

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3156  
ANSWERED ON:11.02.2014  
RGNF FOR SCHEDULED CASTES  
Bhagat Shri Sudarshan

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

- (a) the total number of students benefited and the total funds allocated under the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes during each of the last three years and the current year State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received complaints regarding gross irregularities being earned out in Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes being run by the Government during the said period; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) The Funds under the 'Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes (SCs) Scheme' are not released to State Governments but to the University Grants Commission (UGC) for awarding fellowships. Details of students selected, funds released by UGC and utilized by it during the last three, years and current year under the scheme are given below:-

Year	Students benefited	UGC (Rs. in crores)	Amount released to UGC (Rs. in crores)	Amount utilized by UGC (Rs. in crores)
2010-11	2000	144.00		141.71
2011-12	2000	103.69		59.37
2012-13	2000	0	61.57	
2013-14	2000	0	61.24	

upto 10.2.2014

UGC had unspent balances of the past years

The amount has been used to fund old cases upto financial year 2012-13

Selection has been completed recently and results uploaded on website on 31.1.2014

(b) & (c) UGC has reported that no complaints about large scale irregularities in the implementation of the scheme of RGNF- SC have been received by it.