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All the Directors/ Principal of the Institutions,

**Subject: Instructions / advice to the Institutions regarding Hostel and other fees from the students sponsored under Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) – during restriction of physical classes due to COVID-19 Pandemic-reg.**

Sir / Madam,

The matter relates to charging of hostel and other fees from the students sponsored under Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India presently implemented by All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

In this context, it is informed that every year the students from the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are selected through online counselling process conducted by AICTE, New Delhi and admitted in the selected pool of institutions all over the country. The AICTE pays academic fee as per the State Fee Regulatory Committee orders or lower as the case may be subject to maximum ceiling fixed by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. For expenditure towards maintenance charges for hostel, mess, cost of books and other incidental charges, AICTE uniformly pays Rs. 1.00 Lakh for all streams in 10 equal monthly instalments.

During academic session 2019-20, the country was affected by COVID-19 Pandemic. Govt. of India has imposed country-wide lockdown in the month of March, 2020 which was extended upto June, 2020. The Govt. of India / concerned State Govt. has issued advisories from time to time particularly for the students who were studying in institutions to vacate the hostels / colleges immediately and to conduct online classes instead of physical classes. Even semesters / annual examinations were conducted online. In academic session 2020-21, AICTE has conducted online counselling and allowed students to join the institutions virtually and study through online mode till the time the Covid-19 Guidelines of the concerned State Govt. / UTs are imposed.

AICTE is receiving complaints from the students / parents that some of the institutions are charging full hostel / mess fees during COVID-19 Pandemic whereas, these facilities are not availed by the PMSSS beneficiaries. It has been viewed very seriously by the competent authority in AICTE and all the Institutions where PMSSS beneficiaries are studying are once again advised not to charge any undue fee from them regarding hostel / mess charges because due to COVID-19 and instructions given by the Statutory Authorities of the States / Govt. of India, the institutions in most parts of the country were closed and only online classes / exams were conducted during academic session 2020-21. The AICTE has released Rs. 20,000/- to all beneficiaries for odd semester of Academic Session 2020-21 as per decision of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. Similarly, it is decided to pay Rs. 20,000/- for even semester too by the Ministry of Education on the basis of continuation in the programme. Currently, AICTE is processing the continuation certificate to release the maintenance allowance for the even semester of academic session 2020-21 and will be released shortly. Same will continue further in academic year 2021-22 till face to face classes start & hostels become operational.

In view of the above, the institutes are requested not to charge any hostel related expense from the PMSSS students during which the student has not availed the facility. It may be noted that academic fee will be paid as usual subject to promotion of the student in next / subsequent academic session.

Your co-operation in this regard will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Anand Sharma) 28/6/21  
Director (PMSSS)