

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3159  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018**

**PMRF Scheme**

3159. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

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

- (a) the total number of students admitted in the Prime Minister Research Fellowship (PMRF) Scheme in the academic year of 2018-19 along with their distribution across the various Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs), from which the students were selected;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to expand the said scheme to students belonging to other institutions of repute, (other than the CFTIs) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to revise the admission process for the scheme by including a national test or setting up of alternative screening process and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): A total of 135 students have been selected in the PMRF Scheme in 2018-19, including 37 from IITs, 84 from NITs, 5 from IIITs, 4 from IISERs, 3 from IIST Shibpur and 2 from IISc Bangalore. Details of institutes in which they will pursue research are as under:-

Sl No.	Institute	No. of PMRFs
1.	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	43
2.	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	24
3.	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	20
4.	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	17
5.	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur	13
6.	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	10
7.	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	4
8.	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	2
9.	Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad	1
10.	Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>

The Scheme is currently open for eligible students from IITs, NITs, IIITs, IISERs and IISc Bangalore. However, Government is open to suggestions to make the scheme more inclusive. The National Coordination Committee of PMRF is free to adopt appropriate methods of selection and screening of candidates for successful implementation of the scheme.

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