

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.340  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

**RELEASE OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

**340: SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has not released even a single scholarship under the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) and the Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for minority students for the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether scholarship schemes are especially formed for providing scholarship to minority students who undertake research studies;
- (c) if so, the reasons behind for not releasing any single scholarship under this scheme; and
- (d) the steps and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. Ministry of Minority Affairs has been implementing Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme with the objective to provide integrated five year fellowships in the form of financial assistance exclusively to students belonging to six notified minority communities namely Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis to pursue higher studies such as M. Phil and Ph.D. Details of Scheme is available on the website of the Ministry i.e. [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).

The Scheme is implemented through University Grants Commission (UGC). Under the Scheme, 756 fresh students have been selected for award of fellowship each for 2016-17 and 2017-18 as per provision of scheme prevailing in these years and funds to the tune of Rs 119.92 crore and Rs.124.85 crore have been released to UGC for disbursement of fellowship to the eligible minority students including renewals. For the current financial year i.e. 2018-19, UGC has started process of selection of fresh candidates for award of fellowship under MANF Scheme.

Ministry of Social and Justice and Empowerment has been implementing National Fellowship for SC students (earlier known as RGNF) and as per information received

from that Ministry Rs 196.00 cr, Rs. 225.40 crore and 145.00 crore has been released to UGC for disbursement of fellowship to students belonging to Schedule Caste during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 ( as on 6.12.2018) respectively.

(c) & (d) : Do not arise, in view of replies given to parts (a) and (b) above.

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