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Title: Need to increase amount for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) by UGC and CSIR.

DR. P.K. BIJU (ALATHUR): Research is the engine for growth of our education sector and the Government has to take a keen initiative to support it. The successive Governments have shown a strong and long-standing commitment to the development of a prosperous and confident knowledge-based society through research. But lack of sufficient funding is a major obstacle to the development of research in our country. The present JRF amount by the UGC and CSIR is Rs 25000 per month is not sufficient to meet the increased expense for the research over the last few years.

I urge the Government to take immediate steps to increase the JRF (UGC-CSIR) amount from Rs. 25000 per month to Rs. 40000 per month and restructure the contingency and other provisions accordingly.