

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2016

Funding of Research

3142. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the funding of Research in Universities, particularly for social science resource;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of scholarship Junior Research Fellowship/Senior Research Fellowship (JRF/SRF);
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the utilization of scholarships into productive research; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (d): No, Madam. There is no proposal under consideration by University Grants Commission (UGC) to increase the funding of research in Universities as it has already enhanced the amount of fellowships/scholarships by 55% with effect from 01.12.2014 including the amount of Junior Research Fellowship/Senior Research Fellowship. Revised rates of Fellowships/Scholarships amount for the scholars under various schemes are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6042860_Revised-rates-of-Fellowships.pdf

(e) & (f): To monitor the utilization of scholarships/fellowships into productive research, UGC has adopted the following mechanisms:

- The fellowship awardee is required to submit an electronic copy of his/her research work during the tenure of fellowship on the UGC- INFLIBNET repository.
- In case of post-doctoral fellowship and doctoral fellowship schemes, the last two instalments of fellowship will be disbursed only on submission of research work completed by the awardee on UGC-INFLIBNET repository.