

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of scholarships/financial assistance offered for pursuing school/university education in the field of Science & Technology;
- (b) whether the Government propose to introduce special scholarships/schemes for the benefit of rural students pursuing Science & Technology courses who are not able to compete with other students in getting the existing benefits;
- (c) if so, whether the Government propose to launch a scheme to sponsor meritorious students to pursue science education abroad, selecting a few students from every State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) The Government offers

1. Scholarships to meritorious students selected through national test at 10+2 level under the scheme Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) of the Department of Science & Technology up to M.Sc./M. Tech.
2. The National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) provides National Talent Search Scholarship to students through a national test after 10th Class examinations. These fellowships are offered up to Doctoral level.
3. Fellowships by the Department of Biotechnology are provided to meritorious students for pursuing Post Graduate Degree in Biotechnology and Marine Biotechnology (Rs 800), Agriculture Biotechnology (Rs 1200), Medical Biotechnology (Rs 1500) and M.Tech. in Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology (Rs 3000). For students taking up industrial training in the area of biotechnology a stipend of Rs 5000/ per month is provided for six months. One time prize money of Rs 15,000, certificate of merit and medal for meritorious students in Biology at 10+2 level is also provided by the Department of Biotechnology.
4. For students pursuing research the Government provides Junior and Senior Research Fellowships (JRF/SRF) selected through National Eligibility Test conducted jointly by the University Grants Commission and the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research.
5. The Department of Ocean Development offers fellowships to students to pursue higher education after M.Sc. in the areas of oceanographic sciences.
6. Scholarships in the form of Research Associateship are provided for conducting research after obtaining Doctoral Degree.

(b & c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.