1140. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the funds for the National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) are to be disbursed as requested by the University Grants Commission since the delay due to change in funds flow rules has been causing great hardship to the scholars; and

(b) the reasons for this delay?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) and (b): Under National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities, fellowship amounts have been disbursed to eligible scholars up to the month of September, 2022. However, due to changes in the overall fund flow mechanism, fellowship for the month of October, 2022 onwards is under process which will be released at the earliest.

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