

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.53
ANSWERED ON 04/02/2026

Funds for research and development

53 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

(a) the total amount of funds released by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Ministry of Education to universities and colleges in the country over the last three years for the purpose of conducting seminars, research projects and academic capacity-building programmes, year-wise and scheme-wise details thereof; and

(b) the total funds disbursed for research-related fellowships and scholarships including but not limited to Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Senior Research Fellowship (SRF), Post-doctoral fellowships and special research fellowships or scholarships, year-wise for the last three years along with the number of beneficiaries under each scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (A) AND (B) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.53 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026 ASKED BY DR. V. SIVADASAN, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT'

(a): The National Education Policy, 2020 envisions transforming India into a global knowledge superpower by fostering a, research-intensive, interdisciplinary, and innovation-driven higher education system. Accordingly, the Government has undertaken several initiatives for implementing the same.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has released grants amounting to Rs.22,611.86 crores from the Financial Years 2022-23 to 2024-25 under various schemes including conducting seminars, research projects and academic capacity-building programmes.

For capacity building the UGC has released funds amounting to Rs. 41.46 crores over the Financial Years 2022-23 to 2024-25 under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) to enhance the capacity and training of teachers/faculty.

The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) also runs the Research Promotion Scheme and Capacity Development Programme. Funds amounting to Rs.65.47 crores have been released over the Financial Years 2022-23 to 2024-25.

The year-wise and scheme-wise details of total grants released to higher education institutions over the last three years under various schemes including for the purpose of conducting seminars, research projects and academic capacity-building programmes are given in Annexure-I.

(b): Over the Financial Years 2022-23 to 2024-25, the UGC has released grants amounting to Rs. 4,713.46 crores under Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) and Rs.137.90 crores under Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child (SJSGC). For the same period, funds amounting to Rs.2283.82 crores, Rs.1069.81 crores, Rs.137.46 crores, Rs.92.77 crores, Rs.166.22 crores and Rs.75.76 crores have been released by the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs); National Institutes of Technology (NITs); Indian Institute of Science, Bangaluru (IISc); Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR); Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) and AICTE respectively under their respective Research/Ph.D./Doctoral/ Post-Doctoral Fellowship schemes etc.

Further, the Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF) scheme was launched in 2018 with the aim of supporting 3,000 most talented students to pursue research with enhanced fellowship and research grant at total outlay of Rs. 1,650 crores. Under first phase of PMRF, 3688 scholars were admitted. In addition, 10,000 fellowships have been announced under PMRF in Budget 2025-26 for technological research in IITs and IISc with enhanced financial support.

Grants amounting to Rs. 2,414.21 crores have been released from Financial Years 2022-23 to 2024-25 under Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan scheme and other scholarship schemes of UGC and AICTE.

The year-wise details of the total funds disbursed, along with the number of beneficiaries, under schemes for research-related fellowships and scholarships for the last three years along with the number of beneficiaries are given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.53 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026 ASKED BY DR. V. SIVADASAN, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT'

The details of total grants released by the Ministry of Education, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to the universities and colleges in India under various schemes including conducting seminars, research projects, research promotion schemes and capacity development programmes during the year 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 are as under:

(Rs. in Cr.)

Details	Grants released		
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
UGC Schemes	6,318.20	8,004.69	8,288.97
AICTE Schemes	10.78	23.05	31.64
Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP)	*	5.18	36.28

*MMTTP Scheme was launched in September 2023

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (B) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.53 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026 ASKED BY DR. V. SIVADASAN, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT'.

The year-wise details for the last three years for the total funds disbursed, along with the number of beneficiaries, under schemes for research-related fellowships and scholarships, including Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) and other important schemes of the Ministry of Education are as under:

S.No.	Name of Scheme	No. of Beneficiaries			Funds Released (Rs. in Cr.)		
		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Fellowships:							
1	UGC: JRF, SRF	30337	36050	40350	1,206.23	1,640.84	1,866.39
2	UGC: SJPSGCS	-	1014	977	-	86.92	50.98
3	IIT: JRF, SRF, PDF, YFIF	15699	16334	17773	626.51	790.29	867.02
4	IIT: PMRF	3688*			300.00	300.09	205.00
5	AICTE: Doctoral Fellowship	668	514	451	22.36	20.33	18.57
6	AICTE: Post -Doctoral Fellowship	-	-	151	-	-	14.50
7	NIT: PhD Fellowship	7211	7725	8108	310.94	360.36	388.99
8	NIT: PDF	9	24	18	0.42	1.32	1.28
9	NIT: Faculty Researchers Fellowship	83	107	145	1.83	1.91	2.76
10	IISER: PhD Fellowship Schemes (JRF & SRF)	1099	1282	1344	39.69	49.14	52.37
11	IISER: PDF	129	95	133	8.24	7.36	9.42
12	IISc, Bangalore: PhD Fellowship Schemes (JRF & SRF)	1089	1079	1058	41.37	47.75	48.34
13	ICSSR: PDF & Senior Fellowship	487	306	306	8.20	18.43	19.64
14	ICSSR: Doctoral Fellowship	483	483	483	14.93	19.11	12.46
Total					2,580.72	3,343.85	3,557.72
Scholarships:							
1	UGC: NSPGS and Ishan Uday Scholarship	25131	33791	44745	142.43	232.96	459.01
2	PMUSP	180075	169790	204049	229.47	217.82	259.66
3	AICTE: PRAGATI, SWANATH, SAKSHAM and PG Scholarship	46365	40106	50284	322.47	263.27	287.12
Total					694.37	714.05	1,005.79
Grand Total					3,275.09	4057.90	4,563.51

* Consolidated figures for 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25

JRF: Junior Research Fellowship

SRF: Senior Research Fellowship

PDF: Post-Doctoral Fellowship

PMUSP: Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships

NSPGS: National Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies

PMRF: Prime Minister's Research Fellows

SJPSGCS: Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Single Girl Child Fellowship

YFIF: Young Faculty Incentive Fellowship