

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of funds sanctioned and spent for the Rajiv Gandhi National Scholarship scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the number of students benefited therefrom during the said period;
- (c) whether some amount is till unspent under the Scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

(a) & (b) A scheme namely, "Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC students" is being implemented through University Grants Commission (UGC). Every year, the funds are placed at disposal of UGC to meet the expenditure of awarding 1333 new fellowships and recurring expenditure of fellowships awarded during previous years. There is no State-wise release of funds. The details of funds sanctioned to UGC and utilized by it during last three years and the current year, along with number of students benefited there from, are given below:-

S.No.	Year	Amount released to UGC	Amount utilized by UGC	Number of fresh fellowships awarded
1	2007-08	78.35	63.17	1333
2	2008-09	87.94	103.12#	1333
3	2009-10	105.00	62.09	Selection process in progress
4	2010-11	Proposal awaited from UGC	-	-

By utilizing unspent balance from previous year.

(c) & (d) The amount unutilized by UGC in a financial year is adjusted while placing funds at its disposal during the next financial year. Out of Rs. 105.00 crore released to UGC during 2009-10, an amount of Rs. 62.09 crore was utilized. The expenditure during 2010-11 has so far been incurred from unspent balance of 2009-10.