

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PH.D RESEARCH STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has framed any directives to provide financial support to the students who are pursuing Ph.D/research in private and Government colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has framed any directives for every post graduate college running in the country for providing financial support to improve the quality of research;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, subject-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and professional and technical education regulatory councils provide fellowships/scholarships and research grants, as per a pre-determined number of slots, to students who are pursuing Ph.D/ research in private and Government colleges. All such colleges have to meet the norms of the concerned regulatory authority to be eligible for student-centric financial assistance.

(c) & (d): Universities and Colleges are autonomous in academic matters such as deciding the subject/ topics of research to be undertaken by their Ph.D/ research students. Further, the UGC and the professional and technical regulatory councils are autonomous in deciding the quantum of financial support, within their overall budgetary allocation, to research promotion activities.

(e): The Government has enhanced the overall budgetary allocation of the UGC and the professional and technical regulatory councils, during the XIIth plan, to enable these bodies to provide greater financial support to research promotion activities in higher educational institutions, including PG colleges.