GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.284 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017

Stipend to North East and Hilly Areas Students

284. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government pays stipend to the students of North-East and hilly areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and faculty-wise during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that few stipends including those by the University Grants Commission (UGC) have been stopped by the Government in the middle of the education period therein; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SATYA PAL SINGH)

- (a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has been implementing the scheme of "ISHAN UDAY" special scholarship scheme for students of North-Eastern States since 2014 for providing financial assistance every year to 10,000 selected candidates for pursuing General Degree Course/Technical and Professional Courses including Medical and Para Medical Courses in Universities/Colleges/Institutions recognised by UGC under section 2(f) & 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956. The state-wise details of grant paid during last three years is enclosed as Annexure.
- (c) & (d): UGC has informed that disbursal of scholarships under the scheme of Ishan Uday have not been stopped. In a few cases, delay might have occurred in the disbursements of scholarship amounts due to the following factors:
 - i) late joining by candidates;
 - ii) delay in submission of documents to the bank branches;
 - iii) delay in uploading of documents;

The UGC scholarships are now disbursed to beneficiaries through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and Public Financial Management System (PFMS) to ensure quick, hasslefree and timely payment of scholarship dues. Further, the UGC periodically reviews and monitors timely disbursement of scholarships to the intended beneficiaries.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (b) TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 284 FOR 18.12.2017 ASKED BY SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING STIPEND TO NORTH EAST AND HILLY AREAS STUDENTS.

State	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	No.of	Amt.	No.of	Amt.	No.of	Amt.
	beneficiaries	Disbursed	beneficiaries	Disbursed	beneficiaries	Disbursed
		(in Rs)		(in Rs)		(in Rs)
ARUNACHAL	158	13281485	348	24443879	100	1505590
PRADESH						
ASSAM	5213	432817858	11234	754133288	3618	56421985
BIHAR	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	52781
CHANDIGARH	Nil	Nil	8	421645	1	27000
DELHI	3	126906	37	2111067	11	159000
GUJARAT	Nil	Nil	7	462165	5	54000
JHARKHAND	Nil	Nil	1	13761		
KARNATAKA	Nil	Nil	5	278361	3	32400
KERALA	Nil	Nil	1	103800		
MADHYA	Nil	Nil	2	248400		
PRADESH						
MAHARASHTR	Nil	Nil	5	427260	3	34800
Α						
MANIPUR	3055	250689294	4471	216663239	1219	19194118
MEGHALAYA	46	3921619	143	13503723	69	706800
MIZORAM	103	8881835	149	8977050	37	329400
NAGALAND	107	8813852	148	10020926	32	603823
RAJASTHAN	Nil	Nil	4	316161	2	37800
SIKKIM	220	17115292	315	17349493	62	846900
TAMIL NADU	Nil	Nil	4	108000		
TELANGANA	Nil	Nil	5	360259	2	53400
TRIPURA	122	10992969	292	17983764	96	1113600
UTTAR			11	698355	2	32400
PRADESH						

UGC has stated that no student has been selected for award of the above scholarship from the remaining States/UTs.