

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4324**  
ANSWERED ON 27/03/2023

**FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO SCs/ STs/ OBCs/ MINORITY  
COMMUNITIES**

4324. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fellowships and scholarships offered to higher education students from Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Minority communities;

(b) the details of each fellowship including the number of slots, stipend offered, eligibility criteria and the number of fellowship slots given out each year since 2014;

(c) whether the Post-Doctoral Fellowship offered to SCs, STs, OBCs and minorities has not been notified since 2017 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the afore-mentioned fellowship is likely to be notified for 2022-23, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has proposed to increase the slots and stipend offered under these fellowships, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the Government is planning to remove the National Eligibility Test (NET) as a prerequisite for these fellowships for SCs, STs, OBCs and minorities and if not, the reasons therefor?

## ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) & (b): The Government is implementing various fellowship and scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students including Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Class (OBC) and Minority communities. The details of these schemes including the number of slots, assistance offered and eligibility criteria are available in the following websites:

Sl. No.	Ministry/ Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	<a href="https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan">https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan</a>
2.	University Grants Commission	<a href="https://www.frg.ugc.ac.in">https://www.frg.ugc.ac.in</a>
3.	All India Council for Technical Education	<a href="https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes">https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes</a>
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	<a href="https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat">https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat</a>
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	<a href="https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx">https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx</a>
6.	Ministry of Minority Affairs	<a href="https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/show_content.php?lang=1&amp;level=2&amp;ls_id=669&amp;lid=825">https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/show_content.php?lang=1&amp;level=2&amp;ls_id=669&amp;lid=825</a>

(c) to (f): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified the revised guidelines for post doctoral fellowship in September, 2022. This fellowship has provision of reservation of SC, ST and OBC as per Government of India reservation policy. The UGC has informed that the National Eligibility Test (NET) is not a mandatory prerequisite for post doctoral fellowships offered by the UGC. The NET examination is a prerequisite for the Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-JRF) Scheme to do PhD.

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