

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No.15
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022

UGC fellowships

15 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of ***Education*** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UGC has stopped the fellowships like Emeritus Fellowship, Dr. S Radhakrishnan Post Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences, Post Doctoral Fellowship to women candidates, Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST candidates and the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has received requests for reinstating the fellowships; and

(d) if so, the steps taken therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 15 FOR 02.02.2022 ASKED BY Dr. V. SIVADASAN
HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING UGC FELLOWSHIPS**

(a) to (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that the selections under the fellowship schemes namely Emeritus Fellowship, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences, Post-Doctoral Fellowship to Women candidates and Post-Doctoral Fellowship for SC, ST candidates were made upto 2017-18 as per the XII Plan guidelines. The fellowship to the selected research scholars is being disbursed regularly as per the guidelines. The UGC has further informed that National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students is continuing since its inception. During the financial year 2020-21, an amount of ₹ 1465.11 crores was disbursed towards fellowship.

After cessation of XII Plan Period, UGC decided to revise and rationalize the guidelines of the fellowship/scholarship schemes and constituted a Committee for this purpose. The revised guidelines prepared by the Committee have been approved by the Commission and UGC is in the final stage of inviting applications as per the revised guidelines.
