

# **ATTENDANCE SCHOLARSHIP TO SCHEDULED CASTE PRIMARY GIRL STUDENTS (State Plan Scheme)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

It has been observed that the number of Scheduled Caste girls students in educational institutions is much less than their population because of the fact that the parents/guardians of these girls are very poor and they do not pay heed to the education of the female child. If at all these girls are admitted in the school they leave their studies to assist their parents to augment the family income by taking up nominal jobs. Keeping these circumstances in view the State Govt. decided to adopt some ways and means so that the dropout tendency is checked initially at the primary stage.

## **YEAR OF START**

This scheme was introduced from the year 1992-93 as district level scheme on Plan Side. But from the year 2008-09 this scheme has been transferred to State Plan Sector.

## **NORMS**

Under this scheme, the attendance scholarship @ Rs. 50/- per month, per student for 10 months in a year is awarded to those scheduled caste girls, who are domicile of Punjab State and studying in primary classes subject to the following conditions:-

1. The parents do not have more than five acres of land.
2. Their parents/guardians are not income tax payees.
3. Minimum 75% class attendance is required for award of scholarship.