GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2503 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2017

New Scholarship Schemes

†2503. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA: SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any new scholarship scheme to promote higher education in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has submitted any proposal to the Ministry in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the categories of students likely to be benefited by this scheme; and
- (d) the time by when the Government is likely to take decision in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) administers a wide range of scholarships viz Post Graduate (P.G.) Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates; P.G.Scholarship for GATE/GPAT qualified students for pursuing M.Tech/M.E./M.Pharma; Indira Gandhi P.G. Scholarship for Single Girl Child; Post Doctoral Fellowship to Women Candidates; P.G. Scholarship for University Rank Holders; Ishan Uday Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region. Further, UGC is operating an exclusive fellowship "National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities" to cater to the needs of persons with special needs.

UGC has informed that it has no proposal under consideration to launch any new scholarship scheme to promote higher education.

(b) to (d): In view of above, do not arise.
