

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

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IRREGULARITIES IN UGC
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and utilized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for award of fellowships to SC, ST and minority students during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise, separately;
- (b) whether instances of irregularities have been reported in UGC regarding grant of fellowships to students financed by the other Ministries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether UGC maintains the record of beneficiaries of hundreds of crores granted as fellowships and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government would inquire into the alleged irregularities by UGC and fix responsibility in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it provides funds to selected candidates belonging to SC/ST categories and minority communities under the following schemes:-

1. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for SC/ST Candidates
2. Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) for Minority Students
3. Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST Candidates.
4. PG Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST Students.

Detailed information on number of students under the aforesaid schemes as reported by UGC is placed at Annexure – I, II, III and IV, respectively. The amounts given under these schemes as reported by UGC, are as follows:-

1. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for SC/ST

(Rs.in lakhs)

Financial Year	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled tribes
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	Budget Allocation	Grant Released	Budget Allocation	Grant Released
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2009-10	105.73	62.65	30.23	30.71
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2010-11	187.19	141.71	78.45	70.35
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2011-12	153.52	86.39	85.09	10.39
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2. Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) for Minority Students

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
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2009-10	14.90	15.08
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2010-11	29.00	15.04
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2011-12	52.00	21.60
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3. Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST Candidates.

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
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2009-10	750.00	435.87
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2010-11	300.00	417.00
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2011-12	310.08	309.12
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4. PG Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST Students

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year Allocation Expenditure

2009-10 1600.00 709.81

2010-11 300.00 1240.08

2011-12 340.00 559.00

(b) & (c) No Madam. As per report furnished by UGC, no major procedural or substantive irregularity have been reported. Grants to the selected candidates of 2005 to 2010 under RGNF are being disbursed through the respective Institutions/Colleges/Universities as per the utilization certificate against the previous grants. Since 2011-12, grants are being disbursed by Canara Bank directly to the candidates' account, through Direct Cash Transfer facility. MANF supported by the Ministry of Minority Affairs has been implemented since 2009-10 under which the fellowship grants are released to the Institutions/Colleges/Universities for the disbursement to the selected candidates. The fellowship grants under the scheme, to the selected candidates of 2011-12 and 2012-13 are being paid by Canara Bank directly into the account of beneficiaries.

(d) Yes Madam. Since 2005, UGC has granted fellowship to the student with slots of 1333 for SCs and 667 for STs till 2009 and thereafter 2000 slots for SCs and 667 for STs since 2010.

(e) Does not arise.