

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4815  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.3.2023**

**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

**4815. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:**

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:**

**(a) the details of the number of Research Fellowships granted under each Fellowship scheme of the Ministry, year-wise, since 2014; and**

**(b) the details of the number of instances of delay of disbursement of stipend amount under each of the Fellowship schemes of the Ministry, year-wise since 2014?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)  
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)

**(a) Ministry of Science and Technology has been implementing several fellowship schemes including major fellowship schemes such as Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) of Department of Science and Technology (DST), National Postdoctoral Fellowship (N-PDF) of Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) and Junior / Senior Research Fellowship (JRF / SRF) and Research Associates (RA) of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT). The number of Research Fellowships granted under each Fellowship scheme of the Ministry, year-wise, since 2014 is given below:**

Fellowship Scheme	Financial Year-wise Number of Fellowships								
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
<b>DST-INSPIRE</b>	<b>2864</b>	<b>3483</b>	<b>2715</b>	<b>3508</b>	<b>3663</b>	<b>4276</b>	<b>3708</b>	<b>3850</b>	<b>2179</b>
<b>DST-INSPIRE Faculty</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>SERB-NPDF</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1267</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>232</b>
<b>SERB-Ramanujan</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>CSIR Doctoral and Postdoctoral Awarded</b>	<b>2876</b>	<b>2844</b>	<b>4870</b>	<b>7110</b>	<b>5004</b>	<b>5257</b>	<b>2615</b>	<b>1057</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DBT-JRF / SRF</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1097</b>	<b>1248</b>
<b>DBT-RA</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>140</b>

(b) Departments are regularly disbursing the fellowship on receipt of requisite documents from the concerned institutions. Under some of the schemes the funds are disbursed in advance for a period of minimum of one year to the implementing institution. Prior to implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode of payment w.e.f. 01-04-2017, CSIR was releasing lumpsum fellowship grant to the host institutes of the research fellows and no delays in disbursement was reported till that time i.e. 31/03/2017. CSIR w.e.f. 01-04-2017 implemented the DBT mode of payment to make payment directly to the bank accounts of the research fellows. Though there were some delays in disbursal of fellowship, specific number of such cases for delays is not available. To mitigate the hardship faced by CSIR research fellows in recent past, CSIR in June-July 2021 linked the payment of fellowship to PFMS and also launched a software solution for CSIR research scholars and host institutes enabling them to submit monthly attendance reports, joining reports, completion reports etc. through the portal. This has led to considerable reduction in the number of complaints regarding any delay in payment.

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