## **SELECTION OF STUDENTS**

- A merit list shall be prepared in order of increasing family income, thereby indicating 'economic ranking'. Where family income is the same between two applicant students, the student belonging to a family with larger number of family members will be given higher ranking. Where the family size is also the same, the older of the two students will be ranked higher.
- Another merit list will be prepared in increasing order of marks, secured by the student in final academic assessment of the previous class attended, thereby indicating 'academic ranking'. Where the marks secured by two students are equal, the older student will be ranked higher.
- A final rank will be prepared by adding the academic rank and the economic rank. The final rank will be the basis for selection of a beneficiary under the scheme.
- In the event of final rank being equal, preference will be given to the student ranked higher in the academic rank.
- The Nodal Department or on its behalf the Directorate concerned, or the IA, as Government may specify in this regard, will be responsible for selection of students for providing coaching under the scheme.
- At least 30% (or higher, as may be decided by Government) of available seats may be reserved exclusively for girl students.
- In the selection of students for filling up the 30% seats reserved exclusively for girl students, the above scoring / ranking system shall be followed amongst the girl students. The remaining girl students, who do not get a seat after saturation of the 30% seats reserved for girl students, shall be considered in the remaining 70% open seats based on the same scoring system.