

**Nai Udaan – Support for minority students clearing prelims conducted by Union
Public Service Commission, State Public Service Commissions and Staff
Selection Commission.**

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Scheme and Guidelines for implementation of the scheme of Nai Udaan – Support for minority students clearing prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission, State Public Service Commissions and Staff Selection Commission.

1. Background and Justification of the Scheme:

National Commission on Religious and Linguistic Minorities in its report has highlighted that all communities and groups should have equal share in economic opportunities and employment. It envisages proactive measures for those communities that lag behind and become increasingly marginalized. Hence interventions in the form of Government programs need to help these communities, with earmarking of targets on (1) Self- employment and Wage employment and (2) Recruitment to State and Central Services.

2. Objectives

The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial support to the minority candidates clearing prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission and State Public Service Commissions to adequately equip them to compete for appointment to Civil Services in the Union and the State Governments and to increase the representation of the minority in the Civil Services by giving direct financial support to candidates clearing Preliminary Examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC); State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs) for Group A and B (Gazetted Post) and Staff Selection Commission (Combined Graduate Level) for Group 'B'(Non Gazetted posts).

3. Implementing Agency and Eligibility:

Ministry of Minority Affairs will be the implementing agency and only candidates belonging to notified Minority Communities who clear the Prelim examinations conducted by UPSC; SPSC or SSC etc. and fulfill all other eligibility criteria and

conditions will be considered for financial support under the scheme. Eligibility criteria and conditions of the Scheme will be as follows:

- i) The candidate should belong to one of the Minority Communities notified under Section 2 (C) of National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 and should have passed the Civil Services Prelims Examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC); State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs) for Group A and B (Gazetted Post) and Staff Selection Commission (Combined Graduate Level) for Group 'B'(Non Gazetted posts).
- ii) Total family income of the candidates from all sources should not exceed Rs. 6.0 lakh per annum.
- iii) The financial support can be availed by a candidate only once. The candidate will not be eligible to benefit from any other similar Scheme of the Central or State Governments /UT Administrations. In case the candidate decides to opt for other Schemes; he/she will have to forgo the claim from this Ministry and refund the amount if already availed with 10% interest. He / she needs to give an affidavit to the effect, that he /she is not availing such benefit from any other source.

4. Procedure:

Eligible candidates may apply online through the portal i.e. www.naiudaan-moma.gov.in for availing of the benefit under the Scheme within one month from the date of declaration of result.

5. Cost/Number of Beneficiaries:

Every year up to 2000 candidates will be given financial support under the scheme throughout the country on fulfilling the eligibility criteria till the budgetary allocation is exhausted. Selection of the candidates will be based on first-come-first-serve basis in case of limited number of slots available for any particular community/Exam. The distribution of slots is based on the data of Census, 2011.

Exam wise, physical distribution of benefits to different notified minority communities will be as follows:

Name of Exam	Community wise quota						
	Muslims	Christians	Sikhs	Buddhists	Jains	Parsis	Total
UPSC	146	24	16	7	6	1	200
State PSC	883	142	100	38	27	10	1200
SSC(CGL)	441	72	50	19	13	5	600
Total	1470	238	166	64	46	16	2000

In case of non availability of candidates of particular community/exam, the unutilized quota of that particular community/exam may be transferred to eligible candidates belonging to other community/ies/exams. Periodicity of review will be decided by Ministry.

The rate of financial assistance will be maximum Rs. One Lakh only (Rs. 1,00,000/-) for clearing Civil Services Preliminary exam conducted by Union Public Service Commissions; Rs. Fifty Thousand only (Rs.50,000/-) for clearing prelims exam conducted by State Public Service Commissions etc. (Gazetted post); and Rs. Twenty Five Thousand (Rs. 25,000/-) for clearing preliminary exam conducted by Staff Selection Commissions-Combined Graduate Level (SSC-CGL) for Non- Gazetted Post.

The revised rates will be applicable for the applications received after 29.09.2017.

6. Terms and Conditions for Candidates

- i) The candidate should submit the proof of passing of Preliminary Examination conducted by Union Public Services Commission (Civil Services) or State Public Services Commission for Group 'A' and / or 'B' Gazetted posts, or Staff Selection Commission (Combined Graduate Level) for Group 'B'(Non Gazetted posts).
- ii) The candidate should submit relevant Admit Card/Roll Number slip, and documentary proof in support of qualifying the exams and any other document sought by the Ministry.

- iii) The candidate should submit a certificate of annual Income of the family from all sources issued by Competent Authority in State/UT.

7. Conditions for payment of Financial assistance to the Candidates

1. The financial benefit will be given to the candidate only once and for one examination only i.e. if a candidate qualifies prelims exam of Civil Service conducted by UPSC and simultaneously qualifies Combined Graduate Level Prelims Exam conducted by SSC, the financial benefit will be given for only one exam for which a candidate has applied first.
2. Payment of financial benefit may be linked with Aadhar Number if available. In this regard, Gazetted Notification S. O. 2410 (E) dated 14th June, 2017 Under Section-7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) published dated July 31, 2017 may be referred.
3. In case of non availability of candidates of particular community/exam, the unutilized quota of that particular community/exam may be transferred to eligible candidates belonging to other community/ies/exams.
4. A mechanism of getting Feedback of beneficiaries may also be developed to assess its impact.
5. Candidates who have availed the benefit of this Scheme shall not be eligible to avail the benefit of free coaching for Civil Services (Mains) conducted by UPSC/ SSC/State PSCs etc.
6. Payment of financial benefit may be given in one installment. However, the candidate have to inform the Ministry about the outcome/result of Mains Exam through e-mail.

7. Funding Pattern:

100% financial support will be provided to the selected candidates through Ministry of Minority Affairs as this is a Central Sector Scheme (CSS). Payment will be made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

8. Procedure for Selection of the candidates:

Applications received from the applicants will be scrutinized in the Ministry and will be placed before the following committee for selection of eligible applicants for financial assistance under the scheme.

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| a) Additional Secretary/ Joint Secretary (Minority Affairs) : | Chairperson |
| b) Deputy Secretary(DS)/Director (Finance) | Member |
| c) Representative from DoPT | Member |

not below the rank of Director/DS;

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| d) Representative from Ministry of HRD
not below the rank of Director/DS; | Member |
| e) Representative from UGC
not below the rank of Director/DS; | Member |
| f) Director (SS)/ Deputy Secretary/Under Secretary
(Minority Affairs) | Convener |

The decision of Selection Committee in regard to selection of students for providing financial assistance under the scheme shall be final and no appeal would lie against any decision by the Committee in regard thereof, except as provided under law in force.

9. Administrative Expenses:

The ministry shall be permitted to set aside upto the extent of 5% of the annual allocation under this scheme to meet administrative expenditure towards engagements contractual staff and to conduct workshop and conferences. Workshop & conferences will also include functions organized by the Ministry for popularizing and promoting the scheme by way of showcasing successful entrepreneurs/beneficiaries. Cost will include all expenses towards conducting and organizing the event including TA/DA and miscellaneous expenses.

10. Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism:

A monitoring mechanism would be put in place to see that there is timely disbursement of amount through the concerned banks so that the selected students do not suffer due to delay. Evaluation of the scheme will be taken up after 3 years of its implementation through an independent and specialized agency. Impact assessment will be conducted towards the end of next three financial years i.e. 2017-18 to 2019-20.
