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Dear Dr. Das,

During the course of my interactions with university students in administrative review meetings in the districts, they have brought to my notice the great distress caused to them due to stoppage of non-NET Fellowship Scheme for M. Phil and Ph.D scholars by the UGC.

The students have narrated with pain that many researchers do not have the money to even pay their hostel and mess fees, and some are even faced with the prospect of abandoning their dreams of pursuing research, due to stoppage of non-NET Fellowship.

Moreover, I am told, release of funds by UGC under NET-JRF Fellowships is erratic or delayed at times, causing uncertainty and distress to the recipients.

In the larger interest of research, and on behalf of the vast research scholar community of my State and other states - many of them first generation learners, I have already written a letter to the Union HRD Minister to re-start the non-NET Fellowships for M.Phil and Ph.D. scholars.

Since the researchers have told me only 2 days back, from our side, we are allocating Rs.20 Crore from Swami Vivekananda Merit cum Means Scholarship to provide non-NET Fellowship to research scholars admitted to M.Phil/Ph.D courses through a fair and transparent selection process.

You may like to inform the researchers suitably.

I would also request you to kindly send a list of eligible researchers admitted to M.Phil/Ph.D courses under your University for non-NET Fellowship, to our Higher Education Department at the earliest.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


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