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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revision of fellowships admissible to various Research Fellows working in different R&D Units/Aided Institutions.

1. In supersession of the earlier orders on the subject, the undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the President for revising the the rate of Fellowship payable to the JRF/SRF/Post Doctoral Fellows working in various **R&D Centres/Autonomous Institutions of DAE including University Collaborative Schemes duly approved by DAE**, as detailed below:

Sr. No.	Name Fellowship	Qualification*	Revised rates of Fellowship
1	Junior Research Fellows/Ph.D. Scholarship Holders of NBHM	M.Sc./BE/B.Tech/B.VSc/ B.Pharm	₹ 25000/- p.m. for 1 st two years ₹ 28000/-p.m. for subsequent years Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.
2	Senior Research Fellows/ Ph.D. Scholarship Holders of NBHM	M.Tech./M.E./MVSc/ M.Pharm/MBBS/BDS/ M.Sc/B.Tech, with two years experience	₹ 28000/- p.m. Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.
3a	Post Doctoral Fellows/Research Associates	Ph.D/M.D./ M.Tech/ME/M.VSc/ M.Pharm/MBBS/BDS with two years experience	₹ 36000/- ** "RA-1" ₹ 38000/- ** "RA-2" ₹ 40000/- ** "RA-3" Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.
3b		Scholars who have submitted Ph.D. thesis and are yet to receive their Ph.D. degree (provisional or otherwise)	₹ 32000/- p.m. Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.

* If a student having higher qualification such as M.Tech/MBBS, etc. competes with students having lower qualification such as B.Tech/MSc., etc. he will be paid the Fellowship at the rate applicable to the latter.

** The candidates joining RA with a provisional Ph.D. Certificate, will be paid Fellowship of ₹ 32,000/- p.m. called **Bridging Fellowship**, till they get final degree. The Post Doctoral Fellows/RAs may be fixed at one of the 3 pay levels depending on qualifications and experience. The level at which a fellow will be placed will be decided by the interview committee at the level of the Unit, based on the following:

- i) Quality of Ph.D. thesis;
- ii) Post-Ph.D research experience as evidenced from the quality of the publications and /or products/processes designed and developed and
- iii) Performance in the selection interview

Note: On completion of two years and on assessment by the Doctoral Committee of the Student about the progress of work done by the Student, Junior Research Fellows shall be re-designated as Senior Research Fellow. Where such a committee does not exist, Head of the Institution may appoint a 3(three) member 'Expert Committee' for evaluation.

2. **Contingency Grant:**

2.1 The Contingency Grant will be given to meet the expenditure towards (a) purchase of books, (b) Stationery, (c) purchase of computer software and hardware, (d) journals, (e) mailing expenses and (f) travel for attending seminars and conferences.

2.2 The reimbursement of actual cost of work related travel other than indicated above, tuition fee, registration fee, thesis evaluation fee and any other similar fee, wherever applicable, paid by the students/research scholars to the Universities will not be part of the 'Contingency Grant' and would be borne by the concerned Unit/Institution from their non-plan budget.

2.3 The Contingency grant will be paid on reimbursement basis against the actual bills.

3. **Service Conditions:**

3.1. JRF/SRF/RAs/PDF are not entitled for **Dearness Allowance**.

3.2 House Rent Allowance (HRA)

All research fellows may be provided hostel accommodation wherever available and those residing in accommodation provided by the Institute will not be eligible for drawing HRA. Wherever provision of hostel accommodation is not possible, HRA may be allowed to all the above categories viz., JRF/SRF/RA/PDF as per Central Government norms in the City/location where they are working. The Fellowship amount may be taken as basic for calculating the HRA.

3.3 Medical Benefits:

The Research Fellows and the Research Associates (JRF/SRF/RA/PDF) will be entitled for Medical Allowances as per the rules of the institution in which they are working.

3.4 Leave:

30 days paid leave per year in addition to casual leave as per rules of the Institutions. Maternity/Paternity Leave shall be admissible as per Government of India instructions. Participation in any scientific event in India or abroad will be treated as on duty.

While pursuing course work during the first year of Ph.D. programmes or for any extended duration, leave will be limited to regular vacations as per the programme of the Institute/R&D Centre.

3.5 Bonus/LTC/Retirement benefits:

Not entitled

4. Tenure of Fellowship:

4.1 Total period of fellowship in respect of JRF/SRF will be normally 4 (four) years, which includes period spent on course work, It may be extended by 1 (one) year after evaluation of the progress made by the scholar by 'Doctoral Committee'. Where such a committee does not exist, Head of the Institution may appoint a 3 (three) member 'Expert committee' for evaluation. The tenure is not extendable beyond 5 (five) years.

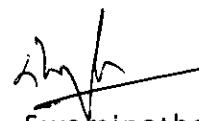
4.2 The tenure of PDF/Research Associates may be decided by the Institutions/R&D Centres as per overall sanctions available to them for this purpose but should not exceed 3 (three) years.

5. Publication/Patent:

5.1 The results of JRF/SRF/RA's research work may be published in standard referred journals at the discretion of the Fellow or his Guide. It should be

ensured by the Fellow that the assistance provided by the funding agency Department of Atomic Energy, is acknowledged in all such publications.

- 5.2 For filing of patents, BRNS/NBHM guidelines will be applicable
6. The stipend of all the above Fellowships including JRF/SRF/PDF/RAs is exempt from payment of income Tax under Section 10 (16) of the Income Tax Act 1961.
7. Obligations of JRF/SRF/RA/PDF
 - a) He/She shall be governed by the disciplinary regulations of the host institute where he/she is working;
 - b) He/She must send a detailed consolidated report of the research work done during the entire period of fellowship on completion of the tenure/resignation of the Fellowship, at the earliest.
8. The revised rates of Fellowship will be applicable w.e.f. 1.10.2014.
9. This issues with the concurrence of Member (Finance), AEC.



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