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Scholarship Awards for Students with Disabilities Increased

The Board of Trustees of the Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities increased the fresh scholarships from 1000 to 1500 per year under the Scholarship Scheme (Trust Fund) here today. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India chaired the meeting of the Board.

The Board of Trustees decided that Laptop shall be provided to Orthopedically Handicapped (OH) students as an aids and appliances once in life time upto estimated cost of Rs.40,000/-(Rupees Forty Thousand only). Till now, this facility was available to Hearing Handicapped and Visually Handicapped students only.

It was also decided in the meeting that the advance funds for the year will be made available to NHFDC in the beginning of financial year for award of scholarships to students with disabilities without any delay.

The Scholarship Scheme for the Students with the Disabilities is being implemented by NHFDC, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.

The main aim of National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation is the disbursement of the loan for economic & developmental activities and for supporting self employment ventures of the disabled persons in the country. In addition to it, it provides educational loans to PwDs for pursuing professional and technical education leading to Vocational Rehabilitation/Self-employment. The Corporation has also provides grants for upgradation of entrepreneurial skills of PwDs.

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