

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1892
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (MGNF)

1892. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY: SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government to boost skill development at the district level, has signed a contract with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore for introducing a two-year fellowship Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the fellowship given to students from the State of Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. To boost skill development at the District level, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has signed a contract with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore for implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme. MGNF is a two-year academic programme with an in-built component of on-ground practical experience with the District Administration. It seeks to create a cadre of individuals and train them in a blended academic program that provides both academic inputs and requires a field immersion at the district level to understand and contribute to the strengthening of a District level ecosystem to support skill development. Upon completion of the programme, the Fellows would be awarded a Certificate in Public Policy and Management by the host IIM.

Phase-I of the fellowship programme was launched on 08.03.2020 with IIM Bangalore as the Academic partner across six States namely Gujarat, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. MGNF Phase-I was completed on 05.03.2022 wherein 69 Fellows were awarded Certificate in Public Policy and Management by IIM Bangalore.

The National roll-out (Phase-II) of MGNF programme to cover all Districts (excluding the Districts already covered under Phase-I of MGNF) across the Country was inaugurated on 25.10.2021 in partnership with Nine Indian Institute of Managements (IIM) namely IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Jammu, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Lucknow, IIM Nagpur, IIM Ranchi, IIM Udaipur and IIM Visakhapatnam. Currently, 608 Fellows are deployed in the districts across 33 States/ UTs of the country as part of the Phase-II programme.

(c) The Fellows are paid stipend of Rs.50,000 per month in the first year and upto Rs.60,000 per month in the second year. Currently 12 candidates from the State of Andhra Pradesh are deployed under the MGNF Phase-II Programme, the details of which is at **Annexure I**.

Annexure I

Details of Students from the State of Andhra Pradesh currently deployed under MGNF Phase-II Programme:

S.No	Name of the Fellow	Gender	District of deployment
1	ValliveduSrikar Reddy	Male	Kargil
2	Penugonda Rama Sai Lokesh	Male	Kurnool
3	Revalla Venkata Avinash	Male	West Godavari
4	Seru Tataiah	Male	YSR Kadapa
5	Chalamalasetti Sudarshan	Male	Krishna
6	Chennam Sai Manikanta Kumar	Male	SPSR Nellore
7	Vaara Srinivas	Male	Ananthapur
8	Avugadda Phanendra Naidu	Male	Guntur
9	Chillimunta Vijaya Venkata N	Female	Visakhapatnam
10	Banavatu Saiteja	Male	East Godavari
11	Sushant Raju Kambidi	Male	Vizianagaram
12	K Harshavardhan Reddy	Male	Chittoor
