

CENTRAL SECTOR INTEREST SUBSIDY SCHEME, 2009 (As Revised – Applicable for loans taken w.e.f. 01.04.2018)

Introduction

One of the major objectives of the Government is to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to pursue higher education because he or she is poor. To achieve this objective, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) launched a Scheme titled "Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme" (CSIS) in 2009. The scheme provides full interest subsidy during the moratorium period on modern education loans without any collateral security and third-party guarantee, for pursuing technical/professional courses in India. Students whose annual gross parental/ family income is up to Rs.4.5 lakhs are eligible under the scheme. The existing Scheme has been modified with the approval of the Cabinet on March 28th.

Objective of the Scheme

CSIS is a unique scheme which pivots around the vision that no student desiring to pursue higher education is denied of the opportunity if he/ she is financially poor. This scheme benefits all categories of economically weaker students for pursuing professional/ technical courses in India only, and intends to provide affordable higher education. The Scheme, envisages to uplift the students from the grassroot level and increase the number of qualified technicians/ professionals in the nation. CSIS aims to check the existing geographical imbalance with regard to Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Educational Institutions.

Features of the Scheme

The Scheme is adopted by all Scheduled Banks and is linked with the existing Model Educational Loan scheme of the Indian Banks' Association, and restricted to students enrolled in professional/ technical courses only from NAAC accredited Institutions or professional/ technical programmes accredited by NBA or Institutions of National Importance or Central Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs). Those Professional Institutions/programmes, which do not come under the ambit of NAAC or NBA, would require approval of the respective regulatory body viz, approval of Medical Council of India for Medical courses, Nursing Council of India for Nursing courses, Bar Council of India for Law etc. The scheme is applicable to students belonging to Economically Weaker Sections, i.e. students whose annual gross undergraduate or post graduate or integrated course. Under the scheme, education loan is provided without any collateral security and third-party guarantee and for a maximum amount of Rs. 7.5 lakhs.