

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2494
ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2023

Non-NET Fellowship of UGC

2494. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Universities and M.Phil/PhD scholars covered under the non-NET fellowship of the UGC, their proportion with the total number of scholars registered for M.Phil/PhD programs;
- (b) the increase in the amount or other facilities available under non-NET fellowship since 2019;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to increase the non-NET fellowship amount and other facilities;
- (d) whether the Government intends to make non-NET fellowship universal to all M.Phil/PhD scholars; and
- (e) the increase in Junior Research Fellowship/ Senior Research fellowship amount including HRA in the same period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) As informed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), as on 31.03.2023, Non-NET Fellowship has been released to 16270 M.Phil. and Ph.D. students in 45 UGC-funded Central Universities. During 2022-23, 23731 students were enrolled in M.Phil and Ph.D in these Universities.

(b) to (d) UGC has further informed that the Non-NET fellowship is being given to all students admitted in M.Phil./Ph.D. as per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 who are not getting any scholarship from other schemes.

(e) With effect from 01.01.2023, the monthly emoluments for Junior Research Fellowship and Senior Research Fellowship have been increased from Rs. 31,000/- to Rs. 37,000/- and Rs.35,000/- to Rs. 42,000/- respectively. Wherever provision of hostel accommodation is not possible, HRA is allowed as per Central Government norms applicable in the city/location where they are working. The percentage required for calculating HRA is based on the fellowship amount.
