

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 654
ANSWERED ON- 26/07/2023

STIPENDS FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

654 SHRI MASTHAN RAO BEEDA:

Will the MINISTER OF EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has looked into complaints regarding delays and red tape hurdles in disbursement of stipends for Junior and Senior Research Fellowships, which are granted by UGC to MPhil and PhD students;

(b) if so, rectificatory steps taken to ensure regularisation of disbursement of stipends;

(c) whether Government plans to increase stipend amount for JRF and SRF as per report by Parliamentary Standing Committee which recommended the Central Government to increase the amount of JRF and SRF to ₹ 50 thousand per month; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per the information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), UGC has developed a dedicated Scholarship Fellowship Management Portal (SFMP) for timely disbursement of Fellowship to Junior Research Fellow (JRF) / Senior Research Fellow(SRF) scholars. Scholars can raise their issues on the SFMP and track the status.

(c) & (d): As per the information received from the Department of Science & Technology (DST), vide O.M. dated 26th June, 2023 the DST has revised the emoluments for JRF and SRF to ₹ 37,000/- per month and ₹ 42,000/- per month respectively. The revised emoluments will take effect from 01.01.2023.
