

TSPL offers to pay Mansa boy's fee for studies at NIT

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MANSA: The authorities of Talwandi Sabo Power Limited (TSPL) have offered to help out Kushal Kumar Bansal, who was looking for financial assistance to get admission in the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jalandhar, after cracking the joint engineering entrance (JEE) examination of the Central Board of School Education (CBSE). However, a few other organisations have also come forward to support the Mansa boy.

The Hindustan Times had carried his appeal for help a few days ago in which he had appealed to some philanthropist organisations or individuals for support.

The TSPL has offered to bear the academic fees amounting to around ₹1.1 lakh and several other organisations, including individual school teachers, have decided to take care of his regular expenses during the course.

As a result of the financial support from the company and others, Kushal has got admission in Instrumentation and Control

Branch at the National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar. Philip Chacko, chief operating officer (COO) of TSPL, said, "We feel very proud in assisting Kushal for higher studies. Even a little support from the community and corporates to bright students definitely changes their lives."

Bhupinder Singh, deputy commissioner, appreciated the efforts of Kushal and handed over the demand draft to Kushal in the presence of Dr Vishal Agarwal, head, CSR of TSPL, and Sanjeev Singla and Dr Vijay Singla, representatives local organizations.

Kushal had lost hope of getting admission in the NIT due to lack of funds with his family. His father is a bakery vendor and cannot afford to pay the fees.

Kushal had studied in a government school and was a top scorer in the 2014-15 session. He was the only student in the merit list in class XII with 96% marks from Mansa and Bathinda from a government school. He also cleared the JEE without any coaching and secured a seat in the National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar.