

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

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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR SC ST STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some universities have returned the unutilized funds in respect of the Indira Gandhi Scholarship Scheme for single girl child and Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme for SC/ST students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, university-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of applicants for such schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the number of students benefited and the total amount disbursed during the above period, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the schemes reach the needy students and the funds allocated for the purpose are optimally utilized?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Details of refund of unutilized funds by Universities/colleges under the scheme of Indira Gandhi Scholarship Scheme for Single Girl Child is as under:-

Academic session	Number of University./Colleges	Unutilized funds returned (In Rupees)
2008-10	25	28,16,194
2009-11	17	13,42,064
2010-12	6	3,00,000

The UGC has received the following refunds under Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship SC/ST Scheme, during the last three years:

Financial year	Amount of refund received (In rupees)
2008-09	31,40,563/-
2009-10	77,99,281/-
2010-11	53,63,614/-

As per Indira Gandhi Scholarship Scheme for single girl child, the awardees receive a grant of Rs. 40,000/- for two academic years (20 months). In case the awardee does not obtain 60% or more in the PG-1st year examination, then she is not eligible to draw the scholarship for the IInd year. Most of the refunds received under the scheme pertain to such cases. Refunds under the scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST are for the reason that the awardee is not taking up the fellowship for personal reasons, appointment of the awardee to some permanent/temporary teaching assignment and completion of M.Phil/Ph.D.

(c): Statement showing the details is at Annexure-I for Indira Gandhi Scholarship Scheme. Details are being collected for Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme for SC/ST students.

(d): Statement showing the details is at Annexure-II and III for Indira Gandhi Scholarship Scheme for single girl child and Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme for SC/ST students respectively.

(e): The University Grants Commission (UGC) is strengthening these schemes by providing financial assistance to selected candidates through e-payment to prevent hardships to candidates.