

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5675
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

VISVESVARAYA SCHEME

5675. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the objectives of the Visvesvaraya Scheme;
- (b) the details of the amount allocated by the Government for the aforesaid scheme; and
- (c) the State-wise details of number of beneficiaries under the aforesaid scheme including the district-wise beneficiaries in the State of Odisha?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme was approved by the Government in March, 2014 to enhance the number of PhDs in Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) and IT/IT Enabled Services (IT/ITES) sectors. The scheme has the objective to promote high-end research in ICT and produce doctoral as well as post-doctoral researchers in these areas.

Under Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme (Phase-I), a total of 1,090 Full-Time and 333 Part-Time PhD scholars have been supported by the Government across 97 institutions in 25 States and 4 Union Territories in the country.

Government has approved Phase-II of Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme in September, 2021 with an objective to support 1,000 Full-Time PhD scholars, 150 Part-Time PhD scholars, 50 Young Faculty Research Fellowships and 225 Post-Doctoral Fellowships for a duration of 9 years.

(b): Government allocated Rs. 466.00 crore for Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme (Phase-I) for a duration of 9 years (2014-2023). Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme (Phase-II) was approved in September, 2021 with a total budget outlay of Rs. 481.93 crore for a duration of 9 years.

(c): Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme supported 1,423 PhD scholars across the country. In the State of Odisha, total 11 PhD scholars have been supported under the scheme. The State-wise details of number of beneficiaries under the scheme, including the district-wise beneficiaries in the State of Odisha, is annexed.

| Number of beneficiaries under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sr. No. | State/Union Territory | Total Candidates Supported |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 30 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 19 |
| 3. | Assam | 68 |
| 4. | Bihar | 60 |
| 5. | Chandigarh | 16 |
| 6. | Delhi | 207 |
| 7. | Goa | 15 |
| 8. | Gujarat | 39 |
| 9. | Haryana | 08 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | 28 |
| 11. | Jammu and Kashmir | 06 |
| 12. | Jharkhand | 05 |
| 13. | Karnataka | 97 |
| 14. | Kerala | 09 |
| 15. | Madhya Pradesh | 44 |
| 16. | Maharashtra | 128 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 13 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 01 |
| 19. | Odisha (Bhubaneswar) | 01 |
| | Odisha (Rourkela) | 10 |
| 20. | Puducherry | 10 |
| 21. | Punjab | 42 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 58 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 05 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 149 |
| 25. | Telangana | 112 |
| 26. | Tripura | 07 |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | 99 |
| 28. | Uttarakhand | 23 |
| 29. | West Bengal | 114 |
| Total | | 1,423 |