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To,

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Subject: Information under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir/Madam,


Please refer to your request dated 31st March 2022, received in this office on 07.04.2022, seeking information under RTI Act 2005. Point-wise information is as below.

1. The number of fellowships sanctioned under Overseas Doctoral Fellowship (ODF) is 44.
2. See information No. 1 above. No information is available for the second part of the query.
3. The terms and conditions of SERB Overseas Doctoral Fellowship for financial support is given at **Annexure I**.

The address of the first appellate authority is given below.

Secretary SERB, 3rd & 4th Floor, Block II, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016.

Yours sincerely,


(**Madhu Wadhawan Sinha**)
CPIO and Director

Terms & Conditions for Financial Support :

(i) **Selection Procedure:**

The Student will have to take admission on merits, on his own, in one of the Universities/Educational Institution abroad which is accredited by an authorised body of that country for pursuing Ph.D. SERB will not extend any kind of assistance in this regard.

(ii) **Extension of stay beyond prescribed period:**

The extension of stay beyond prescribed period may be considered with financial assistance, if and only, if recommendation of the competent concerned authority in the educational institution/ university abroad is received, certifying that such an overstay for a specified period, is absolutely essential for facilitating the candidate to complete the course being pursued. The final decision in this regard will, however, rest with the Secretary SERB.

(iii) **Air Passage:**

Air passage from India to the nearest place to the educational institution and back to India, by economy class and shortest route in arrangements with the national carrier, will be provided.

(iv) **Local Travel:**

3 Tier AC railway fare from the port of disembarkation to the place of study and back. In case of far flung places not connected by rail, bus fare(s) from the place of residence to the nearest railway station, actual charge of crossing by ferry, air fare to the nearest rail-cum-air Station and/or second class railway fare by the shortest route to the port of embarkation and back will be permissible.

(v) **Execution of a Bond:**

The selected candidate is required to execute a bond on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/- before a notary-public/Oath of Commissioner as per specimen bond of SERB.

(vi) **Financial Assistance for family:**

No financial assistance of any kind as well as any other support coverage will be provided for their spouse and children.

(vii) **No financial support for travel in exigency at home:**

In case of exigency at home where the selected candidate is required to return to India for some time to attend to it, the candidate is permitted to return to India for the specific purpose, after having informed the educational institution where one is pursuing studies about it. The candidate will, however, be required to bear to and fro journey expenses for the visit and shall also not be entitled to any financial support. The candidate after having dealt with the situation at home, is required to return to the place of his/her educational institution, as early as possible; failing which, he/she shall be liable to be declared a defaulter and the recovery proceeding may be initiated against him/her.

Miscellaneous:

(i) The candidates are required to return to India after completion of their Ph.D. However, permission for staying for another four years after completion of the Ph.D course may be considered, for the reasons to be recorded in writing without any financial support of any kind whatsoever from SERB. The decision would rest with the Secretary SERB. The return fare from academic institution to India in these cases will not be paid by SERB/Educational Institution to the candidate. Such candidates who continue beyond Ph.D programme abroad are required to periodically update SERB about their institution and area of work through their employer/academic institution. The candidate will be required to submit an Annual Report to SERB through the University authorities. Any change in the institution/place of work must also be immediately intimated to SERB.

(ii) The candidate after completion of the studies is expected to return to India. He will also be required to immediately intimate to SERB in writing about having returned to India and his new place of work in India.

(iii) The candidate on return to India has to remain in India for at least five years to serve the nation.

(iv) The decision of SERB, Government of India will be final in all the issues, as may come up during the course of time.

(v) In case a candidate pursuing studies abroad violates any of the terms and conditions of the bonds executed by him/her and that the educational institution/ university intimates the SERB, about his/her adverse reports on studies and/or conduct and/or that the candidate leaves for any other country or absconds or joins any other university or course/programme or/and returns to India in case of exigency without intimating the concerned university authorities, he/she will be declared defaulter and will become liable for refund of entire amount spent on him/her along with the interest thereon at the prevailing rate of interest of an educational loan granted by a nationalized bank in India, per annum from the date of receipt of said amount up to the date of refund thereof to the SERB.

(vi) Any litigation on matters arising out of the Scheme in India will be subject to sole jurisdiction of the courts situated in Union Territory of Delhi. Any litigation arising abroad on account of candidate's personal conduct and university obligations to be fulfilled will be the sole responsibility of the candidate himself. SERB will not provide any legal and financial assistance in this regard.