

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SALARIES AND PAY SCALES OF RESEARCH SCHOLARS IN ICSSR

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have decided to roll back the salaries and pay scales of research scholars and others in Indian Council for Social Science Research as reported in 'The Indian Express' of November 2, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction and response of the ICSSR thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) No, Sir. The report in the Indian Express of November 2, 2000 is factually incorrect.

(b) & (c): Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) implemented revised pay scales based on the recommendations of Vth Central Pay Commission with the condition that the emoluments structure, terms and conditions of the service and scales of pay of the posts in ICSSR will not be altered/modified without the prior approval of the Government. However, the Council suo moto upgraded the pay scales of its employees by one step without Government of India's approval. The ICSSR was, therefore, advised to withdraw the upgraded pay scales. ICSSR has since withdrawn the upgraded pay scales except where court cases are involved.