

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:296  
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RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is considering revamping of Research Fellowship Scheme in life science by enhancing the number of fellowship;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Junior Research Fellows and Senior Research Fellows doing research and the funds allocated by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) on the fellowship scheme during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b) Government has recently approved a proposal for enhancement of number of Junior Research Fellowships during 11th Five Year Plan Period (2007-2012) in basic science subjects including Life Sciences.

(c) At present, 8370 Junior / Senior Research Fellows are pursuing research with CSIR support. The financial allocation / expenditure incurred on research fellowship schemes of CSIR during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Financial Year    Funds allocated / expenditure  
                          on Research Fellowship Schemes  
                          (Rs. in crore)

2006-07    92.47

2007-08    123.05

2008-09    112.83

2009-10    107.06

# Expenditure includes payment of arrears on account of enhancement of fellowship amount.

## Expenditure upto 31.01.2010