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No. OI-12013/04/2016-OIA-II
Dear Sir,

Akbar Bhawan, Chankyapuri,
New Delhi, 02.12.2016

Subject: Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)

The Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) is a programme organised by Ministry of External Affairs to enable Children of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), to pursue Under Graduate courses in Indian Universities/Institutes in different fields (except medical and related courses) both professional and non-professional in Engineering/Technology, Humanities/Liberal Arts, Commerce, Management, Journalism, Hotel Management, Agriculture/Animal husbandry etc.

2. The scholarship amount is given for payment of tuition fee, admission fee and post admission services including hostel fee but excluding payment of food charges. In the First Year partial financial assistance is upto 75% of the total Institutional Economic Cost subject to a maximum of US\$ 4000 per annum in respect of NITs and other institutions covered under Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) Scheme.

3. The programme was revamped in July, 2016 and after inauguration of SPDC Portal, online applications are being invited since 23 August, 2016. We received some feedback from the applicants and suggestions from Missions. On the basis of which EAM has approved further revamping of SPDC Scheme with the following highlights:

- i. The students of 2015-16 batch are also eligible for scholarship under SPDC and will be governed by the existing revamped Scheme 2016-17. Such students will not be considered retrospectively and will be considered for scholarship from the current academic year. The amount of scholarship for this category of students shall be determined as applicable for 2nd year students. Applications from such candidates shall be invited online.
- ii. The monthly income of limit for PIOs and NRIs has been raised to US\$ 4000 from existing US\$ 2250.
- iii. The candidates can now upload self attested copies of the documents. However, the proof of Indian Origin or undertaking about Indian Origin of applicants can be attested by Mission.
- iv. In addition to NITs, IITs and SPAs covered under DASA Scheme, the other premier institutes covered under DASA shall also be eligible for scholarship under SPDC Scheme.

4. The detailed guidelines are available on the SPDC Portal on <http://spdcindia.gov.in>. The last date for submission of applications on the portal is extended to 31st December, 2016.

5. This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (OIA-II).

Yours faithfully,

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