

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
 MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 120**  
 ANSWERED ON 25/11/2024

**FUNDS ALLOCATION END UTILIZATION TO MANF**

120 SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the current operational educational programs under the Ministry;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) and for the various scholarship schemes during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has shut down MAEF in February 2024, if so, the reason thereof; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the stipend and hike in the same of the existing beneficiaries under MANF has been pending for more than six months, if so, the reason therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c): During the last five years, the Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented various schemes for educational empowerment of six (6) centrally notified Minority communities including 3 Scholarship schemes namely (i) Pre-Matric, (ii) Post-Matric and (iii) Merit-cum-Means based scholarships. Besides, the Ministry also implemented Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship (BHMNS), Padho Pardesh and Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme (MANF) till 2021-22.

The funds allocated and utilized by Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for implementation of BHMNS Scheme and under 3 Scholarship schemes, implemented by this Ministry, during the last five years, year-wise are as follows:

(Amount in Crore)

Sl.	Year	Funds allocated & Utilized in BHMNS	Pre-Matric		Post-Matric		Merit-cum-Means	
			Allocated	Utilized	Allocated	Utilized	Allocated	Utilized
1	2019-20	165.20	1199.82	1324.85	482.66	428.77	361.51	285.63
2	2020-21	137.74	1330.00	1325.54	535.00	512.81	400.00	396.34
3	2021-22	91.60	1378.00	1350.99	468.00	411.87	325.00	345.77
4	2022-23	0	556.82	43.95	515.00	29.00	358.02	34.90
5	2023-24	0	400.00	95.84	1000.00	85.02	25.00	152.74

On the basis of proposal moved by the Central Waqf Council, the General Body of MAEF in its meeting held on 07.03.2024 resolved to close the MAEF.

(d): The stipend in respect of existing MANF fellows has been disbursed on monthly basis, subject to availability of funds. The disbursement of fellowship with revised rates (hiked w.e.f. 01.01.2023) was started from February, 2024. All payments, against the claims received till October, 2024 on the Scheme portal, have been released through Aadhaar Based Payment System (ABPS).

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