



ABSTRACT

FEES - Tuition fees, special fees and Examination fees payable by students affected by Tsunami - Relief - Ordered.

HIGHER EDUCATION (G1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.33
Dated: 2.2.2005

ORDER:-

The Government have been providing various relief measures to the people affected by the recent tsunami. Several representations have been received regarding the inability of many families in the tsunami affected areas not being able to continue to pay tuition fees to private schools and colleges in which their children have been studying.

2. The Government considered the plight of families affected by tsunami. In cases where families have lost their breadwinners or the means of livelihood, students studying in private educational institutions face the prospect of having their studies forcibly discontinued. In view of this unprecedented situation, the Government have decided to implement a scheme of concession to students of tsunami affected areas to enable them to complete their education in the institutions where they were attending prior to the tsunami. The Government, therefore, order the following relief measures:

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(a) The Government will bear the tuition fees and special fees payable by the students of Tsunami affected families for the period from 1.1.2005 to the end of the academic year 2005-2006. The scope of coverage and the nature of fees to be borne/paid by Government under the above scheme is as follows:-

Institution	Nature of fees
1. Government and Aided Schools	Special fees
2. Matriculation Schools	Tuition fees and Special fees
3. Government, Aided and unaided Arts and Science Colleges and Professional Colleges, Universities, Polytechnics and Industrial Training Institutes.	Tuition fees and Special fees

The District Collector having jurisdiction over the place of residence of the tsunami affected family will sanction the above fees.

(b) In addition, these students will be exempted from payment of examination fees from March 2005 to March 2006.

3. The Government, therefore, direct all educational institutions, covered by the scheme mentioned in para 2 above, not to collect the tuition fees and special fees from the students belonging to tsunami affected areas payable from 1.1.2005 to the end of academic year 2005 -2006. Instead, the educational institutions concerned should make necessary claim to the respective District Collector having jurisdiction over the place of residence of the tsunami affected family to which the student belongs for sanction of necessary payment. Students requiring this concession should obtain a certificate from the local Village Administrative Officer having jurisdiction over the place of residence of tsunami affected family to which the student belongs that "he she belongs to tsunami affected family and he/she is not in a position to pay the fees" and submit it to the head of the educational institution along with his application. The educational institutions, while sending their claims to the District Collectors should attach the application and the certificate issued by the Village Administrative Officer. The District Collectors, after due scrutiny of the claims, shall sanction payment of fees direct to the institution concerned.

4. The District Collectors are requested to assess the requirement of funds and send necessary proposals to the Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration for allotment of funds. The Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration is requested to send to Government consolidated proposal for sanction of funds.

5. All universities in Tamil Nadu, the Director of Technical Education, the Director of Employment and Training and the Director of Government Examinations are directed to exempt students belonging to tsunami affected families from payment of examination fees for examinations commencing from March 2005 till the end of the academic year 2005-06. For this, the affected students should send an application to the head of the educational institution where he/she is studying along with an attested copy of the certificate obtained from Village Administrative Officer, as specified in para 3 above, and the educational institution should forward the application of the student to the examination conducting body concerned. The examination conducting body on receipt of the above particulars shall exempt the student from payment of examination fees and communicate the exemption to the educational institution and the student concerned.

6. The District Collectors are requested to communicate a copy of this order to all educational institutions in their Districts.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its UO No.307A/FS/P/05 dated 25.1.2005.

(By order of the Governor)

**K. GNANADESIKAN,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To

The Special Commissioner and Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chennai-5.

All District Collectors.

The Director of School Education, Chennai-6.

The Director of Matriculation Schools, Chennai-6.

The Director of Elementary Education, Chennai-6.

The Director of Government Examinations, Chennai-6.

The Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai-6.

The Director of Technical Education, Chennai-25.

The Director of Employment & Training, Chennai-5

The Registrars of All Universities in Tamil Nadu including Agricultural, Veterinary, Law Medical and Tamil Universities.

The Director of Agriculture, Chennai - 5.

The Director of Legal Studies, Chennai -35.

The Director of Medical Educations, Chennai.

Copy to: All Departments of Secretariat, Chennai-9.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18/9/35.

The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-18.

/Forwarded/by order/

Section Officer.