

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4284  
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2012  
RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR SC/ST  
Chaudhary Shri Arvind Kumar;Singh Shri Vijay Bahadur

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether applications pertaining to all the colleges/institutes of all the States for Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship meant for SCs/STs have been approved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, collegewise;
- (c) the amount of fund meant for fellowship to the SC/ST candidates allocated for the total number of colleges in this regard, State-wise, college-wise; and
- (d) the details of the applications that have not been approved and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), a total of 32,353 Scheduled Caste (SC) candidates applied for the Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship from 2005-2012, against which a total of 28,463 candidates were found eligible and 10,707 candidates awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship. During the same period, a total of 7,772 Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates applied for the Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship, against which 6,686 candidates were found eligible and 4,163 candidates were awarded the Fellowship. The procedure for grant of fellowships for the year 2012-13 has been initiated by the UGC.

(b): Details of the Fellowships, candidate-wise and college-wise, are available at [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in)

(c): The Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship awardee is eligible for the following financial assistance from 2012-13 onwards:

Fellowship in @Rs.16000/-p.m. for Junior Research Fellowship  
Humanities, Social Sciences, initial two years  
Sciences, Engineering & @Rs.18000/-p.m. for Senior Research Fellowship  
Technology remaining tenure

Contingency A @Rs.10000/-p.a. for Humanities &  
initial two years Social Sciences

@Rs.20500/-p.a. for  
remaining tenure

Contingency B @Rs.12000/-p.a. for  
initial two years

@Rs.25000/-p.a. for Sciences, Engineering  
remaining tenure and Technology

Departmental Assistance @Rs. 3000/- p.a. per For all disciplines  
student to the host  
institution for  
providing  
infrastructure

Escorts/Reader assistance @ Rs. 2000/- p.m. in For all disciplines  
cases of physically  
handicapped & blind

candidates

HRA As per rules of the For all disciplines  
University/ Institutions

The Fellowship amounts, as per the above eligibility norms, are released to the awardees. State-wise information on grants released in respect of selected candidates so far, under the scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST candidates, is enclosed at Annexure.

(d) : As mentioned in part (a) of the answer, not all applicants have been awarded the fellowship. All applicants, other than those shown in the list of awardees for that year on [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in), have not been either found eligible or suitable for award of the fellowships. The UGC has informed us that an Expert Committee in the UGC evaluates the applications on the basis of the criteria and norms of the scheme and the number of slots available for award of the fellowship.