

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1143
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021

Functioning of Central Universities and disbursal of student's scholarships

1143 Shri Abdul Wahab:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given any directions for full operations of Central Universities and other institutions that comes under the purview of Government;
- (b) by when the Central Universities and other institutions of national importance will begin offline classes for undergraduate and postgraduate students;
- (c) whether it is a fact that UGC has failed to disburse various scholarships for postgraduate and research students during the university closure period due to COVID-19;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of scholarship amount that is disbursed by the UGC during this period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): The Central Universities are autonomous institutions created under the acts of Parliament. These Institutions are governed by their own Acts, Statutes, Ordinances etc. and Regulations made thereunder. Being autonomous institutions, Central Universities are competent to take action in academic and administrative matters of the University. Majority of the Central Universities have opened offline classes in graded manner subject to adherence to the guidelines/ Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for safety and protocol, prepared by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and concerned State/ UT Governments.

(c) to (e): No Sir. The UGC has disbursed various scholarships/fellowships for postgraduate and research students during the university closure period due to COVID-19 as per following details:

Sl. No.	Year	Amount (Rupees in Crore)
1.	2020-21	1692.37
2.	2021-22 (Till 20.11.2021)	1134.00
