

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -613**  
ANSWERED ON - 07/02/2024

**JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

613 SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is giving 1000 Junior Research Fellowships per year for OBC students for taking up advanced studies and research;
- (b) since M.Phil. has been removed, will the Ministry extend all 1000 JRFs for pursuing Ph.D. degree;
- (c) whether it is true that the Government has revised JFS amount last year and, if so, details thereof; and
- (d) what are the reasons that total scholars of JFR and SRF from Andhra Pradesh came down from 53 in 2019-20 to 45 in 2022-23?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

- (a) Yes Sir, the total number of slots under NFOBC scheme is 1000 per year.
- (b) The selection under NFOBC Scheme is being made on the basis of merit of candidates for UGC-NET-JRF and CSIR-NET-JRF examinations to undertake advance studies and research leading to M.Phil./Ph.D.
- (c) Yes Sir, it is true that the Government has revised JRFs amount last year. The details are as follows:  
Enhancement in fellowship rates w.e.f. 01.01.2023

|                                  | <b>Existing rates (Rs. per month)</b> | <b>Revised rates (Rs. per month)</b>  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| JRF (Junior Research Fellowship) | @Rs 31,000/- pm for 2 years           | @Rs 37,000/- pm for 2 years           |
| SRF (Senior Research Fellowship) | @Rs 35,000/- pm for remaining tenure  | @Rs 42,000 /- pm for remaining tenure |

- (d) The selection under NFOBC Scheme is being made on the basis of merit of candidates for UGC-NET-JRF and CSIR-NET-JRF examinations.

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