

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

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IMPARTING HIGHER EDUCATION TO SC AND ST WOMEN

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

(a) the details of schemes formulated and executed for imparting higher education to SC and ST women; and

(b) the number of SC and ST women benefited from the schemes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) University Grants Commission (UGC) is providing financial assistance to selected candidates including women candidates undertake higher education under the following schemes meant for Scheduled Castes (SC) & Scheduled Tribes (ST):-

(i) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships for SC and ST candidates for pursuing M.Phil & Ph.D. degree of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs respectively.

(ii) Post-Doctoral Fellowships for SC & ST candidates to undertake advanced studies and research in Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Humanities & Social Sciences.

(iii) Post-Graduate Scholarships for Professional Courses for SC & ST candidates to undertake Post Graduate level Studies in Professional Courses like Engineering & Technology, Master of Business Administration, Master of Computer Application etc.

(b) The number of SC and ST women benefitted under the schemes (year-wise) are as under:-

**RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR SC/ST CANDIDATES (RGNF)**

Financial year (SCs)	Total SC Slots	Total ST (Female) (STs)	Slots (Female)	
2006-07	2666	895	1334	273
2007-08	1333	613	667	260
2008-09	1333	617	667	328
Total	2125		861	

**POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR SC/ST CANDIDATES (PDF)**

Financial year	Total Slots (SCs/STs)	SC (Female)	ST (Female)
2006-07	100	09	02
2007-08	100	16	02
2008-09	100	19	09

Total 44 13

## POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES AND SC/ST CANDIDATES

Financial year	Total	Slots	SC (Female)	ST (Female)
			(SCs/STs)	

2006-07	1000	56	16	
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2007-08	1000	175	37	
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2008-09	1000	00	00	
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Total 231 53

In addition, the Post-Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship Scheme for Single Girl Child provides for assistance to beneficiary girls admitted to various non-professional post-graduate courses. Benefit of this scheme can be taken by women belonging to SC & ST also, however information in this regard is not separately maintained.