

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS TO SC GIRL STUDENTS FOR PURSUING 10+2 EDUCATION (STATE PLAN SCHEME).

Objective of the Scheme

Drop out rate among SC girl students is very high being 30.13% at Primary level, 46.96% at Middle level and 63.62% of Secondary level. Literacy rate of general category in the State is 69.70% against 56.22% of Scheduled Castes. Female literacy rate among SCs is very low being 48.25% against 63.40% of the general female literacy rate. In order to check the high drop-out rate and to increase the literacy amongst SC girl students at Senior Secondary level on the pattern of Madhya Pradesh Govt. for providing encouragement awards to the SC girl students who take admission in 11th and 12th classes so as to encourage them to continue their studies. This step will certainly check the high drop-out rate amongst the SC girl students, improve female literacy rate among SCs and empower the SC women as well

Year of start

The Punjab Govt. has implemented a scheme “**Encouragement Awards to SC Girl Students for pursuing 10+2 education**” through the Welfare Department w.e.f. 2007-08.

Modalities of the Scheme.

The scheme will be implemented by the Director Welfare of SCs and BCs. Each SC girl of class 11th & 12th classes will be provided a lump sum amount of Rs. 3000/- every year. Wards of Non Tax payee families will be covered under this scheme. The demand is sent to the Welfare Department by the DPI (S).