

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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FELLOWSHIP TO YOUNG SCIENCE RESEARCH SCHOLARS AND ASSOCIATES

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the fellowship amount payable to various categories of young science research scholars and associates working across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed for such review, category-wise;
- (c) the details of annual additional funds required to meet the hike;
- (d) whether any initiatives to check migration of such scholars and associates to other countries after obtaining scholarship have been considered by the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Government has reviewed the fellowship amount payable to various categories of research scholars and associates working across the country and revised it with effect from 1st October, 2014. The revised fellowships are given below:

Fellowship	Earlier Fellowship (w.e.f 01.04.2010) (Rs. per month)	Revised Fellowship (w.e.f 01.10.2014) (Rs. per month)
Junior Research Fellow (JRF)	16,000	25,000
Senior Research Fellow (SRF)	18,000	28,000
Research Associate (RA) - I	22,000	36,000
Research Associate (RA) - II	23,000	38,000
Research Associate (RA) - III	24,000	40,000

The revision of the fellowship was recommended by an Inter-Ministerial/ Departmental/ Agency Committee. Several factors including salary of the regular employees in the Government sector with same qualification increase of Dearness Allowance in the intervening period since last revision, inflation, financial resources available etc. were taken into account for fixing the revised fellowship. It is estimated that about Rs. 755 crore additional amount is required annually to meet the hike in fellowship.

(d) & (e): Government has taken some measures to check migration of research scholars and associates to other countries after obtaining scholarship. This includes institution of fellowships/associateships like Senior Research Associateship and Nehru Post-doctoral Research Fellowship of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); INSPIRE Faculty Scheme of Department of Science and Technology (DST); Research Associateship Programs of Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and DST; Dr. D.S Kothari Post-doctoral Fellowship of University Grant Commission etc. for undertaking quality research in the country. These programs not only help to check migration, but also attract the Indian researchers working abroad.