



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Higher Education Department – District Merit Scholarship- Amendment of rules-Issued

**HIGHER EDUCATION (C) DEPARTMENT**

GO.(MS)No: 79/08/HEdn

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 18.07.2008

- Read:-
1. G.O.(MS)77/80/HEdn dated 24.05.1980.
  2. G.O.(MS) 114/80/HEdn dated 8.8.1980.
  3. G.O.(MS) 9/82/HEdn dated 20.1.1982.
  4. Letter No: R1/100833/07/DMS dated 17.03.2008 of the Director of Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram.

**ORDER**

Government had sanctioned a Scheme for award of merit scholarship to students on District wise basis, as per G.O read as 1st paper above and the rules for award of scholarship were issued as per G.O. read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above.

The Director of Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram as per letter read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper has reported that upto March 2004, District Merit Scholarship were awarded to students who secure the first 15 ranks statewide and first 5 ranks in each Revenue District(excluding those who are included in the first 15 ranks statewide), in the SSLC examination held in March/April of the preceeding academic year. The number of fresh recipients in each year until 2004 was between 500 and 600. The DCE has stated that with the introduction of the grading system from March 2005 onwards, 90% and above marks on subjects were treated as "A Plus". If the eligibility for awarding DMS scholarship is fixed as "A Plus", the total number of scholarship will be above 4000(The total number of students who secured A+ grade in all subjects during 2006-07 was more than 4800). Awarding DMS to all these students may invoke additional financial commitment. Hence District Merit Scholarships were not awarded since March 2005, The DCE has proposed certain amendments in the existing rules in order to tide over the issue.

Government have examined the proposal submitted by the DCE and are pleased to issue the following amendments for the award of District Merit Scholarship.

1) Number of Scholarships.

The total number of scholarship is limited to 1000. It is distributed to each revenue district on the basis of the proportion of total number of students appeared for SSLC examination from each district.

2) Eligibility.

The scholarship is awarded only to those students who secure A+ grade in all subjects in the SSLC examination subject to the condition that they should secure place among the first 1000 candidates who qualify in the scholarship examination conducted by the Department of Collegiate Education soon after the SSLC examination results each year. The present system of awarding District Merit Scholarship to the highest rank holders of Pre-Degree/equivalent examination and Degree examination is dispensed with.

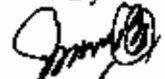
3) Procedure for award of Scholarship.

As soon as the results of SSLC examination are announced the Special Officer for Scholarships, Directorate of Collegiate Education will invite application for DMS examination from the students who secure A+ grade in all subjects in the SSLC examination held in March/April of the preceding academic year. Notification in this regard will be published within a week after the publication of SSLC results. The scholarship examination will be conducted by the end of June and the list of eligible candidates for District Merit Scholarship will be published immediately after the examination.

By Order of the Governor  
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