

## **Chapter 17**

# **Proactive Disclosure under Section 4 (1) (b) (xvii) of the Right to Information Act, 2005**

## **Other Useful Information**

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#### **1. State Award to Teachers**

State Government has devised a scheme to grant maximum ten (10) State Awards to Teachers of Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Level. Each Award is consisting of Rs. 1,00,000/- in cash and a citation. Every year the awardee teachers are felicitated on Teacher's Day.

##### Criteria to grant State Award to Teachers

- i) In-service teachers who have the required academic and professional qualifications as per the cadre only are eligible.
- ii) In-service teachers with at least 20 years of regular teaching service in the State of Goa only are eligible. Teachers serving in particular Cadre will be eligible for award in that cadre only. Such teachers shall apply for State Award in the category to which he/she belongs.

Heads of institution and Special Educators being teachers are also eligible for State Awards.

#### **2. National Award to Teachers**

It is central Government Scheme. The selection of the teachers for National Awards shall be done at different levels viz. District Selection Committee, State Selection Committee, Organization Selection Committee (for other organization) and Independent Jury at National Level.

##### **Revised Guidelines for Selection of Teachers for National Awards.**

The conditions of eligibility of Teachers for consideration for the Awards is as under:

- School teachers and Heads of Schools working in recognised primary/middle/higher secondary schools under the following categories are eligible for National Awards:
  - a) Schools run by State Govt./ UTs Administration, schools run by local bodies, schools aided by State Govt. and UT Administration.

- b) Central Govt. Schools i.e. Kendriya Vidhyalaya (KVs), Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya (JNVs), Central Schools for Tibetans (CTSA), Sainik Schools run by Ministry of Defence (MoD), Schools run by Atomic Energy Education Society (AEES).
  - c) Schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (other than those at (a) and (b) above).
  - d) Schools affiliated to Council for Indian Schools Certificate Examination (CISCE) (other than those at (a), (b) and (c) above).
- Normally retired teachers are not eligible for the award but those teachers who have served a part of the calendar year (at least for four month i.e. upto 30<sup>th</sup> April in the year to which National Award relates) may be considered if they fulfill all other conditions.
  - Educational Administrators, Inspectors of Education and the staff of training institutes are not eligible for these awards.
  - Teacher/Headmasters should not have indulged in tuitions.
  - Only regular Teachers and Head of Schools will be eligible.
  - Contractual Teachers and Shiksha Mitras will not be eligible.

### **3. Scheme Goa State Scholarship to the cadets studying in RIMC Deharadun (Uttarakhand)**

Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), is a leading institution in country for Cadets from Class VIII to Class XII from all over India. Statewise vacancies have been earmarked for admission to this college for those who qualify in an All India Entrance examinations conducted biannually by respective States/UTs. The admission at RIMC is purely on merit basis and the candidates who qualify in written exam have to undergo viva-voc e and medical examination.

Two vacancies are earmarked for the State of Goa per year for the candidate hailing from Goa. As per vacancy allotted to Goa State, the total candidates for the term should be 10. The amount of Rs.20,000/- per year is sponsored by Govt. Of Goa under this Scheme, which is enhance to an amount of Rs.50,000/- from the academic year 2016-17.

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The main objective of the scheme is to encourage more Goan students to join defense services in R.I.M.C. Deharadun and Sainik School, Satara, Maharashtra.

### **Pattern of Assistance**

State Government shall consider awarding State scholarship of Rs.50,000/- per cadet per annum for 10 cadets belonging to State of Goa studying in the Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC)

The State scholarship @ of Rs.50,000/- per cadet 10 cadets (per class 2 cadets) is Rs.50,000 X 10 cadets = Rs.5,00,000/- per annum from Std. VIII to XII.

### **Eligibility and Application Process**

- a) Any regular Students enrolled from Std.VIII to XII in the Government and Non-Government recognized Schools under the Directorate of Education, Government of Goa, is eligible to apply under this Scheme from the Academic year, 2013-2014 onwards.
- b) The Students who qualify in All India Entrance Examination conducted biannually will be eligible to apply under this Scheme.
- c) The Students shall submit the application in prescribed 'format' along with the 'Affidavit' of the parent/guardian on a twenty rupees stamp paper completed in all respect and Bonafide Certificate from the School.
- d) The eligible Student should submit an application along with fee receipt issued by (RIMC) Rashtriya Indian Military College Deharadun and Sainik School, Satara of Maharashtra or any other Army School in India to the Directorate of Education, Porvorim-Bardez-Goa under this Scheme for claim.
- e) The Selection Committee comprising of the Director of Education, Jt. Director of Accounts, and Dy. Director of Education, of this Directorate shall select the Students eligible for the award of above Scholarship.

## **4. Bal Rath (State)**

### **Objective**

The scheme intends to provide proper transportation to the students studying in both Government and Government Aided Schools and strengthen the educational infrastructure of the state thereby catering to the needs of the Government and Non-Government Aided Schools.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

All the Government Aided Schools and Government Schools recognized by Directorate of Education are eligible for the Schemes.

Pattern of Assistance:

The Grant-in-aid will be Rs.3.00 lakh per annum per bus to meet the recurring and day-to-day expenses to operate the school bus. The Grant will be released in two instalments Rs.2.00 lakh shall be released in the month of June and Rs.1.00 lakh shall be released in the month of November every year.

The entire amount of grants should be utilized within a period of three years from the date of its original sanction and only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned. Any portion of the grant which is not ultimately required for the purpose for which it is sanctioned will be adjusted from the grant payable in the next year. After Utilizing/refunding the above sanctioned amount, a Utilization Certificate should be furnished to the Sanctioning Authority as required under GFR-212 in Form GFR-19-A.

The utilization certificate should be furnished to the Sanctioned Authority within twelve months from the date of release of Grant of the amount spend.

## **5. Supply of Note Books (State)**

Objective:

The main objective of the scheme is to provide incentives to students especially from poor families thereby ensuring maximum enrolment for achieving the literacy.

Eligibility:

Students enrolled in Standard II, III & IV of Government Primary Schools and Government Aided Primary Schools are eligible.

Pattern of Assistance:

The students of Std. II, III & IV will be provided with a set of 4 note books comprising of 2 note-books of 200 pages and 2 note-books of 100 pages.

Procedure formality to be done:

Codal Formalities followed as per procedure laid down in GFR.

Time limit of disposal:

Commencement of academic year.

## **6. Supply of Free Raincoats (State)**

Under the Scheme a set of raincoats is provided to all students enrolled in Std. I and III of Government Primary Schools in the State of Goa.

Objective

The main objective of the scheme is to provide incentives to students especially from poor families there by ensure maximum enrolment for achieving the literacy.

Eligibility Criteria:

Students enrolled in Standard i & II of Government Primary Schools are eligible.

Pattern of Assistance:

The students of Std. I and III will be provided with raincoats.

Procedure formality to be done: Codal Formalities followed as per procedure laid down in GFR.

Time limit of disposal:

Commencement of Academic year.

**7. Supply of free Stitched Uniforms (State)**

Under the scheme a set of stitched uniforms is provided free of cost to all students enrolled in Std. I & III of Government Primary Schools in the entire state of Goa.

Objective

The main objective of the scheme is to provide incentives to students especially from poor families there by ensure maximum enrolment for achieving the literacy.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicable to I & III Standard Students of Government Primary Schools.

Pattern of Assistance

The students of Std. I & III will also be provided with stitched uniforms. Under this category the students attached to Govt. Primary Schools will only be covered. However, the students of Std. I & Std. III belonging to Govt. Aided schools will be provided with a cash incentive @ Rs.150/- per student.

Procedure formality to be done

Codal Formalities followed as per procedure laid down in GFR.

Time limit of disposal

Commencement of academic year.

## **8. Financial Assistance to teachers with/without pension and dependents of deceased retired Teachers**

It is a Central Government Scheme. The expenditure on the scheme is done through the funds of Teacher's Day Collections. As per the Scheme, 90% of the amount to be utilized for providing financial assistance to retired needy teachers and their dependents and 10% of the amount should be transferred on Corpus Fund.

Criteria to avail benefits under the scheme :-

- (i) The financial assistance has been provided to the retired teachers with pension and without pension and dependents of deceased retired teachers to the maximum period of 10 years.
- (ii) Income of the applicant from all sources shall not exceed Rs.1,50,000/- per annum.
- (iii) The Financial assistance is provided to the teachers who have permanent disability, such as loss of limb, eyesight, and hearing. The committee, case by case, will decide the quantum of assistance, keeping in mind the availability of medical, reimbursement and / or insurance cover.
- (iv) The dependent of the deceased retired teachers i.e. wife or children can apply for the N.F.T.W. Fund.
- (v) Financial assistance for medical purpose will be granted on producing Medical certificate and doctor's prescription from Govt. Hospitals (i.e. GMC, Asilo and Hospico).
- (vi) The financial assistance is provided to the teachers who have rendered at least 15 years of meritorious service.

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## **9. Support for Professional Education of Children of School Teachers**

The scheme is applicable to school teachers only. Financial assistance is granted to the children of school teachers for pursuing professional/ diploma courses in the field of engineering, medicine and management. Not more than one application shall be accepted from the teachers to avail the benefits of the scheme.

## **10. Scheme to provide unused School Land and Buildings to the Non-Profit Institutions and Social Organizations**

State Government has devised this scheme to allot vacant school buildings and its premises to the non-profit institutions and social organization engaged in social, educational, economical, sports and cultural activities to ensure that the buildings are maintained in good condition and land is protected from encroachment.

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Objectives

- a. To provide for better use of the unused school premises.
- b. To provide infrastructural support to the registered non profit educational institutions for running the institution.
- c. Provision of friendly and conducive space for conducting social, educational, economical and cultural activities.
- d. To alleviate the problem of accommodation and associated problems faced by registered educational institutions.

Eligibility:

- a. All registered non-profit Institutions and social organizations (NGO) registered under the Societies Registered Act, 1860 or Indian Trust Act or under any Act of Parliament or Assembly of Goa or approved by GoG specifically being eligible for the purpose of this scheme.
- b. The registered non-profit Institutions shall submit applications under the scheme in prescribed Proforma along with supporting documents.
- c. The registered non-profit Institutions shall be in existence and engaged in the activities in the State of Goa for a minimum period of 05 (five) years except for those that are formed through statutory provisions and with GoG's specific approvals.
- d. The institution propagating religious activity or professing any particular religious ideas will not be considered.
- e. The institution should function in a democratic manner and as per the approved bye-laws or the applicable statutory provisions of the law,. The Managing Committee of the institution should have been elected by following free, fair and transparent election procedure to the satisfaction of the Government. This shall however not be applicable to statutory bodies, which shall follow the relevant statutory provisions.
- f. The institutions applying for allotment of Government land for the purpose for creating the additional infrastructure on the school premises shall be financially sound to incur the cost of the proposed infrastructure on the allotted premises and subsequent maintenance of the same. For this purpose, a certificate from a registered Chartered Accountant indicating availability of funds equal or more than 50% of proposed expenditure, with the institution shall be submitted.
- g. The institutions applying for the allotment of unused school building or land shall be financially sound to incur the cost of maintenance of the school building and premise. The applicant shall submit a recent bank statement indicating the bank balance of a minimum of Rs 1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh only) along with the proposal.
- h. The institutions shall be active in cultural/social/educational/sports or other related activities as per its aims and objectives.
- i. The institutions shall have properly maintained all the statutory or otherwise required records/documents up-to-date.
- j. The institutions shall submit a statement of its accounts for the past 3 years, and duly audited by the Chartered Accountant. However, this may be

waived off in case of the statutory bodies or by a specific order to that effect by the Government.

### **11. Incentive Scholarship to Meritorious Students at elementary stage.**

#### Objective

This scheme is implemented to all government and aided schools.

1. Children belonging to General category.
2. Children belonging to landless labourers.
3. Children belonging to SC/ST/OBC.
4. Children belonging to slum areas.

#### Eligibility Criteria

From Std. Vth to Xth. Exam is conducted by SCERT(State Council of Education, Research & Training.(Porvorim) of IV Std at Primary level and those students who are passed they are eligible for the scholarship

#### Pattern of Assistance and Type

Rs.2000/- per student per annum through E.C.S Mode

#### Procedure formality to be done

Renewal Applications received from the Institutions for every year after scrutiny of Applications we prepare bills and forwarded to the Directorate of Accounts, Panaji to release the amount.

#### Time limit of Disposal

Before the end of Financial Year.

### **12. Rajiv Gandhi Shikshan Sahaya Yojana Scholarship for EBC students.**

#### Objective

Students studying from Vth to Xth. Income limit is Rs. 1,50,000/- p.a. only for the Economically Backward Classes.

#### Eligibility Criteria

Parents income of the students should not exceed Rs. 1,50,000/-

#### Pattern of Assistance and Type

Vth to VIIth – 250/- p.a. VIIIth to Xth Rs. 400/- p.a. through E.C.S Mode.

#### Procedure formality to be done

Renewal Applications received from the Institutions for every year after scrutiny of Applications we prepare bills and forwarded to the Directorate of Accounts, Panaji to release the amount.

Time limit of Disposal

Before the end of Financial Year.

**13. Educational concession to the children of Service Personnel.**

Objective

Students studying in colleges, technical institutions and University.

Eligibility Criteria

Those parents who are working in the Defence Personnel only those students are eligible for the scheme.

Pattern of Assistance and Type

The students have to produce the Fees receipts through E.C.S Mode

Procedure formality to be done

Renewal Applications received from the Institutions for every year after scrutiny of Applications we prepare bills and forwarded to the Directorate of Accounts, Panaji to release the amount.

Time limit of Disposal

Before the end of Financial Year.

**14. Scheme for Children with Special Needs, 2018**

The Scheme for Children with Special Needs has been revised from 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 to give more comprehensive and robust approach to meet the educational needs of children with disabilities in Goa.

The main objective of the Scheme is to provide a better educational environment to Children with Special Needs studying in Special Schools and Regular Schools practicing inclusive education by providing them individual assistance and also by awarding financial grants to Special Schools and regular schools practicing inclusive education as an incentive for upgrading and enhancing educational facilities for specially abled children.

This scheme is implemented through Directorate of Education in all the existing 28 Special Schools and 49 Regular Schools having Resource Room and Life Skill Resource room in the State of Goa where all types of children with disabilities are admitted.

Eligibility Criteria

The Institutions desirous of implementing this Scheme should have minimum 20 students enrolled on the roll and shall send their applications in accordance with Goa School Education Act and Rules, 1986 as per the prescribed scheme.

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Under the Scheme, the following assistance shall be available under the first component of the scheme and given to children studying in the regular as well as special schools through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to their Bank Account as per the revised rates. They are as under:

- a) Grant of Rs.1500/- per annum towards Books/Note Books and stationery per child.
- b) Travelling Allowance of Rs.550/- per month per child (not availing School Bus) based on the attendance of the students.
- c) Expenses on equipment and therapeutic needs/medical expenses (certified by Competent Authority) upto maximum of Rs.10,000/- once in 3 years per child (to be given in the first year)

The following assistance shall be available under the 2<sup>nd</sup> component of the scheme and shall be given to the institutions:

Financial Assistance of Rs.400/- (for attendance  $\geq 60\%$ ) or Rs.300/- (for attendance  $\geq 45\%$  but  $< 60\%$ ) per month per child to the school giving education for a maximum of 10 months of each academic year (Applicable to special schools and regular schools)

#### Procedure to be followed

Each Grantee institution shall have to submit the claim for financial assistance to Children with Special Needs in two parts of every academic year (10 months) in the prescribed Application Form i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> claim has to be submitted at the end of the first term of academic year (for 5 months) and 2<sup>nd</sup> claim (for 5 months) at the end of the second term of that academic year in the prescribed application Form i.e. Part-I is to be filled by the parents with the details of each student separately and Part-II is to be filed by the Head of the Institution separately thereby showing the monthly attendance of each student.

The entire amount of the grants should be utilized within a period of one financial year from the date of its original sanction and only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned.

### **15. Scheme to provide Financial Support to Government Primary Schools**

This scheme may be called the Government of Goa (Regulation of Financial support to conduct its annual day and other cultural programme in each Government Primary School where school enrolment is more than 30) Scheme, 2014. It shall be applicable to the Government Primary Schools under the Directorate of Education of the Government of Goa. It shall come into force from the Academic Year 2014-2015.

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Purpose for which financial support may be granted

One time financial support of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) will be granted for celebrating Annual day and also organizing cultural programme in each of the Government Primary School where school enrolment is more than 30. This will help promoting hidden talent of students and motivate them towards better and work skilled learning. This will also encourage the personality development of the students in addition to the learning skill in the class.

Suggestive activities

- a) To celebrate Annual day.
- b) To organize culture programmes.
- c) To promote Eco-friendly programme such as trekking/Vanbhojan etc., so that students may like to share the learning with the nature.
- d) To motivate students by arranging programmes to face defeat and lead a healthy life.
- e) To organize programmes which will provide skills and enhance the competencies of the child.
- f) Any other innovative activities for students to enhance the hidden abilities.

The sanction of financial support shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a) The financial support may be released in one instalment.
- b) The school shall maintain proper records.
- c) c) The entire financial support shall be utilized within a period of one year from the date of its drawal.
- d) d) Any portion of financial support which is not utilized or is not ultimately required for the purpose for which it is sanctioned, shall be remitted to the Government Treasury.
- e) e) Sanction of financial support shall be subject to availability of funds with the Directorate of Education, Porvorim.
- f) f) The Assistant District Education Inspector of each taluka shall draw and disburse the financial support on receipt of sanction order.

The school may utilize the amount for purchasing/hiring various items useful for cultural programmes as per programme schedule managed by them.

The financial support shall be utilized for the purpose for which it is sanctioned and shall not be utilized or diverted for any other purposes.

**16. SCHOOL COMPLEX AND SUPER SCHOOL COMPLEX SCHEME**

Objective

To break isolation of schools and established close linkages, horizontal as well as vertical, within the education system and outside, with other development agencies.

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- i) To decentralize the process of planning, administration, implementation and monitoring of educational programmes.
- ii) To promote mutual reinforcement of institutions within the school complex by facilitating exchange and sharing of resources, human as well as material.
- iii) To help schools to function in small, face to face co-operative groups.
- iv) To introduce the closer supervision and guidelines system for raising quality of instruction at all stages.

Eligibility criteria:

**I - SCHOOL COMPLEX**

- a) A school complex shall generally consist of 3 to 10 primary school/primary sections of secondary school, in the vicinity.
- b) All the middle schools in the area shall be included in the school complex.
- c) Each school complex shall be headed normally by the head of secondary school in the area.
- d) where there is no secondary school in the area it shall be headed by the head of a middle school in the area.
- e) such school complexes secondary/ middle school heading the school complex shall be “Lead school” of the school complex.

**II - SUPER SCHOOL COMPLEXES**

- a) A super complex shall generally consist of 3 to 10 secondary schools, in the vicinity.
- b) Each super school complex shall be headed by the principal of higher secondary school in the area.
- c) Middle school which acts as lead schools for school complexes shall also be included in the super school complex.
- d) The higher secondary leading the super school complex shall be the “lead school” of the super school complex.

**Current Pattern of Assistance:**

1a - School complex with 2 member schools	Rs. 2,700=00
1b - School complex with 3 member schools	Rs. 4,050=00
1c - School complex with 4 member schools	Rs. 5,400=00
1d - School complex with 5 member schools	Rs. 6,750=00
1e - School complex with 6 & above member schools	Rs. 8,000=00
2 - Super School Complexes	Rs. 10,000=00
3 - TLSCC	Rs. 20,000=00
4 - ZLSCC	Rs. 30,000=00

Procedure formalities required to derive the benefits

Admissibility for expenditure

- a) 60% of the total amount of grant shall be utilized for following purpose:
- b) Seminars, workshops, short-term courses for the teachers, guidance classes for the students, preparation of teaching aids, exhibitions, refreshments and transport expenditure for meetings, visits, common examinations, tests.
- c) 40% of the total amount of grant shall be utilized for the following purpose.
- d) Prize distribution function/competitions, wall papers, manuscript magazines, sports excursion, community development programme, transport and refreshment expenditure for students and teachers.
- e) Any single activity to be organized at school complex level should not exceed 20% of the total grants.
- f) Deviation up to 10% shall be permitted as and when necessary.
- g) Allotted funds should be utilized properly and within one year from the receipt of grants. The statement of expenditure should be sent to TLSCC, while utilization certificate should be submitted to the Directorate of School Education. The amount of grant unspent during the year should not be carried forward but be surrendered to the same budget head.

Time limit of disposal of application at various levels:

Academic year

**17. Vocationalisation of Education at +2 stage**

The scheme of Vocationalisation of Education at +2 stage was introduced in the state of Goa from the academic year 1988-1989 with a view to provide an alternative to higher education and bring work and education closer. The scheme envisages education for developing professional skills among the youth thereby providing diversification of educational opportunities so as to enhance individual employability.

At present 15 vocational courses are provided in 39 Aided, 01 Unaided Higher Secondary Schools. The nomenclature of the teachers has been changed as contract basis Vocational Teachers instead of Full Time teachers on contract basis, Double Part Time teachers and Single Part Time teachers in Aided Higher Secondary Schools.

Restructuring of Vocational stream and framing of RRs, will be initiated in terms of teachers, infrastructure and courses keeping in mind need of the hour and Vertical mobility for the students in those courses.

The scheme is fully funded by State Govt.

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## **18. Bharat Yatra Scheme**

This scheme is for the students of secondary and higher secondary schools to ensure that as far as possible to encourage them to undertake this educational tour to far flung areas in the Northern and Southern India to acquaint themselves with Indian culture and topography.

Bharat Yatra Scheme to be encouraged so as to reach to the maximum students.

## **19. Development of Sanskrit Education**

The main objective of this Scheme is to make traditional study of Sanskrit more purposeful and to bring about fusion between traditional and modern system of Sanskrit Education. The State Government provides financial assistance to registered and affiliated organizations involved in various programmes for development and propagation of Sanskrit.

There are five Sanskrit Institutions in Goa that receive Grant-in-aid namely:

1. Gomantak Sanskritottejak Mandal, Kavale,
2. Brahmanand Sanskrit Pathshala Padmanabh Shishya Sampraday, Kundai, Ponda
3. Sanskrit Pracharini Sabha, Margao
4. Sanskrit Bharati Goa, Shristhal, Canacona
5. Prachya Vidya Samvardhan Mandal, Sattari

where about 1170 students are pursuing Sanskrit Education on traditional lines and are appearing for Sanskrit examinations conducted by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune and Sanskritottejak sabha, Pune.

It has been proposed to channelize and design a proper scheme in view of the promotion of existing Sanskrit Pathshalas.

## **20. P M Poshan (Mid-Day Meal) Scheme**

P M Poshan (Mid-Day Meal) Scheme is a flagship Scheme of the Government of India which has been implemented in the state by providing hot cooked food to all Government and Government Aided lower primary and upper primary schools and AIE centre's in the state. The scheme is strictly in accordance with guidelines from Government of India. The nutritive value of meal is as per the guidelines prescribed. Under the Scheme Nutritious Food is provided to the Primary and Upper Primary students of the school.

- Under this scheme the students are provided FSA in the form of dry ration.

- Under the Scheme there are 118 Self Help Groups/Mahila Mandals/PTA members serving Mid Day Meals to various schools operating in the State of Goa.
- The scheme is funded as per 60:40 ratio i.e. 60% Central share and 40% State share.

## **21. Coding and Robotics education in School Scheme (CARES)**

Mission to develop computational and design thinking skills along with programming integrated into the school level education for the State of Goa, to prepare students for the demands of 21st Century digital world. The Coding and robotics Education in Schools (CARES) Scheme, is specially introduced by the Government of Goa into skill up gradation of the students by incorporating Computational and Design thinking capabilities as well as programming integrated into the middle school level education for the State of Goa.

Approximately 63000 students from Government and Grant-in-Aid Middle Schools across the State of Goa are direct beneficiaries of the scheme.

## **22. Wired Internet Scheme for ICT Laboratory in Schools in the State of Goa.**

The State of Goa is developing speedily as an educational hub and internet services have become an integral and indispensable part of the education system for communication and learning. Internet services are much needed infrastructure to provide learning tools, use of MOOC's platform towards developing digital, computational and other related skills and much more for the benefit of the students.

The Government of Goa in order to provide internet services to the ICT laboratories in schools; so as to promulgate enhanced learning has proposed - **The Wired Internet Scheme for ICT Laboratory in Schools in the State of Goa** envisaging grant of monthly rental reimbursement to avail internet services from a local internet services provider, for Government or Government-aided Schools in the State of Goa.

The Internet Service Provider / Internet Vendor would need to provide a minimum of 50 Mbps upload and download speeds at 1:10 contention ratio and unlimited data through Optical Fibre Connection. The said scheme would provide a monthly rental reimbursement of upto Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) to the Head of the Government and Government-Aided Schools in the state of Goa to avail the internet service to their respective schools ICT Laboratory.

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**23. “MHAJI LAB, BARI LAB - The Goa State Best ICT Laboratory Award Scheme”**

**Incentive Scheme for Best Sustainable Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Laboratory in Schools in the State of Goa.**

The Scheme is to recognize the hard work put in by staff of the ICT Laboratory in Schools and to give an impetus and encouragement to them by conferring awards on them for their contribution in the field of ICT.

The Goa State Best ICT Laboratory Award shall carry a total prize of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only), Mementos, Citations and Certificates of which, two prizes of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only), a Memento, a Citation and a Certificate each, would be awarded to two winners of ICT Laboratories from the eligible schools - one each from the North and South District of Goa; and; two prizes of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs only), a Memento, a Citation and a Certificate each, would be awarded to two winners of ICT Laboratories from the eligible schools, one each from the North and South District of Goa.