

# CSIR doubles fellowships

**New Delhi:** In good news for students in science stream, government on Thursday decided to double the number of scholarships to 12,000 for doctoral studies in science.

The Union cabinet, at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh,

approved a proposal for increase in the number of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) through CSIR-UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) in the country.

The CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) had decided to offer

6,000 junior research fellowships during the tenth plan period and the same has been increased two-fold for the eleventh plan. The total cost of providing fellowships for about 12,000 students in the eleventh plan is estimated at Rs 444.34 crore. AGENCIES