

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP:

The National Scholarship Scheme is being implemented since 1961-62. The objective of this Scheme is to provide scholarships for post-metric studies to the brilliant but poor students so that they can pursue their studies inspite of their poverty. The Scholarship Scheme for Talented Children from Rural Areas for Class VI to XII is an on-going scheme since 1971-72 with the objective to achieve equalization of educational opportunities, and to provide fillip to the development of talent from rural areas by educating talented rural children in good schools. The schemes were implemented as Centrally Sponsored Schemes upto IX Plan. The Department has merged these schemes to form the 'National Merit Scholarship Scheme' for implementing within the approved outlay of Rs. 52.00 Crores during the X Plan. The Revised Scheme prescribes changes in the eligibility criteria and rate of scholarships etc.

| Sl.No. | Year | No. of students |
|--------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1 | 2000-2001 | 9 |
| 2 | 2001-2002 | 15 |
| 3 | 2002-2003 | 13 |
| 4 | 2003-2004 | 12 |
| 5 | 2004-2005 | 17 |
| 6 | 2005-2006 | 11 |
| 7 | 2006-2007 | 12 |
| 8 | 2007-2008 | 17 |
| 9 | 2008-2009 | 7 |
| 10 | 2009-2010 | 1 |
| 11 | 2010-2011 | 2 |