



Indian Banks' Association

Retail Banking

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The Chairman, SBI,
Managing Director & CEO
of all Member Banks

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Discontinuation of Padho Pardesh Interest Subsidy Scheme

We are in receipt of a communication from the Nodal Bank (Canara Bank) advising that the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA), Government of India (GOI) have conveyed that the scheme of interest subsidy on Education Loans for Overseas Studies for the students belonging to the Minority Communities (Padho Pardesh), through Canara Bank stands **discontinued from 2022-23**.

3. The existing beneficiaries as on **31-03-2022** will continue to receive the interest subsidy during the moratorium period of the loan, subject to the compliance with the extant guidelines.
4. We request member banks to kindly take a note of this development regarding the 'closure of the Padho Pardesh Interest Subsidy scheme' and also inform their sponsored Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) about the same.
5. The Nodal Bank had also advised that the information w.r.t. 'closure of the Padho Pardesh Interest Subsidy scheme' may also be displayed on the Banks' website prominently for information to the students.

Yours faithfully,

**Senior Advisor
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