National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), Delhi

Information with regard to RTI Application dated 09.09.2025 of Ms. Deepshikha Trevidi from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, seeking information under RTI Act, 2005.

Sl. No.	Information sought	Information provided
1.	A total of 805 candidates have been selected for the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste (NFSC) June 2024 cycle. Out of these, how many applications have been approved at the NSFDC level from May 2025 till date?	The NFSC Scheme is being implemented through a dedicated Scholarship and Fellowship Management Portal (SFMP). The eligible candidates are required to submit his/her linking request on SFMP. Out of the Linking requests on SFMP from the candidates selected from UGC NET June 2024 Examination; as on date a total of 109 candidates have been approved.
2.	Is there any defined time frame or internal guideline followed by NSFDC for releasing the final list of UGC-NET qualified students approved under NFSC? If yes, kindly provide a copy of the same.	The NTA conducts the UGC NET Examination; accordingly, the NTA is providing the list of selected candidates under NFSC Scheme. Upon receiving the list of selected candidates and MoSJ&E's approval thereon, the NSFDC publishing the list of selected candidates on its Website (www.nsfdc.nic.in). Further, as such there is no defined time frame or internal guidelines for releasing the final list of UGC NET qualified students under NFSC Scheme, it depends on the time taken by NTA for providing the list of selected candidates.
3.	Please provide the month-wise data (from May 2025 onwards) showing the number of applications approved from among the 805 selected candidates.	Month-wise date showing the number of applications approved from among the 805 selected candidates, is given as under: <table><tr><th>Month</th><th>Number of Candidates approved</th></tr><tr><td>May</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>June</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>July</td><td>47</td></tr><tr><td>August</td><td>35</td></tr><tr><td>September</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>109</td></tr></table>
4.	Kindly state the reasons for the delay in processing/approving the applications of certain students who applied as early as May 2025 and whose approvals are still pending.	The Linking Requests received on SFMP Portal are examined as per NFSC Scheme Guidelines and MoSJ&E's directives. Upon finding the Linking Requests complying with the NFSC Scheme Guidelines and MoSJ&E's directives, the same are approved otherwise rejected. Further, under RTI Act, 2025, the available information is provided rather than giving reasons.

| 5. | Please inform the tentative timeline by which the remaining pending applications under NFSC June 2024 are expected to be approved. | As per NFSC Scheme Guidelines, the candidates, selected under 'Pursuing' category, are required to join NFSC Scheme within three months from the date of issue of Award Letter and the candidates, selected under 'Non-pursuing' category, are required to take admission for Ph.D through regular and full-time mode in a UGC recognized University/Institution within three years from the date of issue of Award letter under NFSC Scheme. The Linking Requests received on SFMP Portal, are examined as per NFSC Scheme Guidelines and MoSJ&E's directives. Upon finding the Linking Requests complying with the NFSC Scheme Guidelines and MoSJ&E's directives, the same are approved otherwise rejected from time to time.

Further, under RTI Act, 2025, the available information is provided rather than predicting future event. |

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