

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:251
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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
Thakor Shri Jagdish

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised under the Rajiv Gandhi National Scholarship Scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of students benefited therefrom during the said period, State/ Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether there is a mismatch between the funds released and utilised thereof under the scheme;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to effectively implement the scheme in the country?

Answer

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SHRI MUKUL WASNIK)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.251, to be answered on 14.03.2011 by Shri Jagdish Thakor, M.P., regarding 'Rajiv Gandhi National Scholarship Scheme'.

(a) Funds under the Scheme of "Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC students" are not released to State Govts but to the University Grants Commission (UGC) for awarding 1333 fellowships. Details of funds allocated, released and utilized by UGC during the last three years under the scheme are given below:-

(Amounts in Crore Rs.)

Sl.No.	Year	Amount released to UGC	Amount utilized by UGC
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1.	2007-08	78.35	63.17
2.	2008-09	87.94	103.12#
3.	2009-10	105.00	62.09

By utilizing unspent balance from the previous year.

(b): State/Union Territory-wise number of SC students to whom new fellowships have been awarded by the UGC under the scheme during each of the last three years is given in the Annexure.

(c) and (d): The position of release and utilization is depicted in the table above. Unspent balance, if any, in a financial year is carried forward to and utilized in the next financial year.

(e): UGC has been advised to prepare and implement an annual calendar of activities under RGNF Scheme to ensure timely selection, award of new fellowships and renewal of old ones. Fresh grants under the scheme are released to UGC only after it submits due utilization certificates in respect of previous grants.