

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 09/08/2023

HIKE IN STIPEND OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

2247. DR. AMAR PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) when was the last time Government increased the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) stipend for research scholars;
- (b) whether Government can provide data regarding the rate of hike in the JRF stipend and the inflation rate in the last five years;
- (c) whether the JRF stipend is indexed to inflation;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) data regarding the number of students from SC/ST community and female students enrolled under the JRF as of July 2023; and
- (f) when does Government plan to hike the JRF stipend next and by how much?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (f): As per information received from the Department of Science & Technology (DST), vide O.M. dated 26th June, 2023 the DST has revised the emoluments for JRF to ₹ 37,000/- per month. The revised emoluments will take effect from 01.01.2023. This current hike in the JRF emoluments is 19.35% more than the last revision done vide DST's O.M. dated 30.01.2019.

The DST has informed that the Government considers many factors including the impact of inflation in arriving at the revision of fellowship.

Further, as per information received from the University Grants Commission the number of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and female students enrolled under the JRF as on July 2023 (for the year 2023-24) are 3605, 1639 and 12795 respectively.
