

# **SCHEME TO ASSIST BPL SC STUDENTS COVERED UNDER THE EXISTING PLAN SCHEME “NEW COURSES/VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN ITIs FOR SCHEDULED CASTES STUDENTS” (Special Central Assistance)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The aim of the scheme is to provide skill development/vocational training in NCVT/SCVT approved trades to the SC youth. The youth possessing certain minimum qualification will be provided skill training in NCVT/SCVT approved trades in the Industrial Training Institution of Technical Education and Industrial Training Department, Punjab. The certificates issued after the completion of the training in these trades is valid through-out the country and are also recognized by ILO. Because of this recognition, the youth possessing these certificates will be able to get jobs in the foreign countries also.

As the dropout rate of youth of these sections from schools is very high, so it is very much necessary that some skill training be also provided to such youth. Another 20,000 youths are proposed to be trained in SCVT approved trades for which the entry qualification will be 5<sup>th</sup> class.

## **YEAR OF START**

This scheme was started in the year 2011-12.

## **NORMS AND CRITERIA OF TRADE/COURSE**

Norms & Duration of Course will be as prescribed by National Council for Vocational Training or State council for vocational training. National Trade Certificate (NTC) of NCVT or State Trade Certificate (STC) of SCVT will be awarded after they are qualified in the All India Trade Test or State Trade Test. The total number of trades approved by NCVT is 124. The duration of these trades ranges from 6 months to three years. However, But majority of the trades are one year or two years duration. The number of trades/courses approved by SCVT is 4, duration for which ranges from 6 months to 2 years.

## **ADMISSION/SECTION CRITERIA**

The trainees will be sponsored by the Welfare Department, possessing the requisite qualifications as per NCVT/SCVT norms. The District Welfare Officer, will be one of the member of the Admission Committee. Admission will be done strictly on Merit of the Entry Qualification.