

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various fellowships and scholarships provided under the Ministry of Minority Affairs;
- (b) the amount disbursed under each of those scholarships since 2016, year-wise;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries under each of those scholarships since 2016, year-wise;
- (d) whether Government has stopped any scholarships since 2016; and
- (e) if so, when, and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the following four Scholarship Schemes and one Fellowship Scheme for the educational empowerment of six notified minority communities viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh as detailed below:

(i) **Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme** (for Class I to X)- To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than Rs.1.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class (except for Class I).

(ii) **Post Matric Scholarship Scheme** (Class XI to Ph.D including technical and vocational courses of Class XI and XII level)- To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than Rs.2.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

(iii) **Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme** (for Technical and Professional courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels)- To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than Rs.2.50 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

(iv) **Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship** is meant for girl students, belonging to the Minority Communities, pursuing Class IX to XII. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than Rs.2.00 lakh and she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

(v) **Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme** provides integrated five year fellowships in the form of financial assistance to students pursuing higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D in India. The Fellowship covers all Universities/Institutions recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The Fellowship is awarded on the pattern of UGC Fellowship awarded to research students pursuing regular and full time M.Phil and Ph.D. courses.

(b) & (c): The details of the number of scholarships sanctioned and amount of scholarship sanctioned under each of the aforesaid four scholarship schemes since 2016, year- wise, are as under:

Year	Pre-Matric Scholarship		Post-Matric Scholarship		Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship		Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship	
	Scholarships sanctioned	Amount sanctioned (In Rs Crore)	Scholarships sanctioned	Amount sanctioned (In Rs Crore)	Scholarships sanctioned	Amount sanctioned (In Rs Crore)	Scholarships sanctioned	Amount sanctioned (In Rs Crore)
2016-17	4153524	749.43	624990	361.43	121937	323.79	33482	40.18
2017-18	5311257	1078.42	698069	413.84	119472	324.86	114094	64.03
2018-19	5691854	1264.29	684265	423.18	117771	315.93	200000	111.40
2019-20	5568025	1424.56	743141	482.65	118359	315.62	295026	165.20
2020-21	5229148	1189.11	662912	400.98	120208	317.42	250424	137.74
Total	25953808	5705.81	3413377	2082.08	597747	1597.62	893386	518.55

The details of fellowships awarded under Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme since 2016-17 till 2020-21, along with the funds released, year- wise, are as follows:

Year	Fresh Fellowship sanctioned	Funds Released (In Rs. Crore)
2016-17	756	119.92
2017-18	756	124.87
2018-19	1000	97.85
2019-20	1251	100.00
2020-21	607*	73.50
Total	4370	516.14

* Selection against December, 2020 UGC/CSIR-UGC-NET Examinations yet to be made.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.
