

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3390
ANSWERED ON-16/12/2024

NUMBER OF SEATS FOR PH.D

3390. Shri Sudhakar Singh:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Ph.D seats available across the country and whether the Government has any data on the enrollment of Ph.D students, State-wise;

(b) the current expenditure on research in social sciences and the manner in which it is compared with expenditure on research in other fields;

(c) the average stipend provided to Ph.D students across the country and the manner in which it is compared with the stipend offered to Ph.D scholars in developed countries like the United States, Germany and China; and

(d) whether the Government has any plans to increase the number of Ph.D seats, particularly in under-represented fields like social sciences and improve financial support for scholars to promote high-quality research?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE),2022-23(Provisional), the total enrolment in Ph.D is 2.33 lakh. The State-wise Enrolment of Ph.D students is available at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques .

(b) The details of grants released by the University Grants Commission (UGC) on research including, Social Sciences, for the year 2023-24 is given as under:

S.No.	Particulars	2023-24(in Rs. Lakh)
1	Special Assistance Programme (SAP)	215.98
2	Basic Scientific Research	5177.50
3	University & Colleges with Potential for Excellence *	1659.16

S.No.	Particulars	2023-24(in Rs. Lakh)
4	Research Scientists	120.52
5	Minor & Major Research Project (Science & Humanities)	114.18
6	Junior & Senior Research Fellowship	164420.47
7	Post Doctoral Fellowship for women	73.00
8	Research Awards to Teachers	25.85
9	Research Workshops, Seminars & Conferences	0.00
10	Emeritus Fellowship for Superannuated Teachers	246.85
Total		172053.51
* Part of grants was used for research.		

(c) & (d) The UGC provides non-NET fellowships to M.Phil/Ph.D. students who have not qualified NET and are not receiving financial assistance from any other source. Ph.D. students receive stipend of Rs. 8000/- per month under the non-NET fellowship scheme. During the financial year 2023-24, UGC-funded Central Universities utilized an amount of Rs. 122.95 cr. approximately for providing non-NET fellowships.

As per AISHE 2022-23 (provisional), the total PhD enrolment is 2.33 lakh which is around 10% more than the Ph.D enrolment of 2.12 lakh in 2021-22. Total Ph.D. enrolment has nearly doubled in 2022-23 (2.33 lakh) from 2014-15 (1.17 lakh).
