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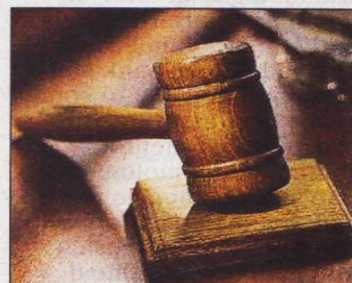
SC orders prosecution of MP med college dean for giving false evidence

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New Delhi: In a first of its kind case, the Supreme Court has ordered prosecution of the dean of Bhopal-based RKDF Medical College for presenting false evidence, which carries a maximum punishment of seven years imprisonment, on the institution's infrastructure, faculty and other facilities to trick the apex court into directing the Centre to permit it to admit 150 students in the MBBS course.

A bench of Justices S A Bobde, L Nageswara Rao and R Subhash Reddy also imposed a penalty of Rs 5 crore on the medical college, which had moved Madhya Pradesh HC, Delhi HC and the SC at various stages and different years to challenge Medical Council of India's inspection report which found gross deficiencies and recommended rejection of permission for admission to the MBBS course for 2015-16, a year after the college was set up in 2014.

Repeated inspections were ordered by the SC, Delhi HC and Madhya Pradesh HC as the college, after presenting fabri-



cated documents, managed to get provisional nod for admitting 150 students to the second MBBS batch. However, the tricks up its sleeve were exhausted when the time came for admissions to the third batch of MBBS students for the academic year 2017-18.

The SC was informed by senior advocate Vikas Singh and counsel Gaurav Sharma, who appeared for MCI, that the college had repeatedly fudged records and an inquiry had shown that many faculty members purportedly on the payroll actually had their private practice or were working in private hospitals.

The college attempted to wriggle out by tendering an unconditional apology, which was rejected by the bench.

Science & tech scholars get 35% increase in fellowship stipend

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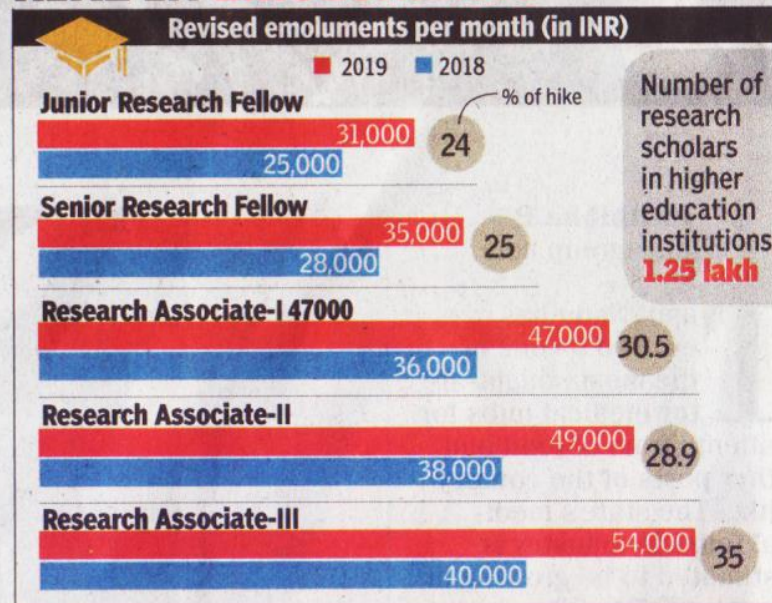
New Delhi: The government on Wednesday announced a 24-35% hike in fellowship stipend for research scholars in science and technology with effect from January 1 this year, a move that will directly benefit 60,000 researchers.

As per the office memorandum issued by the department of science and technology (ministry of science and technology), a Junior Research Fellow (JRF) will now get Rs 31,000 per month as against the earlier Rs 25,000 while fellowship for Senior Research Fellow (SRF) has been hiked from Rs 28,000 to Rs 35,000.

With the DST providing the template for hike to the states, a total of 1.25 lakh researchers working in various institutions in the country are likely to benefit.

Announcing the hike, the government said that "PhD scholars, working in science and technology, are the most significant contributors to the knowledge base of the country for its industrial competitiveness, academic vibrancy and technology led innovations. With effect from January 1, 2019, central government has enhanced the fellowship

HIKE IN EMOLUMENTS



of PhD students and other research personnel enrolled in any area of science and technology, including physical and chemical sciences, engineering, mathematical sciences, agricultural sciences, life sciences, pharmacy, among others. The hike in fellowship will directly benefit over 60,000 research fellows and also provide a template to the states to consider increase in their fellowship rates".

JRF and SRF are taken as baseline reference for hike in emoluments for researchers and compared to last four hi-

kes this has been the lowest. The research scholars are unhappy at the "low hike" and said that they would intensify their agitation which was launched in September 2018.

As per the office memorandum, the revised emoluments for JRF has been increased by Rs 6,000 per month, while for SRF it is Rs 7,000 per month. The highest hike in terms of percentage has been announced for the research associate-III in terms of percentage which is 35% (from Rs 40,000 per month to Rs 54,000 per month).