

Government of West Bengal
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT WELFARE OFFICER
BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE, KOLKATA
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Memo No: 141 / BCW / KOL

Date: 16/01/2026

To
The Head of the Institution
of all Colleges/Universities/Institutions
under Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

Sub: Additional Top-Up Benefit for Post-Matric SC/ST Hosteller Students – FY 2025-26
Ref: 009-BCW-18099/12/2024 dated 02.01.2026 and I/602673/2025 dated 04.02.2025

Sir/Madam,

This is to inform you that the Government of West Bengal has decided to extend Additional State Share (Top-Up) benefits to Post-Matric Scheduled Caste (SC) hosteller students with effect from 01.04.2025, towards enhancement of meal charges to ₹1,800/- per month.

It is further informed that Post-Matric Scheduled Tribe (ST) hosteller students have already been receiving the revised rate of ₹1,800/- per month from the previous financial year 2024-25.

The detailed orders issued by the Backward Classes Welfare Department and Tribal Development Department in this regard are enclosed herewith for your kind reference and necessary action.

All institutions are requested to inform eligible students immediately and ensure that their scholarship and hostel details are correctly updated on the portal so that the enhanced benefit may be disbursed without delay.

This may be treated as urgent.

Yours
16/01/2026
District Welfare Officer,
Backward Classes Welfare, Kolkata

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Copy forwarded for kind information & necessary action to:

1. The Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare & Tribal Development Directorate, 8, Lyons Range, Kolkata-700001.

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