Addendum

Subject: “Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children” (SPDC), for the academic year 2019-20.

Ministry has revised one of the eligibility criteria for the scholarship under SPDC Programme of Govt. of India, which is in respect of parents’ income, for academic year 2019-2020.

2. Until now, the Income Criteria applicable to all categories (i.e. NRIs and PIOs) had been that “total monthly income of the parent(s) of the candidate should **not** exceed US $4000/- (US Dollars four thousand)’. However, as this particular criterion was restricting eligibility of bright young students from the Indian Diaspora to avail educational facilities in India, and be a bridge between the Diaspora and India, the Competent Authority has now, therefore, **approved enhancing the monthly monetary limit of income of parent(s) of prospective applicants, from US$ 4000/- to US$ 5000/- (US Dollars five thousand only).**

3. While Ministry has approved the increase of income-limit to US$ 5000/-, preference will be given to low income families, and, only if enough applicants are **not** available to meet the target, we will consider other applicants with parents’ income above US$4000/-. 

4. All other terms and conditions of the SPDC guidelines already circulated earlier, **remain the same.**

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