

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1287
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

Increasing fellowship amount under Raja Ramanna Fellowship Scheme

1287 Dr. Santanu Sen:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- a) whether there is any plan to increase the fellowship amount, duration or number of slots under the Raja Ramanna Fellowship (RRF) scheme;
- b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- c) whether there is any provision for promoting women, SCs, STs and other marginalized sections in availing the benefits of the RRF Scheme;
- d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- e) whether there is any awareness or outreach program for sensitizing and encouraging potential candidates for applying for the RRF Scheme, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) & (b) The fellowship amount under the RRF Scheme was revised recently in the year 2017.
- (c) & (d) The scheme is open for all Indian scientists, engineers and technologists of high caliber retired from DAE or Non-DAE institutions and who were involved in the frontline scientific research or development of critical technologies including women, SC, ST and other marginalized sections. Preference is given to those who are fellows of any of the major science or engineering academics.
- (e) The Raja Ramanna Fellowship Scheme is permanently on display on DAE website: https://rrf.dae.gov.in/RRF/docs/DAE_RRF_Sceme_Details.pdf and BRNS website : https://brns.res.in/brns_dae.php
