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The Registrar/ Director  
All Universities / Institutes

Subject : Enhancement of Fellowship to Junior Research Fellows and Senior Research Fellows under the schemes of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST and Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

The UGC has been operating the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST since 2005-06 and Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students since 2009 onwards. The two schemes have been formulated with the objective of providing fellowships in the form of financial assistance to unemployed students belonging to SC/ST and Minority Communities. The scheme is funded by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for RGNF for SC students, Ministry of Tribal Affairs for RGNF to ST students and Ministry of Minority Affairs for MANF to Minority Students. The revised rates of fellowships were made applicable on selections since 2010 onwards. However, the benefit of enhanced rates of fellowship were not extended to awardees under the scheme of selections made prior to 2010. The matter had been under consideration of the UGC since long.

It has been decided to revise the rates of fellowship for earlier awardees with effect from 01.04.2010 as under :-

S.No.	Scheme	Category of fellowship	Existing rate per month	Revised rate w.e.f. 01.04.2010
1.	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST (R.G.N.F)	JRF	Rs.12,000/-	Rs.16,000/-
2.	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC/ST (R.G.N.F)	SRF	Rs.14,000/-	Rs.18,000/-
3.	Maulana Azad National Fellowship (M.A.N.F)	JRF	Rs.12,000/-	Rs.16,000/-
4.	Maulana Azad National Fellowship (M.A.N.F)	SRF	Rs.14,000/-	Rs.18,000/-

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The other terms and conditions of the fellowships would remain the same as already notified in the guidelines.

The University / Institute is required to calculate the arrears payable to the awardees under the scheme and raise a claim from the UGC. The Utilization Certificate / Statement of expenditure (student – wise/ scheme – wise/ year – wise/ category – wise) for the grant already sanctioned for the awardees may be sent to this office along with the calculation sheet showing the arrears so the further grant, if due, may be released.

It may be noted that the awardees of the schemes from the years of inception viz. 2005-06 for RGNF(SC/ST) and 2009-10 (MANF) may be upgraded from JRF to SRF, if the three member Committee has recommended for the same. Such awardees may be paid fellowship / contingency at SRF rates.

It is reiterated that the University / Institute may cooperate with the scholars and ensure that the awardees are not put to any hardship or inconvenience.

Yours faithfully,



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Joint Secretary