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**Improvement of Scholarship Scheme**

University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance to selected candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories under various scholarships/fellowships schemes to encourage their interest in Higher Education. Scholarship/fellowship-wise number of SC/ST beneficiaries assisted by the UGC during the financial year 2015-16 are as under:

S.No	Name of Scheme	Number of beneficiaries during FY 2015-16	Nodal Ministry
1	Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST	766	Ministry of Human Resource Development
2	PG Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST	904	
3	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC candidate	19,623	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
4	National fellowship Higher Education for ST Students since 2015 [Formerly RGNF – ST]	4,929	Ministry of Tribal Affairs

UGC has informed that it has undertaken the following measures with a view to facilitate smooth disbursement of fellowships/scholarships to the students under the various schemes:

1. all fellowship schemes have been brought under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
2. disbursal of grants to awardees is being routed through PFMS.
3. a dedicated web portal (<https://scholarship.canarabank.in/AdminLogin.aspx>) has been created for migration of legacy cases on DBT platform.
4. a fellowship tracking portal has been developed <https://scholarship.canarabank.in/scholar/Login.aspx> where the students can check the status of payment, date of upload of documents etc.
5. a dedicated email-id [ugcfellowships.ugc@gmail.com](mailto:ugcfellowships.ugc@gmail.com) is created to facilitate the redressal of student grievances especially relating to disbursal of fellowship/ scholarships.
6. a dedicated telephone number (011-23235640) has been provided to attend to calls from students relating to grievances/complaints/ problems on disbursal of grants under various fellowship/ scholarship schemes.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey today in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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