Modalities for implementation of:

Sub Component 2.4: Welfare Measures to children of labourers

Objective: Labourers working in coffee plantations and curing establishments are the important stakeholders of the Industry. To provide welfare measures in the form of educational stipend, incentives for merit, financial assistance towards higher education to the children of SC / ST labourers who excel in studies and pursue higher education after X Class to improve their education.

2.4.1. Eligibility

- Children of SC / ST labourers working in coffee plantations and Licensed Coffee Curing Works, pursuing higher education after X Class are eligible.
- The first two surviving children of SC / ST labourers working in Coffee Plantation and Licensed Coffee Curing Works are eligible. However, if the second child birth results in twins or multiple births, assistance shall be admissible to all the children if other requirements viz. merit is fulfilled individually.
- Children of Clerks, Drivers, Supervisors and Managers of Estate / Curing works are not entitled for these benefits.
- The Educational Institution in which the student is studying should be recognized by the Central / State Governments.

Educational Stipends: Students who have passed SSLC / 10th Class / Matriculation examination and have taken up higher studies after SSLC viz. 1st year PUC, Polytechnic / Vocational Training in the current academic year are eligible.

Incentive Award: One girl student and one boy student in each region of the Deputy Director (Extension) [in case of NER, Joint Director (Extension) Region] who have scored highest marks in the SSLC / 10th Class / Matriculation examination in the previous academic year and continuing further studies in the current academic year are eligible.

Financial Assistance: Students pursuing higher education such as Graduation / Post-Graduation / Professional Courses such as Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Pharmacy & Nursing during the current academic year after completion of 2nd PUC / 12th Class during the previous academic year are eligible.

A student who is eligible for Educational Stipend is also eligible for Incentive Award based on merit.

Students pursuing 1st year PUC (11th Class) or Diploma courses during a particular academic year, but completed SSLC (10th Class) during earlier years are also eligible for educational stipends.

Students pursuing Graduation / Professional Courses during a particular academic year, but completed 2nd year PUC (12th Class) during earlier years are also eligible for financial assistance.

Students pursuing Post-Graduation studies during the year 2017-18, but completed Graduation during earlier years (other than 2016-17) are also eligible for financial assistance.

Students pursuing 2nd or 3rd year of Graduation or Post-graduation courses as the case may be, are eligible for financial assistance irrespective of whether they had availed/applied for financial assistance during the previous years while pursuing 1st or 2nd year of the course.
2.4.2. Extent of Incentives

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2.4.3. Procedure for availing the incentives

Application in the prescribed format from the students who are children of SC / ST labours working in coffee plantations and Licensed Coffee Curing Works may be entertained along with the following documents:

a. Duly filled in application in the prescribed forms, affixed with recent photographs of the students.
c. A self-attested marks sheet of the previous class/year.
d. Self-attested copy of the SC/ST caste certificate issued by competent state government authority.
e. A Certificate from the owners / authorized persons of the plantation / curing works in which the parent/s are employed. (as per the prescribed format provided in the application).
f. A Certificate from the Principal of the college, where the student is studying during the current academic year. (as per the prescribed format provided in the application)
g. A copy of the Bank Pass Book having the details of account number, name of the Bank, branch, IFSC code, etc.

2.4.4 Amendment to the Scheme:

- The submission of application by the applicant or acceptance of the application by the office does not automatically entitle the applicant for the eligible incentive from the Coffee Board. The release of eligible amount to the applicant is subject to availability of funds during a particular year.
- The Coffee Board reserves the right to amend, amplify or abrogate in its discretion any of the terms and conditions of the scheme without notice as it may consider necessary for efficient execution of the scheme and fulfilment of its objectives.
- Applications of persons who resort to making offers, rewards, gifts or any material benefit, or any coercion either directly or indirectly, to influence the sanction process shall summarily be rejected. Similarly, legal action will be initiated for recovery with applicable interest against applicants who obtain the subsidy benefit by wilfully furnishing wrong/incorrect information, misrepresentation and suppression of information.

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