

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

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PH.D. SEATS IN CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to enhance the number of seats for Ph.D. in central universities;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the prescribed/allocated funds for the students of Ph.D. for research;
- (c) if so, whether there is any beneficiary scheme for the students of Ph.D.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A Task Force set up by Govt. for rejuvenation of Basic Scientific Research in Indian Universities has recommended, inter-alia, that the number of Ph.D. from Indian Universities should increase five-fold within a period of ten years with proper standards. Central Universities being statutory and autonomous bodies are empowered under the University Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations to enhance the number of seats of Ph.D. in accordance with the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations on the subject. Under the scheme of fellowship formulated by the UGC, full-time Ph.D. scholars in Central Universities, who qualify in National Eligibility Test or University Grants Commission- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research joint test are awarded with financial assistance with Rs 16000 per month for the initial two years (Junior Research Fellowship) and Rs 18000 per month for remaining three years (Senior Research Fellowship) alongwith contingency, etc. Students pursuing Ph.D. in Central Universities, who are not in receipt of any fellowship from any other source, are awarded fellowship of Rs. 5000 per month alongwith contingency grant of Rs. 10,000 per annum for science subjects and Rs. 8000 per annum for Humanities and Social Science. At present, there is no proposal to revise the rates of fellowship.