

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

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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR MPhil. AND PH.D. STUDENTS

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

(a) the number of SC/ST students enrolled under Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for MPhil. and Ph.D. programmes in the country including Andhra Pradesh during the last: three years and the current year, State-wise ;

(b) whether SC/ST students have to fulfil certain tough conditions so as to become eligible and pursue higher education; and

(c) if so the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D.PURANDESWARI)

(a): The state-wise number of selected candidates for Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST candidates for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07(combined) and the year 2007-08 is given in the Annexure. The selection for the years 2005-06 and 2,006-07 was made in the year 2006-07.

(b) & (c): There are 2000 Fellowships per year for which more than 10,000 applications are received. The selection is made by an Expert Committee constituted for the purpose as per criteria laid down, and the students have to fulfill the conditions prescribed in the guidelines of the scheme.