

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

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Setting up of Women University/College
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up a Women University/ college, at par with Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Technology to encourage girls;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to enhance scholarships to the girls belonging to poor and weaker sections of the society and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount released during the last three years towards scholarship, State/UT-wise/year-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There is no bill pending in the Parliament to set up a Central University for women in the country. The Central Government does not establish colleges in the higher education sector including for women.

(c) & (d): Two new schemes viz. Swami Vivekanand Single Girl Child Scholarship Scheme and PRAGATI scholarship Scheme for girl students have been recently launched by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), respectively. Details of the schemes are at www.ugc.ac.in/svsgc/Downloads/SWAMI-Vivekananda.pdf and <http://www.aicte-india.org/downloads/Format%20for%20PRAGATI%20>. Besides these two new schemes for undergraduate courses, the UGC is also implementing Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship Scheme, exclusively for single girl child students, and the Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women (unemployed) in the XII plan period. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that these schemes are student centric scholarships and hence no State/UT-wise division in these scholarships is maintained.

The grants released during the last three years under Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for single girl child are as under:

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<pre>
Selection/Financial Year Grant released (in Rs.lakh)
2012-13 483.80
2013-14 754.65
2014-15 846.62
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The grants released during the last three years under the Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women (unemployed) are as under:

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<pre>
Selection/Financial Year Grant released
(in Rs.lakh)
2012-13 Nil
2013-14 78.38
2014-15 842.90
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The UGC has further informed that no grant has been disbursed for Swami Vivekanand Single Girl Child Scholarship for Research in Social Sciences for the year 2014-15; however selections under the scheme have been completed and payment being made against the same during 2015-16. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have launched PRAGATI Scholarship Scheme for girls for technical education courses from 2014-15 onwards. The AICTE has released 252.27 lakhs under the scheme during 2014-15.
