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Government of India
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)
Department of Higher Education

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
dated, the 25th February, 2026

To

Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy,
Director,
Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur,
West Bengal – 711103.

Subject:- Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) Scheme for the academic year 2026 – 2027.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) Scheme was notified by the Ministry of Education (previously Ministry of Human Resource Development) in May, 2001 for implementation in the Central Engineering Institutes (other than IITs) to facilitate the Foreign Nationals (FNs) studying in any country (including India), wards of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) and Non – Residents Indians (NRIs) to pursue Technical Education in India. The guidelines and procedure prescribed under the Scheme are as under:-

- (i) Till academic year 2020-2021, the admissions under DASA Scheme in NITs and other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (excluding IITs) were made on the basis of valid SAT Subject Test Scores. **However, from the academic year 2021–2022, the admissions shall be based on the ranks / merit secured by students in Joint Entrance Examination (Main) conducted by the National Testing Agency [Letter F.No.35-9/2016-TS.III dated 21st December, 2018].**
- (ii) All foreign nationals studying in any country including India, PIOs, OCIs and NRIs who fulfill prescribed admission criteria shall be eligible.
- (iii) **Prescribed admission criteria for Indian Nationals shall be at least two years of education, inclusive of 11th and 12th or equivalent (not beyond), in a foreign country during the last 8 years and must pass the qualifying examination from abroad [Letter F.No.37-2/2019-TS.III dated 30th December, 2019].**
- (iv) **The academic eligibility criteria for admission to the under graduate programmes in NITs and other participating Institutions under DASA shall be same as conveyed under JEE (Main) vide this Ministry's letters dated 8th April, 2016 [Letter F.No.19-5/2014-TS.I dated 8th April, 2016].**

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- (v) **Number of seats reserved for this category of students in different Institutions shall be nearly 15% of the total number of seats offered for admission** [Letter No.F.35-10/2013-TS.III dated 13th February, 2014]. This shall be available in different disciplines proportionately. **These seats shall be supernumerary.**
- (vi) For admissions under DASA Scheme, the Registration / Application Fee is US\$ 300 and the Tuition Fee is US\$ 8000 as per approval of the Council of NITSER [Letter F.No.36-3/2015-TS.III dated 16th February, 2015].
- (vii) As per the present policy, nationals of SAARC countries (except India) are eligible for 50% tuition fee waiver provided they have passed the qualifying examination in SAARC countries [Letter No.F.24-8/2010-TS.III dated 2nd December, 2010].
- (viii) The students belonging to Children of Indian Workers in the Gulf (CIWG) category and taking admissions in the undergraduate programmes of the NITs and IEST, Shibpur under the DASA Scheme will pay tuition fee of Rs.1,25,000/- per annum either in Indian Rupees (INR) or equivalent US Dollars at existing exchange rate [Letter F.No.41-12/2017-TS.III dated 14th June, 2017].
- (ix) The parents, living in India or abroad and willing to pay fee(s) prescribed under the DASA Scheme in Indian Rupees at existing exchange rate in place of US Dollars, may be allowed to pay the prescribed fee in INR [Letter F.No.35-10/2013-TS.III dated 1st May, 2017].

2. The DASA Scheme was last administered by the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela (Odisha) for the academic year 2025 – 2026. **For the academic year 2026 – 2027, the competent authority has approved to entrust the responsibility of coordinating the activities of the Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) Scheme to the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur (West Bengal).**

3. The other terms and conditions, in operation, for implementation of the DASA Scheme will remain same as conveyed vide this Ministry's letter No.F.22-12/2007-TS.III dated 4th March, 2010 (copy enclosed). The Scheme would be taken on self-sustenance basis and no extra funds would be provided from the Ministry in this regard. **DASA-2026 (IEST, Shibpur) shall make all out efforts so as to ensure fullest utilization of the capacity under the Scheme.**

4. To achieve the objectives, DASA – 2026 shall meet as often as required. The DASA shall hold general meetings with all or create Sub-Committees / Groups of some of the Participating Institutions to facilitate better coordination. All Participating Institutions shall provide to DASA the necessary assistance as may be required by it. On matters of policy, the DASA shall abide by the directions of the Central Government or the Council of National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER), issued from time to time.

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6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry.

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

- (i) The Director General, National Testing Agency, First Floor, NSIC-MDBP Building, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi 110020 – **for information and further necessary action w.r.t. conduct of JEE (Main).**
- (ii) The Chairman, DASA-2025 and Director, NIT, Rourkela (Odisha) – **with a request to kindly transfer necessary records pertaining to DASA-2025 to DASA-2026 (IEST, Shibpur).**
- (iii) The Directors of all the 31 National Institutes of Technology (NITs) – for information.
- (iv) The Directors of other CFTIs participating under the DASA Scheme.
- (v) The Webmaster, MNIT, Jaipur – for uploading the communication on the website of the Council of NITSER [www.nitcouncil.org.in].
- (vi) Guard File.

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