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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR SC STUDENTS

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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation/performance of the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) Scheme for SC students and students with disabilities for pursuing M. Phil and Ph.D;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the resultant achievements made during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the details of applications received under the said scheme for providing funds during the above period along with the status thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the amount sanctioned, released and utilised for the purpose during the said period, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

(a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme for SC students is being implemented by University Grants Commission since 2006. As far as scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Students with disabilities is concerned the UGC has given concurrence to implement above said scheme which has also been entrusted by Ministry of Social Justice, Govt. of India, New Delhi. However, the process of implementation of the scheme is under progress.

(b) to (d) State-wise/Year-wise number of selected candidates during last three years for award of fellowship under the scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC Candidates is enclosed at Annexure-I.

State-wise/Year-wise release of grant in respect of selected candidates for award of fellowship under the scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC candidates is enclosed at Annexure-II.

The status of number of applications received under Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC Candidates during last three years is enclosed at Annexure-III. The state-wise list of applications received is not readily available.