

complete their elementary education. Under the erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and integrated scheme for school education-Samagra Shiksha from 2018-19 which has subsumed the three erstwhile Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE), financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for undertaking various activities to reduce number of out of school children including opening of new schools, construction of schools and additional classrooms, opening and upgradation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV), setting up of residential schools/hostels, provision of transportation/escort facilities, free uniforms, free text books and undertaking enrolment and retention drives. Further, special training for age appropriate admission of out of school children and residential as well as non-residential training for older children, seasonal hostels/residential camps, Special Training Centres at worksites are also supported to bring out of school children to the formal schooling system. Also, mid day meal is provided to students at the elementary level of education. Further, under the student oriented component for the children with special needs, financial assistance is provided for identification and assessment of children with special needs, aids and appliances, braille kits and books, appropriate teaching learning material, stipend to girls students with disability, transport and escort facility etc.

Appointment of Professors in Andhra University

521. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the irregularities in the appointment of Associate Professors and Professors in Andhra University;

(b) whether Andhra University is going ahead with recruitment of Professors and Associate Professors even though there is no clarity on the Roster Points in spite of UGC's circular dated July 19, 2018 requesting all the universities to stop recruitment of academicians till further orders; and

(c) the reasons for calling every candidate for interview who have applied for the post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it is not aware of any irregularities in the appointment of Associate Professors and Professors in Andhra University. The UGC

has further informed that, through Letter No.F.1-5/2006 (SCT) dated 19.7.2018, it has directed all Central Universities, State/Deemed to be Universities receiving grant-in-aid and inter-University Centres of UGC to postpone the recruitment process, if it is already underway, till further orders.

Reduction in quantum of fellowships

522. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fellowships for which the amount allocated has been reduced since 2014 and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of allocations made for fellowships since 2009, year-wise;

(c) whether the annual spending on fellowships and scholarships in Central Universities has been reduced during the last five years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of students in the field of research and development activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), allocation of funds for fellowships are demand driven and year-wise allocation made for fellowships since 2009 is:—

(₹ in crore)

Years	Funds disbursed
2009-10	168.55
2010-11	308.83
2011-12	320.45
2012-13	407.99
2013-14	442.14
2014-15	842.59
2015-16	1070.44
2016-17	1321.63
2017-18	1568.38
2018-19	892.25
(Upto 31.12.2018)	
TOTAL	7343.25