

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 136**  
ANSWERED ON 21/07/2025

**DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

**136. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the national disbursement of scholarships under Nai Udaan and Maulana Azad Fellowship schemes;
- (b) the outreach efforts and number of beneficiaries from Uttar Pradesh under these schemes including steps to increase awareness and application rates among minority students; and
- (c) the measures taken to simplify application processes and raise awareness in rural areas of Auraiya?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented 'Nai Udaan' Scheme to provide financial support to the minority candidates who qualify in preliminary examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission. State Public Service Commissions. Since inception of scheme, financial support was provided to 10,165 minority candidates. Total 564 beneficiaries have been benefited under the Scheme from the State of Uttar Pradesh under 'Nai Udaan' scheme. The Scheme however, has been discontinued from year 2022-23.

The Ministry also implemented Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme for M.Phil/Ph.D aspirants in line to the Junior Research Fellowship and Senior Research Fellowship scheme of University Grants Commission. Since inception an amount of Rs. 767.64 crore has been disbursed under MANF scheme in the country while a total of 1,173 Scholars from the State of Uttar Pradesh have been disbursed Maulana Azad National Fellowship under MANF scheme.

When the scheme was active, workshop & conferences include functions were organized for popularizing and promoting the scheme by way of showcasing successful beneficiaries.

However, due to the cognizant reasons of overlapping with similar schemes of other Ministries/ Departments, the Scheme has been discontinued from year 2022-23.

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