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Girls' stipend distributed among 370,000 students: Reform Support Unit, Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh

Karachi, 17 February, 2015: The Reform Support Unit (RSU), Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, has distributed ATM cards among 370,000 girls, allowing them to claim their stipends. Distribution to the remaining 45,000 girls is in process, the deadline for which is February 27, 2015.

According to a press release issued by the Senior Programme Manager, RSU, girls whose names were in the list but who have not received their stipend have been asked to contact their respective schools to get the issue resolved. Students who have received their ATM card should visit their nearby Easy Paisa franchise for activation of the ATM card.

Head teachers have been advised to correct the data of those girls who have not received their stipend and submit the corrected data to RSU through District Education Officers (DEOs). For more information, head teachers can contact the Local Support Unit representatives in their district.

The girls' stipend is an incentive programme initiated in 2006 to increase girls' enrollment at the middle and secondary level. Earlier, money was transferred through the Post Office, which caused difficulties for parents and there was scope for the misuse of the system. From 2014 onwards, the Government of Sindh is distributing the stipend through ATM cards, a service provided free of cost.

The stipend for the current academic year is also ready for disbursement. Students are advised to make sure that the correct CNIC details are submitted for timely disbursal.

Any complaint in this matter can be reported to the RSU Girls' Stipend Wing is located at the NJV School, Karachi.

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