

those entrance examinations which were hitherto being conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Extensive consultations were made with the concerned Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India as well as other stakeholders both from Central and State Government through a national workshop held on 01.09.2017. NTA may also conduct other entrance examinations entrusted to it by other agencies of the Central and State Government. NTA has successfully conducted UGC (NET) in December, 2018, JEE (MAIN), CMAT and GPAT in January, 2019. There is no provision as of now for reimbursement or subsidy to be provided to the institutions for any losses incurred by them.

Fellowships to students studying abroad

501. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to facilitate admission of Indian students in educational institutes in foreign countries;

(b) what efforts Government has made to introduce new fellowships for meritorious Indian students to study abroad; and

(c) the details of fellowships offered to Indian students with Government collaboration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) Indian students seek admission in educational institutes in foreign countries, based on their individual choice and preference. For the Indian students to study abroad, the Government is implementing the following schemes:—

- (i) National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe Students: The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs wherein financial assistance is provided to the meritorious Scheduled Tribe students for pursuing Master level courses, Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Research Programmes in foreign universities in the field of Engineering, Technology and Science.
- (ii) National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Students: The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under which financial assistance is provided to the meritorious Scheduled Caste students for pursuing Master level courses and Ph.D. in foreign universities in the field of Pure and Applied Sciences, Social Science, Agricultural Science etc.

- (iii) Overseas Doctoral Fellowship Programme: The scheme is implemented by the Department of Science and Technology under which fellowship is provided for a duration of 4 years, for undertaking the Doctoral Research Program in Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine from overseas top ranking universities in USA, UK and Canada.
- (iv) Overseas Postdoctoral Fellowship: The scheme is implemented by the Department of Science and Technology under which candidates are admitted in chosen areas in the overseas top ranking universities around the globe, other than USA. The scheme aims to build national capacity in frontier areas of Science which are of interest to India.

Under Bilateral Collaboration, the Department of Science and Technology provides the following fellowships to the Indian students:—

- (i) SERB Newton-Bhabha International Fellowships:- Under the scheme, fellowship is provided to the Indian research community, to undertake Postdoctoral level research in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in United Kingdom, for a period of two years.
- (ii) Raman-Charpak Fellowship: The Raman-Charpak Fellowship is jointly funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Government of France. The scheme aims to improve the doctoral skills of the Indian and the French students, under which the fellow is given an opportunity to carry out a part of their research work in a University/Research Institute, based in France or India respectively.
- (iii) Department of Science and Technology under Indo-U.S Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF), awards fellowships to the Indian students and research professionals, to do research towards capacity building, in the universities and institutes of the United States of America.

Expert Committee for selecting Institutes of Eminence

502. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of criteria adopted in selection of Institutes of Eminence in the country and the number of institutes that has been selected so far;
- (b) whether any Expert Committee has been set up by Government in this connection; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including its members and the timeline of submitting the report?