

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

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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR SC ST  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of applicants for Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST students in the last five years;
- (b) the number of students received this fellowship in the last five years;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any targets for this scheme;
- (d) if so, the targets have been fulfilled; and
- (e) the total amount spent on the scheme during the last three years, year-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The number of fresh fellowships to be awarded each year under Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) students has been increased from 1333 to 2000 from the year 2010-11. 667 fresh fellowships are awarded each year under Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) Scheme for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students. These targets are fulfilled every year.

Out of 26778 SC applicants, 7999 students received this fellowship and out of 6356 ST applicants, 3335 students received these fellowships in the last five years.

(e): The details of total amount spent on these schemes during the last three years, year-wise, are given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	Financial Year	Amount spent for SC students	Amount spent for ST students
1	2009-10	6265.54	3071.18
2	2010-11	14171.48	7035.63
3	2011-12	791.11@	982.08@
4	TOTAL	21228.13	11088.89

@ The fellowships for 2011-12 were finalized during 2012-13 resulting in less expenditure during 2011-12.