

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- # 2225
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 11/03/2026

NFS FOR ST STUDENTS

2225 # SHRI MADAN RATHORE:
SHRI CHUNNILAL GARASIYA:
DR. PARMAR JASHVANTSINH SALAMSINH:
SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise and State-wise/Union Territory-wise number of fellowships awarded under the National Fellowship Scheme (NFS) during the last five years and the details of the courses and institutions covered therein;
- (b) the details of the total outlay, status of disbursement and timelines for releasing fellowship funds to researchers;
- (c) the details of the number of complaints received and resolved through the portal and the average time for their disposal; and
- (d) the details of measurable outcomes in terms of research completion rate, academic progress and representation of Scheduled Tribe researchers in higher education and research?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a): The year-wise and State/UT wise number of fellowships awarded under the National Fellowship Scheme for ST students during the last five years is placed at **Annexure-I**.

(b): The budget allocation and fund released under this scheme during last two financial year and current year(as on date) is given below:-

Amount in Cr.

Financial Year	Budget allocation(RE)	Disbursement
2025-26	220	199.76(as on date 09.03.2026)
2024-25	240	240
2023-24	230	230

Under the National Fellowship scheme online portal for inviting applications generally opens on 1st July and closes on 30th September of the academic year. Thereafter, verification of applications

is carried out and further merit list of 750 selected candidates are uploaded on the Ministry's website which normally takes 2–3 months.

Subsequently, the release of fellowship funds is processed, subject to completion of necessary compliance by students such as submission of joining report, linking of bank account, continuation certificate etc. The release of fellowship amount to students are also subject to availability of funds under the scheme budget head.

(c): Complaints/grievances relating to the scholarship schemes are received through the CPGRAMS/PG Portal and all grievances are disposed of within the prescribed timeline. The average disposal time of CPGRAMS related to scholarship schemes is given in the table below:-

CPGRAMS/PG Portal Report for all scholarship Grievances (including NFST scheme) Period of Report: 01/04/2025 to 09/03/2026				
Name	Brought Forward	Received During	Disposed During	Average Disposal Days
Scholarship and DBT	3	792	786	2

Technical queries regarding application process and routine inquiries regarding the scheme are also received through the Fellowship Portal which are attended to and replied.

(d): The number of scholars completing their courses/research during the last three years and current year(as on 09.03.2026) is indicated in the table below.

Financial Year	No of Students completing Research*
2022-23	105
2023-24	294
2024-25	156
2025-26(as on 09.03.2026)	106

* 750 fellowships are given every year for a period of 5 years (which may get extended beyond 5 years)

The data on representation of Schedule Tribe Researchers in higher Education is not maintained by this Ministry.

Annexure to be referred in the part (a) of the reply of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2225 dated 11.03.2026 asked by Shri Madan Rathore, Shri Chunnilal Garasiya, Dr. Parmar Jashvantsinh Salamsinh and Shri Sadanand Mhalu Shet Tanavade regarding “NFS for ST Students”.

State/UT Wise Number of NFST Award during the selection year 2020-21 to 2024-25					
State	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0	1	0	0
ANDHRA PRADESH	19	9	18	14	13
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	41	39	28	55	58
ASSAM	56	55	51	50	53
BIHAR	5	5	2	2	3
CHHATTISGARH	25	42	32	35	33
DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	0	1	0	0	0
GOA	0	0	2	0	1
GUJARAT	57	31	34	29	25
HIMACHAL PRADESH	17	14	12	8	10
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	32	22	22	19	71
JHARKHAND	24	20	16	21	23
KARNATAKA	71	67	45	47	38
KERALA	4	3	5	4	1
LADAKH	19	19	19	9	7
LAKSHADWEEP	1	0	0	0	2
MADHYA PRADESH	8	14	10	14	13
MAHARASHTRA	27	15	30	21	19
MANIPUR	38	33	45	34	35
MEGHALAYA	38	32	47	44	39
MIZORAM	77	104	78	104	83
NAGALAND	45	46	66	70	66
ODISHA	15	35	59	82	40
PUDUCHERRY	0	0	1	0	0
RAJASTHAN	22	35	31	18	28
SIKKIM	5	5	8	4	3
TAMIL NADU	5	7	4	5	6
TELANGANA	61	52	34	26	39
TRIPURA	13	8	18	12	13
UTTARAKHAND	9	3	6	3	3
UTTAR PRADESH	0	2	4	8	6
WEST BENGAL	16	32	22	12	19
TOTAL	750	750	750	750	750
