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SAKSHAM SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMENew Delhi, December 03rd, 2014

The Ministry of HRD is implementing Saksham Scholarship Scheme through All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to provide encouragement and support to 1000 differently abled students to pursue technical education in a year. The amount of scholarship is tuition fee of Rs.30000/- or at actual, whichever is less and Rs. 2000/- per month for 10 months as incidentals. This scholarship is for those differently abled students whose family income is less than Rs Six lakhs per annum. The candidates will be selected on merit at the qualifying examination to pursue technical education from amongst such candidates. The other criteria is that the candidates should have been admitted to first year of the Degree or Diploma programme in any of the AICTE approved institute during the academic year 2014-15 through centralized admission process of the State/Central Government.

The Saksham Scholarship Scheme has been launched on 11th November 2014, and till now 84 differently abled students have applied for scholarship under the scheme till date.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Lok Sabha question.

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