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Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) Scheme for Academic Session 2018-19

Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi has established a Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) Scheme for pursuing undergraduate courses where 150 scholarships are given to the children of PIO/NRIs; children of Indian workers working in ECR countries; and children of Indian workers working in ECR countries but the children are studying in India. The objective of this scheme is to outreach the candidates who are in need of financial assistance.

2. Under the SPDC scheme, partial financial assistance to the extent of 75% of the total Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) subject to a maximum of US \$ 4,500/- per annum is borne by the Government of India. For availing the benefits of the scheme, monthly gross income of the parents of the candidate should not be more than US \$ 4,500/-.

3. The institutions covered under the SPDC scheme are as follows:

- NITs, IIITs, School of Planning and Architecture
- 'A' Grade institutions accredited by NAAC and recognized by UGC
- Central Universities of India
- Other institutions covered under DASA scheme

Guidelines pertaining to SPDC scheme for the Academic Session 2018-19 are enclosed.

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