

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 211
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th JULY, 2022**

Fellowships/Scholarships to SC/ST/OBC and Minorities

211. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various fellowships and scholarships offered to higher education students from Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), other Backward Class (OBC) and Minority communities;
- (b) the details of each fellowship including the number of slots, stipend offered, eligibility criteria and the number of fellowship slots given out each year since 2014;
- (c) whether the Post-Doctoral Fellowship offered to SCs, STs, OBCs and minorities has not been notified since 2017, and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the aforementioned fellowship will be notified for 2022-23, and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of slots and stipend offered under these fellowships, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether the Government is planning to remove the National Eligibility Test (NET) as a mandatory prerequisite for these fellowships for SCs, STs, OBCs and minorities, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): **The Government is implementing various fellowship and scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students including Scheduled Caste(SC),**

Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Class (OBC) and Minority communities. **The details of these schemes** including the number of slots, assistance offered and eligibility criteria **are available in the following websites:**

Sl. No.	Ministry/ Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	https://www.education.gov.in/en/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan
2.	University Grants Commission	https://www.ugc.ac.in/page/scholarships-and-fellowships.aspx
3.	All India Council for Technical Education	https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx
6.	Ministry of Minority Affairs	https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/en/schemesperformance/scholarship-schemes

(c) to (f): The University Grants Commission (UGC) is implementing the Post-Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST students who have qualified Ph.D. The UGC has informed that the last selections under the Post-Doctoral Fellowship were held in 2017-18 and the Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme, open for all categories of students, will be notified for 2022-23. The UGC has further informed that the National Eligibility Test (NET) is not a mandatory prerequisite for post doctoral fellowships offered by the UGC. The NET examination is a prerequisite for the Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-JRF) Scheme to do PhD.
