

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1423  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2023**

**NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR OBCs**

**1423. SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:**

**SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:**

**DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:**

**SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:**

**SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:**

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

- (a) the objectives of the National Fellowship for Other Backward Class (OBC) students;
- (b) the break-up for the funds allocated and total number of beneficiaries under the National Fellowship for OBC Students, State-wise;
- (c) the intake of Junior Research Fellows under the scheme since 2014, State and year-wise;
- (d) whether there has been an enhancement in fellowship rates under the scheme since its inception and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total number of women who have received the benefit under the New Swarnima Loan Scheme of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) till 2023; and
- (f) the total number of beneficiaries under the scheme, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)**

- (a): The objective of the National Fellowship Scheme of Government for Other Backward Class students is Educational Empowerment of OBC students by way of awarding fellowship (financial assistance) in obtaining quality higher education. The scheme is designed to provide a total number of 1000 Junior Research Fellowships per year to undertake advanced studies and research leading to M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degrees, who have qualified in the following tests:
- i. National Eligibility Test) – Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) of UGC (for Humanities/Social Sciences) or
  - ii. UGC-Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (UGC-CSIR) NET-JRF Joint Test (for Sciences)

(b): The total fund allocated under the scheme for last 5 years is annexed at Annexure-I and total number of state-wise beneficiaries under the National Fellowship for OBC Students for last 5 years is annexed at Annexure-II.

(c): Total no. of Junior Research Fellows under the scheme since 2014 is annexed at Annexure-III.

(d): Yes Sir, the existing rate under NF-OBC are revised at par with UGC fellowships w.e.f 01.01.2023 for existing scholars under NF-OBC scheme as below:

- For JRF (Junior Research Fellowship):- From Rs 31,000/- pm for 2 years to Rs 37,000/- pm for 2 years
- For SRF (Senior Research Fellowship):- From Rs 35,000/- pm for remaining tenure to Rs 42,000/- pm for remaining tenure.

(e) to (f): The total number of women beneficiaries who have received benefit under the New Swarnima Loan Scheme of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) during last 5 years and current year (till 30.11.2023) State/UT-wise is attached at Annexure-IV.

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**Annexure-I refer to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1423 for 12.12.2023**

S. No.	Year	BE/RE
1.	2014-15	11.00/11.00
2.	2015-16	6.20/18.30
3.	2016-17	27.00/27.00
4.	2017-18	40.00/40.00
5	2018-19	110.00/30.00
6	2019-20	70.00/52.50
7	2020-21	120.00/45.00
8.	2021-22	100.00/60.00
9.	2022-23	53.00/53.00
10.	2023-24	57.00/-

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## Annexure-II refer to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1423 for 12.12.2023

Sl No.	State Name	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
		Total Scholars (JRF+SRF)	Total Amount Disbursed (JRF+SRF)	Total Scholars (JRF+SRF)	Total Amount Disbursed (JRF+SRF)	Total Scholars (JRF+SRF)	Total Amount Disbursed (JRF+SRF)	Total Scholars (JRF+SRF)	Total Amount Disbursed (JRF+SRF)	Total Scholars (JRF+SRF)	Total Amount Disbursed (JRF+SRF)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	25	7373814	53	27997272	54	19418736	52	22349691	45	15921931
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH							2	574809	3	995444
3	ASSAM	52	16183146	87	42499550.6	82	29254524	66	28564695	78	26272076
4	BIHAR	17	5457582	52	26758614	64	23989862	78	36373288	97	34756581
5	CHANDIGARH	1	476500	2	1078395	4	2256366	3	279714	1	340121
6	CHHATISGARH	9	2774600	16	6784296	19	6525302	25	12134181	20	6141626
7	DELHI	51	19740661	53	22837803	44	10382632	50	20061672	69	25427667
8	GOA	7	2562171	13	7829826	11	4101078	10	4846321	9	2457983
9	GUJARAT	24	7325851	56	23358522	55	21964650	48	18883176	35	12195344
10	HARYANA	16	4849736	30	15149222	35	12716736	53	22182637	78	24291369
11	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	290000	5	2627790	4	1726649	6	2889517	8	2284593
12	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	8	2616141	14	7010335	18	4893706	18	8087245	20	6709098
13	JHARKHAND	15	6831474	33	15759554	31	9928416	34	16056545	42	15384333
14	KARNATAKA	33	10258948	57	27762934	42	15327385	44	18383612	36	12067974
15	KERALA	12	3952449	29	15018687	45	13848938	78	35977072	120	40231605
16	MADHYA PRADESH	34	10439194.33	55	21070714.7	50	22462801	53	21728616	48	16650378
17	MAHARASHTRA	74	21566709	110	55630497	89	29869675	72	27130399	56	17774162
18	MANIPUR			5	1977431	9	2958829	22	8651441	31	10567715
19	ODISHA	19	5809096	30	13413835	47	16768420	58	27743096	70	22137630
20	PUDUCHERRY	15	6824643	17	6753714	8	3177885	7	2769317	10	3061335
21	PUNJAB	15	5027301.98	22	11023384	22	7633797	23	9728212	25	7393258
22	RAJASTHAN	27	7173322.33	71	35666211	76	26263526	85	35374477	96	29881019
23	SIKKIM	7	2602350	15	5489432	10	3261526	6	2855865	6	2220096
24	TAMIL NADU	10	2922500	42	16654121	49	18896407	59	27988015	68	21241908
25	TELANGANA	33	11076222	37	17379653.8	39	15493066	34	18804029	39	10712223
26	TRIPURA	2	529250	5	1940800	5	2579607	5	2206343	7	2071591
27	UTTAR PRADESH	133	46816560.63	202	91574552.7	223	72785434	243	103084176	325	105560441
28	UTTARAKHAND	1	372500	6	2922797	8	2945853	9	4342428	14	4395428
29	WEST BENGAL	38	11959486	75	41942601	90	30840036	95	41946148	114	34976416
	<b>Total</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>223812208.3</b>	<b>1192</b>	<b>565912545</b>	<b>1233</b>	<b>432271842</b>	<b>1338</b>	<b>581996737</b>	<b>1570</b>	<b>514121345</b>

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## Annexure-III refer to in reply to Part (C) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1423 for 12.12.2023

Sl No.	State Name	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
		JRF Scholars	Amount Disbursed to JRF Scholars	JRF Scholars	Amount Disbursed to JRF Scholars	JRF Scholars	Amount Disbursed to JRF Scholars	JRF Scholars	Amount Disbursed to JRF Scholars	JRF Scholars	Amount Disbursed to JRF Scholars	JRF Scholars	Amount Disbursed to JRF Scholars	JRF Scholars	Amount Disbursed to JRF Scholars	JRF Scholars	Amount Disbursed to JRF Scholars
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	11	4823786	18	8162549	21	6338993	10	2505893	38	22256963	37	13710876	28	11383426	19	6347692
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH			1	235000	1	225000						2	574809	3	995444	
3	ASSAM	16	6989422	29	13212325	39	10824612	26	8248496	60	31368566	47	15943986	30	13378287	49	16453284
4	BIHAR	4	1092098	14	4365557	17	4323496	12	3950047	44	22701767	40	14514089	51	21038840	62	22236685
5	CHANDIGARH					2	513000	0	0	1	420000	2	1018856	1	-96581	1	340121
6	CHHATISGARH	4	1855400	2	683597	9	2637280	6	2080000	14	5482984	17	5739653	19	9323878	14	4001896
7	DELHI	38	15752327	8	2062016	36	11291891	20	8584411	22	10621659	24	5877096	39	15720147	56	19442355
8	GOA	3	1105760	52	17718425	4	1475000	3	901756	9	6056116	6	2471480	5	2297087	5	1028818
9	GUJARAT	14	5907735	5	1315000	19	5249900	12	4094244	46	19601838	43	17277511	31	10456436	15	6581295
10	HARYANA	7	2186442	27	9544129	15	4679857	6	1557938	17	8863368	22	7219387	41	16622901	64	20466489
11	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	519800	14	4343261	3	457500	1	290000	4	2118040	1	484184	4	1708367	4	1054809
12	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	3	876800	2	460000	5	1488400	6	1889700	10	4966514	12	2897086	12	4879176	12	4088697
13	JHARKHAND	9	2193714	5	1505650	12	3488327	8	3621304	24	12244190	21	5675013	22	9300397	24	9283036
14	KARNATAKA	23	9903586	10	3040065	29	8854025	17	5084025	41	23027231	23	7937106	21	8046247	25	9051182
15	KERALA	10	3601963	24	8822406	10	2862261	5	1151895	21	11119412	34	8804897	66	30241252	100	32937282
16	MADHYA PRADESH	20	8324056	14	4795676	26	6800374	16	4619187	36	12997607	29	13551981	30	12804280	28	9643125
17	MAHARASHTRA	43	15734756	26	9864921	56	17004570	36	9476525	70	37042720	42	14509850	20	7015933	21	7477627
18	MEGHALAYA	1	285000	66	21122197	1	235000			5	1977431	8	2581130	21	8201681	27	8782935
19	ODISHA	5	1821733	2	805000	13	4096654	11	3373707	20	8646445	32	10201351	39	20599175	50	15479486
20	PUDUCHERRY	9	3650180	11	3179921	10	2970900	7	3822883	10	4250483	2	734352	3	1363703	7	2253081
21	PUNJAB	13	3816506	11	4051378	9	2108495.95	6	1375649.98	12	6898957	12	3911638	10	4151745	15	4138273
22	RAJASTHAN	12	4511825	15	5176420	27	7068090.55	14	3860665	54	29775061	46	14116038	49	18158798	62	19032176
23	SIKKIM	1	577000	28	10587806	4	1132300	4	1449800	12	4605256	8	2821769	3	1294140	3	916860
24	TAMIL NADU	27	10866328	5	2110145	11	2495403	10	2922500	41	16100111	42	15284607	39	17058429	44	13796422
25	TELANGANA	24	9137078	22	2094288	27	7660678	15	4475807	17	8525838	25	10758211	22	12454577	24	6923334
26	TRIPURA	1	513339	39	12577232	3	530030	2	529250	5	1940800	3	1369019	3	1175843	5	1326831
27	UTTAR PRADESH	60	24467702	114	36547759	80	23040769	52	16789878	119	61694451	146	43654191	167	66504747	249	80411552
28	UTTARAKHAND					1	305000	1	372500	5	2455042	5	1305848	4	1460833	11	3439834
29	WEST BENGAL	25	9501395	33	10684602	35	10209245	18	5915186	53	31467577	43	11535705	49	20351945	71	21086422
	<b>Total</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>150015731</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>199067325</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>150367052</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>102943247</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>409226427</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>255906910</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>347470498</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>349017043</b>

Department of Social Justice & Empowerment released an amount of Rs. 9.43 Cr. to UGC in 2014-15, however funds couldn't be released to beneficiaries during the said period.

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**Annexure-IV**

**Annexure-IV refer to in reply to Part (e & f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1423 for 12.12.2023**

S. No.	Name of State/UT	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as on 30.11.2023)
		(Nos.)	(Nos.)	(Nos.)	(Nos.)	(Nos.)	
1.	Andhra Pradesh		39	15	-	-	-
2.	Andaman & Nicobar		1				
3.	Assam		9	61	-	-	-
4.	Bihar		46	1	-	-	-
5.	Chandigarh			-	-	-	-
6.	Chhattisgarh	14	21	20	-	-	-
7.	Delhi			34	5	-	-
8.	Goa			50	-	25	-
9.	Gujarat	239	116	230	280	180	
10.	Haryana	400	21	-	100	-	-
11.	Himachal Pradesh	9	8	8	50	250	2
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	48	200	160	275	100	9
13.	Jharkhand		12	1	-	-	-
14.	Karnataka		226	72	-	-	
15.	Kerala	880	749	2020	5420	3940	6
16.	Madhya Pradesh	128	218	37	-	-	-
17.	Maharashtra		43	6	-	-	
18.	Manipur		1	1	-	-	-
19.	Odisha		34	1	-	-	
20.	Punjab	320	348	541	1434	678	316
21.	Puducherry		6				-
22.	Rajasthan	222	937	553	-	-	
23.	Tamil Nadu	433	733	2040	-	-	876
24.	Telangana		12	7	-	-	-
25.	Tripura	385					
26.	Uttar Pradesh	528	147	335	200	400	-
27.	Uttarakhand	10	7				-
28.	West Bengal		4				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3616</b>	<b>3938</b>	<b>6193</b>	<b>7764</b>	<b>5573</b>	<b>1209</b>

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