higher education viz., **Master degree or Ph. D courses** by studying abroad thereby improving their Economic and Social status.

The Scheme provides financial assistance to the selected candidates **for pursuing Masters level courses and Ph.D. courses abroad** in the Institutions/Universities accredited by the Government/an authorized body of that country in any fields of study. **30% of the awards for each year are earmarked for women candidates.**

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for scholarship, **at least 60% of marks or equivalent grade in the qualifying examination** would be required. In case of Ph. D courses, the qualifying exam is Master Degree and for Master Degree courses, the qualifying examination is Bachelors' Degree.

The age of candidate **should not be more than 35 (Thirty Five) years**, as on first day of April of the selection year.

Total family income from all sources **shall not exceed Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum** in the preceding financial year.

Under the Scheme, for determination of family income, the family is considered as following: "The candidate applying for scholarship, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years and also his/ her spouse and children below the age of 18 years.

Note: In case of married women, income of the in-laws and her spouse and children below the age of 18 years is to be considered

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