

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1926
ANSWERED ON 12/12/2024

HOMI BHABHA CHAIR SCHEME

1926. SHRI TEJVEER SINGH

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:-

- (a) the type of research and development opportunities being provided under the DAE's Homi Bhabha Chair scheme to scientists and engineers and details of the objectives of the scheme along with the facilities provided under it;
- (b) whether the tenure of this scheme is one to five years;
- (c) whether the scientists and engineers selected under this scheme are provided with adequate resources and financial support for the research; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Department of Atomic Energy is administering a scheme namely DAE- Homi Bhabha Chair for Distinguished Scientist/Professors, in order to give recognition and an opportunity to outstanding Scientists and Engineers including those retired / superannuated scientists/engineers who were involved in the development of sensitive and/or critical technologies to carry out research and development work in the fields of their choice and of interest to the Department of Atomic Energy [DAE].
- (b) to (d) Yes. The tenure under DAE - Homi Bhabha Chair Scheme is for the period of one to five years at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

Under the scheme each awardee shall be entitled to an honorarium of Rs.200000/- p.m. (In case honorarium plus pension sanctioned is more than pay last drawn, honorarium would be restricted to pay last drawn before retirement).

A contingency grant of Rs.76000/- per annum to cover the expenditure like secretarial assistance, telephone bills and stationery.

A lump sum equipment allowance (inclusive of Book Allowance) not exceeding Rs.125000/- would also be made available during the entire tenure of the awardee subject to actual utilization. The equipment allowance also includes a sum of Rs.10000/- towards Book Allowance.

A fixed monthly transport allowance is also provided in case the awardee of the scheme is not provided official vehicle.
