

Details of activities	Amount
Learning Enhancement Programme	0.00
Community Mobilization activities	0.35
TOTAL	2597.70

Special facilities to women for research work

†1246. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide special facilities to women for undertaking research work;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this regard so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has initiated several measures to promote enrolment of women in Ph.D and M.Phil. courses. The measures include lying down provisions in the UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for award of M.Phil./Ph.D. for relaxing the maximum duration for completion of Ph.D. or M.Phil. by women candidates for a further two years and one year, respectively; allowing transfer of research data in case of relocation of an M.Phil./Ph.D. woman scholar due to marriage or otherwise; and allowing women candidates maternity leave/child-care leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil./Ph.D. for up to 240 days. The regulations are at <http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2016/170577.pdf>

The UGC has further informed that it provides grants to seven Universities and Deemed to be Universities, set up exclusively for women, engaged in teaching and research activities in the country. These universities are namely: (i) Sri Padmavati Mahila Vishwavidyalayam, Andhra Pradesh; (ii) Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Haryana; (iii) Karnataka State Women University, Karnataka; (iv) Shrimati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University, Mumbai; (v) Mother Teresa Women's University, Tamil Nadu; (vi) Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan; and (vii) Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Tamil Nadu.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The UGC has an exclusive Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme for women. The scheme incentivizes talented women to carry out advanced studies and research. The awardees are given fellowship at the rate of ₹ 38,800/- per month for the first two years and ₹ 46,500/- per month for further three years. The number of slots available under this scheme is 100 per year. The guidelines of the schemes are at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/8868819_revised-final-PDF-W.pdf

The UGC is also providing Swami Vivekananda single girl child fellowship for research in Social Sciences. Under this fellowship single girl children, who are registered in Ph.D. programme in Social Sciences, are eligible for receiving ₹ 25,000/- per month for initial two years and ₹ 28,000/- per month till date of submission of Ph.D. thesis or five years, whichever is earlier. The guidelines of the scheme are at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7042851_revised-final-SVGC.pdf

Gross Enrolment Ratio of girls in elementary education

1247. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extant figure pertaining to the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of girls in elementary education in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) The State-wise details of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of girls in elementary education as per Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2014-15 are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) To encourage the participation of girls at elementary level, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) provides for the opening of schools in the neighbourhood to make access easier for girls, the appointment of additional teachers including women teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching learning materials including textbooks and the scheme of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) as residential upper primary schools for girls belonging to SC/ST/Minority Communities, BPL families and girls in difficult circumstances. Out of the 3609 KGBVs sanctioned, 3599 are operational enrolling 3,64,855 girls.

The 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' Scheme is a joint initiative of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of