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Subject: Request for expansion of the ongoing scholarship-scam investigation to include FIR No. 283/2026 dated 12.07.2026, P.S.-Sidcul, District-Haridwar (Uttarakhand), involving 19 accused and misappropriation and siphoning of public funds intended for minority students, and for investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

Reference: FIR No. 0283/2026 dated 12.07.2026 and Press Release dated 15.06.2026 issued by the Directorate of Enforcement, Dehradun Zonal Office, concerning the SC/ST Scholarship Scam and provisional attachment of properties worth approximately ₹13.83 crore.

Sir,

National Public Service Trust is a public-interest organisation working towards transparency, accountability, prevention of corruption and protection of public resources. The Trust wishes to bring to your attention a matter of grave public importance concerning the alleged systematic misappropriation,

fraudulent utilisation and siphoning of government scholarship funds intended for students belonging to minority communities in Uttarakhand.

That **FIR No. 0283/2026 dated 12.07.2026, registered at Police Station Sidcul, Haridwar, under Sections 409 and 420 IPC, names 19 accused persons/entities**, including various educational institutions, concerning alleged fraudulent procurement and misappropriation of public scholarship funds during the academic sessions 2021–22 and 2022–23. Significantly, certain educational institutions implicated in the present FIR are also alleged to have been involved in the earlier scholarship scam in Uttarakhand, raising serious concerns regarding a possible recurring and organised mechanism for fraudulent extraction and diversion of government welfare funds.

That the Directorate of Enforcement, Dehradun Zonal Office, is already investigating the SC/ST Scholarship Scam and, as disclosed in its Press Release dated 15.06.2026, provisionally attached properties worth approximately ₹13.83 crore. The investigation reportedly uncovered fraudulent scholarship claims, irregular student enrolments, diversion of scholarship funds and investment of suspected proceeds of crime into movable and immovable properties. The alleged recurrence of similar activities in the Minority Scholarship Scheme warrants examination of possible common institutions, financial beneficiaries, transactions and organised networks operating across different government scholarship schemes.

That the alleged misappropriation of minority scholarship funds is not merely an offence involving financial loss to the Government; it directly deprives deserving minority students of educational assistance intended for their welfare, thereby affecting their educational opportunities, financial security and prospects of social and economic advancement. Such diversion simultaneously causes loss to the public exchequer, defeats the objectives of government welfare expenditure, undermines public confidence in educational schemes and adversely affects the State's economy by diverting resources intended for education and human-capital development.

That the involvement of educational institutions in repeated scholarship-related allegations also raises serious concerns regarding possible institutional collusion, manipulation of beneficiary records, fraudulent verification and failure of administrative supervision. The financial trail of the scholarship amounts released to the accused institutions, subsequent withdrawals, transfers, utilisation and acquisition of assets requires comprehensive examination to

identify the ultimate beneficiaries and ascertain whether public funds have been concealed, layered or converted into proceeds of crime.

That **Sections 409 and 420 IPC are scheduled offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002**. Therefore, if the investigation establishes that the alleged misappropriated funds constitute proceeds of crime and discloses activities attracting Section 3 of the Act, appropriate investigation and consequential statutory action under the PMLA would be warranted.

Therefore, National Public Service Trust requests the Directorate of Enforcement to take cognizance of FIR No. 0283/2026 dated 12.07.2026 and examine the inclusion of all 19 accused persons/entities and the related financial transactions within the scope of the ongoing scholarship-scam investigation, wherever a factual or financial connection is established, or alternatively initiate an independent investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, subject to the applicable statutory requirements.

It is further requested that the Directorate may trace the complete financial trail of the allegedly siphoned public funds, examine the bank accounts, assets, institutional connections and ultimate beneficiaries of the accused, verify their possible involvement in the earlier scholarship scam, investigate any collusion involving public officials and take appropriate action for attachment, confiscation, recovery and prosecution wherever legally warranted.

Considering the serious implications for the State exchequer, economic development, minority welfare and the educational rights and opportunities of deserving students, the Trust requests expeditious examination of the matter and appropriate action in accordance with law. The Trust may also kindly be informed of the action taken, to the extent permissible without prejudicing any ongoing investigation.

Regards,
Krishnakant
(Chairman)

Enclosed (copy of):

1. FIR No. 283/2026 dated 12.07.2026, P.S. - Sidcul, Haridwar (Uttarakhand)
2. ED Press Release dated 15.06.2026