

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2549  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018

**JRF Scholarship**

2549. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the students who have qualified National Eligibility Test/Junior Research Fellowship (NET/JRF) have to undergo written exam as well as interview for getting enrolled for Ph.D. Programme in different universities and many of them fear losing their JRF scholarship as they don't get admission to the course within the stipulated time; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has notified UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 on 5th July 2016. Clause 5.1 of the above Regulations, states as under:

All Universities and Institutions Deemed to be Universities shall admit M.Phil/Ph.D. students through an Entrance Test conducted at the level of Individual University/Institution Deemed to be a University. The University/Institution Deemed to be a University may decide separate terms and conditions for Ph.D. Entrance Test for those students who qualify UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE/teacher fellowship holder or have passed M.Phil programme. Similar approach may be adopted in respect of Entrance Test for M.Phil programme.

Further, UGC has informed that in order to provide sufficient period to the JRF qualified candidates to get enrolled into Ph.D. Programme, a decision has been taken to extend the validity period of JRF by one year, i.e., from the earlier period of two years to three years from the date of issue of JRF Award Letter. This would become applicable from the UGC-NET to be held on 08-07-2018, which has been duly notified by CBSE in its Information Bulletin. The candidate is eligible to get the fellowship only from the date of joining M.Phil./Ph.D or date of declaration of NET result whichever is later.

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