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PROGRAMME FELLOWSHIPS FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission(UGC) has granted preferential treatment in various programmes/fellowships to the minorities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the provisions and descriptions under which these concessions are given to the minorities communities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it provides financial assistance to central universities, eligible State Universities, UGC maintained deemed universities and eligible colleges under three coaching schemes which are meant exclusively for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBC (Non-creamy layer) and Minority community students, namely (i) Scheme of Remedial Coaching at UG and PG level; (ii) Coaching scheme for entry into services and; (iii) Scheme for coaching for preparing the candidates for National Eligibility Test (NET) or State Eligibility Test (SET).

Further, UGC has been implementing a scheme called the Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students since 2009, under which UGC provides financial assistance to selected candidates belonging to minority communities for pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D. on full time/regular basis in Universities/Institutions/Colleges in India. There are 756 slots every year and tenure of fellowship is of 5 years. The amount of assistance is given below:

Fellowship @ Rs.16,000/- for initial two years (JRF)
(w.e.f. 1st April 2010) @ Rs.18,000/- for remaining tenure (SRF)
Contingency for Humanities & @ Rs.10,000/- p.a. for initial two years
Social Science and Commerce @ Rs.20,500/- p.a. for remaining three years
Contingency for Science @ Rs.12,000/- p.a. for initial two years
@ Rs.25,000/- p.a. for remaining three years
Departmental Assistance @ Rs.3,000/- p.a. per student to the host
institution for providing infrastructure
Escorts/Reader Assistance @ Rs.2,000/- p.m. in case of physically and
visually handicapped candidates