

HOSTELS FOR SC/ST STUDENTS

26.1.1		Objectives
	(a)	Considering the accommodation problems being faced by SC/ST students in taking admissions in good engineering colleges, AICTE has launched a scheme for providing financial assistance for construction of hostels for men and women depending upon the need of the Institution.
	(b)	The scheme aims to support Government / Government-aided engineering colleges for construction of girls / boys hostels for providing residential accommodation for students / researchers belonging to SC/ST category.
	(c)	These hostels will also have optional add-on facility of Community Skill Development Centre for empowering SC / ST students with skill knowledge. AICTE has taken new initiative for skills development through NVEQF & Community Colleges. These centers will serve as facility for imparting Skill knowledge fostering underprivileged classes. It is expected that providing such a facility to the SC/ST students undergoing professional education will enhance the enrolment of the SC/ST students as well as improving the quality of education.
	(d)	This AICTE scheme is unique in the sense that the construction of the hostel for SC/ST students could be also done in the existing hostels in the institute by extension of the construction work.
26.1.2		Eligibility
	(a)	Government / Government-aided engineering colleges/ University Departments are entitled for the grant.
	(b)	The Institutes located in Punjab, Haryana, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & UTs are not covered for grant under SCA to Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP).
	(c)	The Institute must be in existence for last five years.
	(d)	The Institute other than NE must have more than 150 SC/ST students on roll per year during last 3 years.
26.1.3		Duration of Project
	(a)	The proposed/approved hostel for SC/ST will be constructed within 3 years from the date of receipt of the first installment.
26.1.4		Limit of funding
	(a)	Rs. 3 Crores
26.1.5		Disbursement of the Funds
	(a)	Disbursement of 50% of the amount as advance on sanction being 1 st Installment. .
	(b)	Disbursement of 40% of the amount on utilization of the 1 st installment being 2 nd Installment only after spot inspection carried out by an Evaluation Committee comprising of two engineers (one each from Civil & Architect) from AICTE approved panel to be organized by concerned RO, AICTE. The EVC report should contain all the mandatory documents
	(c)	Disbursement of 10% of the amount on submitting completion certificate by registered Civil Engineer/ Architect/ PWD and submission of all other mandatory documents as mentioned in the sanction letters and the parameter of the scheme.
26.1.6		Processing Methodology:
	(a)	The proposal to be assessed by an expert committee constituted as follows:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Vice Chancellor of any University - Chairman (ii) Professor in Civil Engineering - Member (iii) Professor from any discipline - Member (iv) An Architect – Member

26.1.7		Terms and conditions
	(a)	Annual progress report should be submitted.
	(b)	After completion of the project, a project completion report should be submitted.
	(c)	Utilization certificate and statement of accounts in prescribed proforma duly audited by the finance officer/account officer as per prescribed format.
	(d)	If the construction work is not initiated within six months then the amount is to be refunded with accrued interest to AICTE with justification.
	(e)	Any change in construction plan leading to reduction in the facilities or area would not be allowed.
26.1.8		Essential Documents Required with Application Form:
	(a)	Hostel Plan
	(b)	Abstract of the estimates
	(c)	PWD rate certificate
	(d)	Two copies of the plan and detailed estimates duly signed by the Engineer/Architect and countersigned by the Principal
	(e)	Conformity with the norms as suggested by the AICTE and the rates are as per CSR of the region. The minimum carpet area should not be less than 1200 sqm.
	(f)	A certificate from the college indicating the covered area in sq. meters, cost per sq. meter, basis of the estimates on the rates/schedule of rate, period for the completion of the project and likely date of starting the construction
	(g)	Land ownership and possession certificate from the concerned Tehsildar/SDM duly counter sign by the Principal
	(h)	Mode of construction viz. Contract/ Departmentally (at most competitive rates) or Deposit work by the PWD
	(i)	A certificate from the competent authority (concerned Secretary, State Government for Technical Education/D.T.E) that expenditure over and above AICTE grant, if any, will be met by the State Govt./ or the college and the construction will not be delayed for want of funds.
	(j)	A certificate from a competent structural engineer to certify the structural soundness of structure to bear the load of proposed building and soil test report etc.
	(i)	All the documents should be signed/stamped by the authorized person duly verified by the Principal/Director of the institutes. Each pages of the documents should be signed by the Principal/Director of the institutes with stamp. The proposal duly filled in must also be signed and stamped in each pages by the Principal/Director of the institutes. The details in the evaluation sheet at serial i to ix of the first part should also be filled up by the Institutes.