

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 930**  
ANSWERED ON 28/07/2025

**PENDING SCHOLARSHIP UNDER MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**

930# SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of PhD scholars under Maulana Azad National Fellowship, who have not received monthly stipend from January 2025 to May 2025;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any assessment of the impact of non-receipt of stipend on research work and academic life of students, if so, its key findings; and
- (c) whether Government has set any time-line for releasing funds for payment of pending stipend, if so, the time by when the payment will be made and the mechanisms being adopted to prevent such delays in future?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Minority Affairs has been implementing Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme for M.Phil/ Ph.D aspirants on the lines of Junior Research Fellowship and Senior Research Fellowship scheme of University Grants Commission. MANF scheme has been discontinued from 2022-23 onwards. The committed liability of stipend / fellowship amount has been released to all the existing MANF fellow whose payments were marked by their respective universities up to June 2025. Assessment of the impact of non-receipt of stipend on research work and academic life of students has not been conducted by the Ministry.

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