

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

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FELLOWSHIP STIPEND TO RESEARCH SCHOLARS

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

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC)/ National Eligibility Test (NET) rank holders have urged universities and colleges to end the practice of appointment of NET qualified Ph.D. holders as teachers alleging large-scale irregularities in the award of doctorates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received demands from various quarters to increase the fellowship stipend paid to research scholars and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has announced a fellowship hike in 15 fellowship research schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has no such information.

(b): In view of above does not arise.

(c) & (d): The UGC has been receiving representations from research scholars regarding enhancement of Fellowships/ Scholarships amounts. The UGC has enhanced the following Fellowships/Scholarships amounts with effect from 1st December, 2014, namely: (i) Emeritus Fellowship; (ii) Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women (Unemployment); (iii) Dr. S.Radhakrishnan Post Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities & Social Sciences; (iv) Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Scholarship for Research in Social Science; (v) Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) & Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) in Science, Humanities and Social Science; (vi) JRF & SRF to Foreign Nationals; (vii) Research Award to Foreign Nationals; (viii) Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST candidates; (ix) PG Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST students; (x) PG Scholarship for GATE/GPAT qualified students for M.E/M.Tech./M.Pharm etc.; (xi) PG Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child; (xii) PG Scholarship for University Rank Holders; (xiii) Basic Science Research (BSR) Fellowship (RFSMS); (xiv) Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship; (xv) Basic Science Research (BSR) – Faculty Fellowship; and (xvi) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC candidates (funded by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment).

A copy of Public Notice, issued by the UGC regarding this enhancement is at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6042860_Revised-rates-of-Fellowships.pdf.