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Government of India  
Ministry of Minority Affairs

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CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi- 110003  
Dated 26.09.2017.

To  
The Chief Secretary/Administrator  
All State Government/UT Administration.

**Subject: Extension of last date till 31.10.2017 under Post-matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for submission of Fresh online applications for minority communities for the year 2017-18-reg.**

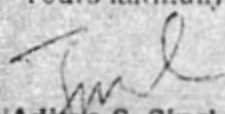
Madam / Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 31.05.2017 conveying physical target for fresh scholarships and timelines activities for the year 2017-18 under three scholarship schemes viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for minority communities for the year 2017-18.

2. It has been observed that despite nearly four months of opening of the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) for online implementation of these two Scholarship Schemes viz. Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes, the number of fresh applications received on the portal are still very low in some States / UTs as compared to the State/Community-wise allocations stipulated for 2017-18.

3. It has, thus, now been decided with the Competent Authority to extend the last date for receipt of 'Fresh' online applications under Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes till 31.10.2017.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Aditya S. Singh)

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