

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1179  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020**

**AISHE**

**1179. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- a) whether according to the report of the All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) only 2.5 per cent colleges in the country run Ph.D programmes;
- b) if so, whether such dismal situation is due to extreme restrictive rules by the Government to run Ph.D courses;
- c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to increase the volume of research studies;
- d) whether any incentive programme for colleges/ students have been formulated by the Government in this regard; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) to (e): As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2018-19, 2.5 per cent of colleges in the country run Ph.D programmes. The procedure for admission to M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes is governed by University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016, which also gives Academic, administrative and infrastructure requirement to be filled by Colleges for getting recognition for offering M.Phil./Ph.D. programmes.

To increase the volume of research studies and provide incentives for the same, Government has introduced many schemes/programmes, including the following:

- (i) Prime Minister Research Fellowship (PMRF) Scheme for promotion of research in the frontier areas of science & technology. It seeks to incentivize a maximum of 3,000 most talented students from recognized Universities/Institutions who will be selected as per PMRF guidelines to enrol in the Ph.D program in IITs/IISc/IISERs/CUs by

providing attractive rates of fellowship @ Rs.70,000/- per month for the first two years, Rs.75,000/- per month for the 3rd year, and Rs.80,000/- per month in the 4th and 5th years. In addition, a research grant of Rs.2.00 lakh per year for a period of 5 years will be given to each fellow to meet the cost of presenting research papers.

- (ii) The University Grants Commission (UGC) is providing financial assistance to the Ph.D scholars under the schemes of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences (NET), Swami Vivekanand Single Girl Child Fellowship for research in Social Science, Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students, National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), wherein fellowship @ Rs.31000/- per month is provided for first 2 years as JRF followed by Rs.35000/- per month for remaining tenure as SRF. In addition to the fellowship, admissible HRA & contingency grants are also provided.
- (iii) Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) for Humanities and Human Sciences.
- (iv) Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT) for technical research.
- (v) Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS) for social sciences research.
- (vi) Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) for joint research with Foreign Universities; and
- (vii) National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF) scheme to promote research culture and collaborative research between Institute and Industries leading to start-ups in AICTE institutions.

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