

Sl. No.	Name of State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
25.	Daman and Diu	5.00	7.00	-
26.	Puducherry	44.00	46.00	41.00
TOTAL		9379.00	9382.00	15323.00

Scholarships for higher education

1662. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students pursuing post graduate courses in Government run arts and science colleges of a State are being given scholarships under the scheme of National Fellowship for Higher Education of ST students;

(b) if so, the details of such students to whom scholarships were given during the last three years under this scheme, college-wise; and

(c) 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 under the Post Graduate Scholarship Scheme for Professional courses for SC/ST, Schedule Tribe (ST) students are provided with financial assistance for undertaking post graduate professional subjects like Engineering and Technical, Management, Pharmacy etc.

The UGC also administers one of the fellowship schemes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs *i.e.* National Fellowship for Higher Education of ST students. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to ST students for pursuing full time M.Phil and Ph.D. in Universities/Colleges/Institutions approved under section 2 (f) of UGC Act, 1956 and or by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

The UGC has intimated that the scholarship/fellowship amounts are not released college-wise as the same is directly credited to the accounts of awardees through the system of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Number of beneficiaries and amount released under these two schemes during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (upto February, 2017) are as under:—

Scheme-wise number of beneficiaries and amount released from 2014-15 to 2016-17

Name of Scheme	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (up to Feb.,2017)	
	No. of Beneficia- ries	Amount Released (₹ in crore)	No. of Beneficia- ries	Amount Released (₹ in crore)	No. of Beneficia- ries	Amount Released (₹ in crore)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PG Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates	658	4.38	904	9.14	2307	4.32
National Fellowship for Higher Education of ST Students	4179	46.61	4929	52.13	3097	55.9

**Gross enrolment ratio of women in primary
and higher education**

1663. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gross enrolment ratio in primary and higher education during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to increase gross enrolment ratio for females in primary and higher education; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce assessment methods to record learning outcomes in primary education and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) State/UT-wise details of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in primary education (Classes I to V) as per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) and in higher education (18-23 years) as per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) during the last three years from 2013-14 to 2015-16 are given in Statement-I and Statement-II (*See below*), respectively.

(b) The Central Government implements several programmes in collaboration with State Governments and UT Administrations for educational development including increase in GER for females in elementary education in the country. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Programme provides a number of incentives to encourage enrolment and retention and to reduce dropouts of children in schools. These include