

NOTICE

REVISION / HIKE IN FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT UNDER THE NFST SCHEME

F. No. 19012/01/2019/Sch: Ministry has been receiving bulk mails from the Research Scholars stating that the fellowship of research scholars (CSIR, UGC, DST- INSPIRE, ICMR, ICHR, DBT, etc., JRF, SRF, RGNF-SC, MANF, and research associated, PDF) were revised / hiked in January-2019. However, fellowship under the scheme of National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students (NFST) has not been revised / hiked. It has been desired to revise / hike fellowship retrospectively from January -2019.

2. All the concerned Research Scholars are hereby informed that NFST scheme is run by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) independently from 2017-18 onwards. The Guidelines of the scheme was revised on 23rd November 2017 for the period of 2017-18 onwards and scheme has been last approved by the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20. NFST scheme is independent of the scheme run by UGC. Therein those students who have cleared the UGC examination are entitled for fellowship as per rate fixed by UGC, whereas NFST guidelines do not provide and have any provision to keep the rates at par with UGC rates. In NFST guidelines there is no requirement of clearance of UGC examination. Therefore, demand of parity with UGC is not mandated in NFST guidelines.

3. However, Ministry is making all efforts to bring the scholarship given to NFST students at par with other schemes and the outcome in this regard, if any, will be informed to the students on portal. However, if students feel that the UGC scheme is more beneficial to them, they have the option to choose that.

4. A dedicated grievance module is available on the Ministry's website under scholarship/fellowship section for addressing day to day grievances of the Research Scholars. Fellows can raise their grievances in that Grievance module.



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