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Scholarship to Students

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

- (a) whether the disbursement of scholarship to students via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has been started;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the students who have been availing these scholarship in the past have been included in the DBT;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Aadhar is being used for the disbursement of scholarships; if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Disbursement of scholarships/ fellowships to students via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has been started by the Ministry and the University Grants Commission (UGC).

The following scholarship schemes of the Ministry viz. (i) Centrally Sponsored National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme ;(ii) National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education; and (iii) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students, are covered under DBT.

The UGC has reported that the DBT has been started under its following schemes viz. (i) Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/ Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences; (ii) Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women; (iii) Emeritus Fellowship; (iv) Postgraduate (PG) scholarship for university rank holders; (v) Swami Vivekanand Single Girl Child Scholarship for Research in Social Sciences; (vi) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan post doctoral fellowship in humanities and social sciences; (vii) Dr. D.S. Kothari post doctoral Research Fellowship in science for meritorious students (viii) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes (SC) candidates; (ix) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates; (x) Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students; (xi) National Fellowship for students of Other Backward Classes (OBCs); (xii) Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST candidates; (xiii) PG scholarship for professional courses for SC/ST candidates; (xiv) PG Indira Gandhi scholarship for single girl child; (xv) Basic Scientific Research (BSR) fellowship; and (xvi) Ishan Uday special scholarship scheme for North Eastern Region.

(c) & (d): The UGC has reported that it is taking efforts to implement DBT scheme for fellowship/ scholarship selections undertaken in the past. Further, the Ministry is disbursing the scholarships under the (i) Centrally Sponsored National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme ;(ii) National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education; and (iii) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students since 1st January, 2013 under DBT.

(e): Aadhar is not mandatory for the disbursement of scholarship, however, where Aadhar seeded bank account is provided, the scholarships/fellowships are disbursed through Aadhar Payment Bridge (APB).

The details of scholarship disbursed by the Ministry under the DBT scheme through APB till 30th November, 2015 are as under:-

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S.No. Name of the Scheme Number of scholarship transactions through APB Scholarship amount disbursed through APB (in Rs. crores)

1. Centrally Sponsored National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme 8770 4.00

2. National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education 2399 0.85

3. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students 33524 34.75

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The UGC has reported that Rs. 6.86 crores, through 4761 APB transactions, has been disbursed till 30th November, 2015 under its fellowship/ scholarship schemes.
