

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH IN ART AND CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for awarding fellowships to scholars undertaking research projects in the field of art, culture and heritage;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the details of fellowships/scholars selected under the scheme during the last two years; and
- (d) the amount of funds earmarked for the scheme during the said period, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN PROVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has following two schemes for awarding fellowships to scholars undertaking research projects in the field of art, culture & heritage.

(i) Scheme of Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research: Under this scheme (as modified in May, 2011), at least 15 Tagore National Fellowships and 25 Tagore Research Scholarships can be awarded every year, carrying a value of Rs. 80,000 and Rs. 50,000 per month respectively, for a period of upto two years. The objective of the Scheme is to invigorate and revitalize the identified cultural institutions which have vast 'treasures' in the form of manuscripts, documents, artifacts, antiquities, paintings etc. It is meant to encourage serious researches into our cultural resources and unravel them for the benefit of the society.

(ii) Scheme for the Award of Fellowships to Outstanding Persons in the Field of Culture: Under this Scheme (as modified with effect from 01.11.2010), upto 200 Senior Fellowships of the value of Rs. 20,000/- per month and upto 200 Junior Fellowships of the value of Rs. 10,000/- per month, both for a period of two years, are awarded every year. Earlier, the number of Senior and Junior Fellowships was 125 each and these were of lesser value. The objective of the scheme has been to provide the basic financial support for research or individual creative efforts in our varied contemporary and traditional arts.

(c) (i) The Scheme of Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research was launched in November, 2009. First selections under the scheme have been made in the year 2010-11. The details of fellowships/fellows selected under the scheme are at Annexure-I.

(ii) Details of fellowships/fellows selected under the 'Scheme for the Award of Fellowships to Outstanding Persons in the Field of Culture' during last two years are at Annexure-II.

(d) The amount of funds earmarked for the schemes during 2009-10 and 2010-11 is as detailed below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	2009-10	2010-11
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1.	Scheme of Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research	100	150
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2.	Scheme for the Award of Fellowships to Outstanding Persons in the Field of Culture	690	710
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