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Fellowship for Non-NET Research Scholars

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the last revision in the fellowship amounts that has taken place in relation to non-NET research scholars in Central Universities;
- (b) whether some change has taken place in recent years in this regard and the reasons for the same; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal with the Government to increase in the fellowship amounts in relation to non-NET research scholars in Central Universities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c):The University Grants Commission (UGC) provides the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) based on the National Eligibility Test (NET). Six percent of the candidates who appear in the NET are qualified for Assistant Professor and out of these qualified candidates, UGC awards JRF for 11,750 slots per year. In addition, fellowships are also offered by different Ministries and Organizations to support the scholars pursuing Ph.D.. Special fellowships are provided for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Persons with Disabilities and Single Girl Child. The Ph.D. scholars are eligible to join research projects sanctioned by various funding agencies to the Universities and to avail of funding to support their research, leading to the award of a Ph.D..

Further, some students are admitted to Ph.D. courses by the Universities without financial support from any source. To enlarge the scope, UGC decided to partially support such students by providing a stipend in the form of non-NET Fellowships. These Non-NET Fellowships have been benefitting M.Phil./Ph.D. students enrolled in various Central Universities across the country, especially the students of Universities located in the remote areas and North-Eastern regions of the country. Funds amounting to Rs.405.33 crores have been disbursed through non-NET Fellowships from 2021-22 to 2023-24.
