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Prime Minister's Research Fellow

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of student beneficiaries under the Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF);
- (b) the details of allocation of fellowship and the research area which has received maximum fellowship under the said scheme, stream-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to introduce a comparable programme for research in non-science streams; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b) After the commencement of Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF) scheme in 2019, 2925 fellows have been selected in ten cycles under the scheme till now. Under the scheme, the fellows receive monthly fellowship @ Rs.70,000/- for the first two years, Rs.75,000/- for the 3rd year, and Rs.80,000/- in the 4th and 5th years. Along with this, a research grant of Rs.2,00,000/- per year for a period of 5 years is also given to each fellow to meet the cost of presenting research papers. The detail of stream-wise research areas is as under:

<i>Broad Area</i>	Count of Broad Area
01-Civil Engineering, Earth Science, Architecture, Ocean and Naval Engg	377
02-Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Design	276
03-Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering	290
04-Computer Science & Engineering, Data Science, Mathematics	260
05-Biomedical Engineering, Biological Sciences, Agricultural Sciences	327
06-Chemical Engineering, Textile Engineering	110
07-Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering, Mining Engineering	169
08-Physics	241
09-Chemistry	369
10-Interdisciplinary Areas in Science & Engineering	371
11- Miscellaneous	135
Grand Total	2925

(c) & (d) UGC is already implementing various fellowship schemes to encourage higher education in all streams among research scholars by providing financial assistance. The list of schemes is as given below:

- i. BSR Faculty Fellowship
- ii. Emeritus Fellowship
- iii. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Post Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities and Social Science
- iv. Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship (DSKPDF)
- v. Post-Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST Candidates
- vi. Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women
- vii. Junior Research Fellowship in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences
- viii. BSR Fellowship for Research (Ph. D)
- ix. Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Fellowship for Research in Social Sciences

The following five (5) schemes have been newly launched by UGC:

- i. Dr. D. S. Kothari Research Grant For Newly Recruited Faculty Members
- ii. Research Grant For In-Service Faculty Members
- iii. Fellowship For Superannuated Faculty Members
- iv. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship
- v. Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship For Single Girl Child
