

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2458
ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023

**SCHOLARSHIP TO PRE-MATRIC AND POST-MATRIC STUDENTS AND
MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**

2458. SHRI ANEEL PRASAD HEGDE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a): whether Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship are being given to students by Government, if so, the number of such students, State-wise, gender-wise and class-wise in the last five years, details thereof; and

(b) whether Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) is provided to students in all States of the country, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development.

Ministry of Minority Affairs has also implemented various schemes, including various Scholarship and Fellowship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the notified minority communities.

The State/UT-wise, gender-wise and class-wise details of scholarships provided under the Pre-Matric and Post Matric Scholarship Scheme to the students belonging to the six centrally notified minority communities during the last five years i.e. from FY 2017-18 to 2021-22 is available on the website of the Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

(b): It has been observed that Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) Scheme of UGC and CSIR is open for students of all categories. Besides, students from minority communities are also covered under National Fellowship Schemes for Scheduled Castes and OBCs implemented by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Tribes implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs. As the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme overlaps with various fellowship schemes for higher education, the Government has decided to discontinue the MANF Scheme from 2022-23.
