

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

SKILL DEVELOPMENT & TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

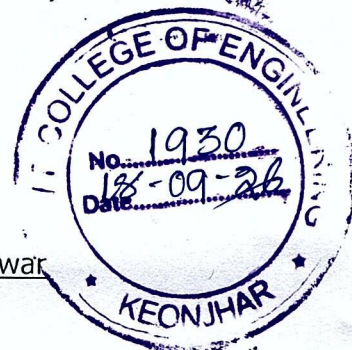
No. SDTE-HTE-HTE-I-0001-2020/ 4925 /SDTE, Bhubaneswar, dated 02/09/2026

From

Smt. Rachna Sawaiyan,
Under Secretary to Government

To

The Vice-Chancellor, BPUT Rourkela/ VSSUT, Burla/ OUTR Bhubaneswar
The Director, IGIT Sarang
The Principal, PMEC Berhampur/ GCE Kalahandi/ GCE Keonjhar
The Chairman, OJEE, Bhubaneswar



Sub: Non-collection of upfront fees from eligible ST & SC students at the time of admission
- regarding

Sir,

In enclosing herewith a copy of letter No. 20319, dated 31.08.2026 of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, ST&SC Dev., M&BCW Department on the subject cited above, I am directed to request you to comply with the instructions issued by the ST & SC Development Department.

Yours faithfully,

R. Sawaiyan
02.09.2026

Under Secretary to Government

Memo No. 4926 /SDTE, Bhubaneswar, Dated 02/09/2026

Copy forwarded to the PS to Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, ST&SC Dev., M&BCW Department for kind information of Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

R. Sawaiyan
02.09.2026

Under Secretary to Government

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
ST & SC DEVELOPMENT, MINORITIES & BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No. 20319 /SSD,
STSCD-POMS-PLAN1-0013-2025

Date: 31.8.2026

From

B. Parameswaran, IAS
Commissioner-cum-Secretary

To

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Skill Development and Technical Education Department and
All Collectors

Sub: Non-collection of upfront fees from eligible ST & SC students at the time of admission to medical and engineering courses.

Madam/Sir,

In inviting reference to the subject cited above, I am to state that meritorious Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Scheduled Caste (SC) students often face financial hardship in arranging the fees payable upfront at the time of admission to medical and engineering courses. Although such students are eligible for post-matric scholarship, the scholarship is disbursed only after completion of the prescribed verification and approval process through the Odisha State Scholarship Portal (OSSP), which ordinarily takes about 4-6 months.

Presently, two types of scholarships are provided for students pursuing medical and engineering courses. The first one is the Centrally sponsored scheme of Post Matric scholarship wherein for premier medical and engineering colleges, the full academic fee is reimbursed. The students are also provided ₹ 12,000 (ST students) and ₹ 13,500 (SC students) for non-academic expenses.

The second scheme is the Financial assistance scheme under Mukhyamantra Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana. As per the revised resolution no 13397 dated 10.06.2026, the State Government has approved engineering and medical courses as eligible to be covered under this scheme from academic year 2026-27 onwards. Under this scheme, the eligible ST and SC students with annual parental income of upto ₹ 1 lakh will receive additional funds over and above the Centrally sponsored scheme to such an extent that the total non-academic entitlement per annum is limited to ₹45,000/-. This amount is inclusive of the applicable maintenance allowance of ₹12,000/- for ST students and ₹13,500/- for SC students.

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In order to facilitate timely admission of eligible ST & SC students without financial hardship on account of upfront payment of fees, the following instructions are hereby issued as per Government approval for compliance by all concerned institutions and counselling bodies:

1. Non-collection of academic fees: ST and SC students whose annual parental income is upto ₹ 2.50 lakh shall not be required to pay academic fees upfront at the time of admission, subject to submission of valid caste and income certificates as above. Accordingly, the counselling authority - OJEE and the concerned institution shall not collect any admissible academic fee from such eligible students for the first six months from the date of admission. The academic fee component includes admission fee, tuition fee, examination fee, university registration fee etc.

Hence, for medical students, the academic fee that is deposited upfront with OJEE during counselling and subsequently transferred to the institutions shall not be collected. However, for the engineering students, the token amount collected during admission by OJEE shall continue to be deposited by the students as before.

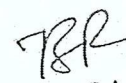
2. Students having annual parental income above ₹ 1.00 lakh and up to ₹2.50 lakh: In respect of eligible ST and SC students falling under this income category, the concerned institutions shall not collect any upfront academic fees up to a maximum amount of ₹ 12,000/- per annum for ST students and ₹ 13,500/- per annum for SC students. The non-collection of such fees shall remain applicable for the first six months from the date of admission or until the respective prescribed limit is exhausted, whichever is earlier.

3. Students having annual parental income up to ₹ 1.00 lakh: For the eligible ST & SC students falling under this income category, the concerned institutions shall not collect any upfront non- academic charges upto a maximum amount of ₹45,000/-. This provision shall be applicable for a period of six months from the date of admission or until the said amount is exhausted, whichever is earlier.

The above arrangement shall be applicable to eligible students pursuing medical and engineering courses only, in State Government-run institutions in Odisha and premier national-level institutions situated within the State. The list of such institutions is enclosed as Annexure A.

You are, therefore, requested to bring the above instructions to the notice of all concerned government medical and engineering institutions and counselling bodies under your control and ensure compliance so that no eligible ST & SC student faces financial hardship till receipt of eligible scholarships.

Yours faithfully,


31/8/26

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

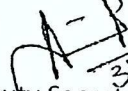
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Copy forwarded to all District Welfare Officers for information and necessary action. They are instructed to extend necessary support to the eligible ST and SC students for timely completion of the application process through the Odisha State Scholarship Portal (OSSP).


31.8.2026
Deputy Secretary to Government

Memo No.: 20321 /SSD, Date: 31.8.2026

Copy forwarded to Deans/Principals of the institutions mentioned in Annexure A to ensure timely online submission of applications for quick disbursal of scholarship


31.8.2026
Deputy Secretary to Government

Annexure-A

List of State Government Medical and Engineering institutions	
1	Bhima Bhoi Medical College & Hospital, Balangir
2	Fakir Mohan Medical College and Hospital, Baleswar
3	Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Medical College, Ganjam
4	Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College and Hospital, Baripada, Mayurbhanj
5	Saheed Laxman Nayak Medical College & Hospital, Koraput
6	SCB Medical College, Kataka
7	Veer Surendra Sai Medical College & Hospital or (VIMSAR- Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Science & Research), Sambalpur
8	Sri Jagannath Medical College and Hospital, Puri
9	Government Medical College and Hospital, Sundargada
10	Government Medical College and Hospital, Bhabanipatna or (Saheed Rendo Majhi Medical College & Hospital, Kalahandi)
11	Government Medical College and Hospital, Kendujhar or Dharanidgar Medical College and Hospital, Kendujhar
12	Jajati Keshari Medical College Hospital, Jajpur
13	Pabitra Mohan Pradhan Medical College & Hospital, Talcher
14	Government Medical College and Hospital, Phulbani
15	Odisha University of Technology and Research, Bhubaneswar, Khordha
16	Government College of Engineering, Kalahandi, Bhabanipatana
17	Government College of Engineering, Kendujhar
18	Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology, Sarang, Dhenkanal
19	Parala Maharaja Engineering College, Ganjam

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20	Sambalpur University Institute of Information Technology, Burla, Sambalpur
21	Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Sambalpur
22	Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Odisha, Rourkela
List of national level engineering and medical institutions situated in Odisha	
1	National Institute of Technology, Raurkela
2	AIIMS, Bhubaneswar
3	Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar

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