

regulate the use of mobile phones by the students in their schools. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), considering that the mobile phones could distract the concentration of students and also possesses the potential for gross misuse during examinations, has restricted the use of mobile phones in the schools affiliated to it through its advisory issued in July, 2009.

Less number of scholarship/fellowship

1050. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of scholarship/fellowship awarded under the National Science and Technology Human Resource Development is very less;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many IIT, IISc, IIMs students are not interested to join fellowship programme;
- (d) whether the National Science and Technology Human Resource Development could not be implemented due to inadequate allocation of funds; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (e) Under National Science and Technology Human Resource Development, Department of Science and Technology is implementing Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) program to promote Science and Technology and to identify, sustain and strengthen human capacity for Research and Development base of the country. Scholarship/fellowship awarded under the INSPIRE Programme are:

1. **Scheme for Early Attraction of Talents for Science (SEATS):-** under SEATS, INSPIRE Award at the rate of ₹ 5,000/- is provided to 2 lakh school children (from 6th to 10th standard) and INSPIRE Internship to top 1% student (class XI) based on class X Board results.
2. **Scholarship for Higher Education (2008):-** Under the scheme 10,000 scholarships are offered annually. Since inception of the scheme, 70,000 Scholars have been offered INSPIRE scholarship, out of which 9334 are from

Indian Institutes of Technology/Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research/Indian Institute of Science.

3. **INSPIRE Fellowship (2011):-** Under the scheme, 1000 INSPIRE Fellowships are offered annually. Since inception of the scheme, 6588 fellows has been offered INSPIRE fellowship, out of which 772 are from Indian Institutes of Technology/ Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research/Indian Institute of Science.
4. **INSPIRE Faculty Scheme (2011):** - Under the scheme, 200 young researchers are selected annually. Since inception of the scheme, 1234 Fellows has been offered INSPIRE Faculty award, out of which 246 INSPIRE Faculty Fellows are from Indian Institutes of Technology/ Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research/Indian Institute of Science.

Funds released under INSPIRE Program in the last three financial year is ₹ 1305.40 crore.

Further, Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF) scheme in 2018. The scheme is aimed at attracting the talent pool of the country to doctoral (Ph.D.) programs of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) for carrying out research in cutting edge science and technology domains, with focus on national priorities. Under the Scheme, 1000 fellowships are offered annually and in the current year 135 fellows have been selected. A budgetary provision of ₹ 75 crore has been made in the current year.

Evaluation of public school teachers

1051. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry is considering a proposal for evaluation of public school teachers based on their overall classroom management skills and output based on student performance levels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and mechanism adopted to evaluate their performance;
- (c) whether the Ministry is considering incentivisation as a break-up of the total salary component of such public school teachers to improve the standard of teaching;