**BRIEF OF PROVISION OF STIPENDS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS GIRL STUDENTS OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA**

* Lunched in 2006-07 in seven districts with the lowest enrlment rate i.e**.** Upper Dir, Shangla, Kohistan, Buner, Tank, Hangu and Battagram.
* In 2008 the programme rolled out to 23 districts of KP except Kohistan and Torghar where E&SED had already started a similar programme called the “Naway Sahar Scholarship and Stipend program for Torghar and Kohistan”
* In current FY 2017-18 the programme is now extended to all the 25 districts of KP in which Rs. 200/- per month is given to girls enrolled in 6-8 grades and Rs. 500/- per month is given to girls enrolled in 9-10 grades in two instalments.

**Objectives:**

The objectives of the Girls Stipend Programme are:

* To increase enrolment of girls studying in secondary schools (middle, high and higher secondary schools) in the province by using stipend as an incentive/motivational factor for parents to continue sending their girls to school;
* To increase the retention and attendance of girls in schools and to decrease dropout at post-primary levels;
* Contribute in the longer term to create human capital at the local level, particularly in remote areas to fulfill the demand for local teachers.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

The stipend program is a universal program for girls enrolled in 6-10 grades in public schools having **80% attendance.**

**Disbursement Mechanism:**

For the GSP, the ESED has acquired the services of Pakistan Postal Services to disburse stipends among the eligible girl students in schools. For this purpose, special money orders (MOs) have been designed to disburse stipends.

**Instalment:**

ESED is providing the stipend to eligible girl students in two equal instalments;

* **First Instalment: April-September (6 months)**
* **Second Instalment: Oct-March ( 6 months)**