GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2442 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.05.2016

Disbursement of UGC Scholarship

2442. SHRI MD BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

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

- (a) whether many students have got University Grant Commission (UGC) scholarships during each of the last three years;
- (b) the number of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) scholarships disbursed by UGC during 2015 to 2016 as compared to the number of JRF scholars;
- (c) whether a large number of students/scholars have not been paid scholarships;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes, Madam. The number of beneficiaries who were awarded the University Grants Commission (UGC) scholarships during the last three years are given below:

Year	Number of awardees
2013-14	4,391
2014-15	8,728
2015-16	17,741

- (b): The UGC has informed that 54120 Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs)/ Senior Research Fellowships(SRFs) were disbursed during 2015-16 out of 58838 JRF/SRF scholars.
- (c) to (e): No such specific complaint has been received by the UGC. However in a few cases there may be delay in disbursements due to (i) late joining by candidates; (ii) delay in submission of documents to the bank branches; (iii) delay in uploading of documents; (iv) technical problems in Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

UGC has further informed that 16 scholarships/fellowships of the UGC have been brought under the DBT. The manual data of old scholars has also been fully digitized.
