

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5661
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018**

Research Fellowship

5661. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry had announced the hike in the Net-Research Fellowship by more than half in 2015 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the students availing non-net fellowships find it harder to deal with both research and daily expenses;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is proposing to index fellowships with inflation, based on a formula and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that there is inordinate delay in disbursing stipend by University Grants Commission (UGC) for research students even after qualifying Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/National Eligibility Test (NET) and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has effected any budgetary cut for research in higher education, owing to shortage of funds and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has decided as a policy decision that Retired Professors and Foreign Students are not eligible to receive Fellowship under the UGC Scheme of non-net fellowships and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

- (a) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that they have hiked the Net-Research Fellowship with effect from 01.12.2014. The Net-Research Fellowship is for five years. For the first two years, the Fellowship is called Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and for the remaining period it is called Senior Research Fellowship (SRF).

The hike in the Net-Research Fellowship is as follows:-

Fellowship	Previous (in Rs.)	Enhanced Fellowship (in Rs.)
JRF	16000 per month	25000 per month
SRF	18000 per month	28000 per month

(b) Central Universities charge nominal fees from the students. Further, under Non-NET Fellowship, University Grants Commission is providing to the students, Rs. 8,000/- per month for full time Ph.D, Rs.3000/- per month for full time M.Phil and Contingency Rs.10,000/- per annum for Science subject and Rs.8000/- per annum for Humanities & Social Sciences. The fellowship amount is provided for meeting the research and daily expenses of the students.

(c) No.

(d) There is no reported delay in disbursal of fellowship by the UGC. However, in a few cases there may be delay in disbursements due to (i) late joining by candidates; (ii) delay in submission of documents to the bank branches; (iii) delay in uploading of documents; (iv) technical problems in Public Financial Management System(PFMS).

(e) No budgetary cut has been made.

(f) Yes, Madam. The retired Professors and the Foreign students are not eligible to receive Fellowship under the UGC scheme of Non-NET Fellowships.
