

**Delay in payment of fellowship/Reimbursement of Rent (RoR) to the candidates supported under “Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT.**

It has been observed that sometimes the request for release of next installment is received from institutions after they have completely exhausted the funds earlier released to them under the scheme. This practice creates the problem of non-payment of fellowships to PhD candidates admitted under the scheme.

2. In view of above, it is requested that the demand for next installment of funds may be submitted to PhD cell well in advance before the funds are exhausted, so as to ensure timely payments of fellowship & RoR to the students.

3. Under exceptional circumstances, the following process may also be adopted by the institute-

- a. Institutes may make the payment of fellowship and RoR to the students temporarily from alternate sources, which should be restored back after receiving the funds under the project.
- b. If the funds are available with the Institute in any other project under Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme or under any other budget head of the same project, the institute may temporarily use the same for payment of fellowship and RoR to the students, which could be restored back after receiving the funds under the project from MLAsia.

4. However, It may kindly be noted that this process must not be adopted by institutes as a matter of routine and should only be adopted under exceptional circumstances. Whenever, this process is adopted by an Institution, the same need to be reported to the PhD-Cell/MLAsia with justification.