

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

(a): As informed by the University Grants Commission, the number of the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) applicants who applied for Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships (RGNF) under the respective schemes was 27,981 and 6,696 respectively during the last five years.

(b): 8,041 SC students and 3,370 ST students were awarded new fellowships during the last five years.

(c) & (d): Presently, the maximum number of fresh slots to be awarded for each year under the two schemes are as follows:

S1. Name of Scheme Slots
No.

1. RGNF for SC students 2000 #

2. RGNF for ST students 667

It was increased from 1333 to 2000 from the academic session 2010-11.

(e): During the last three years amount spent by UGC under the Schemes is as under:

Year RGNF for SC RGNF for ST
 (Rs. in crore) (Rs. in crore)

2009-10	62.66	30.71
2010-11	141.71	70.35
2011-12	59.38	26.41