

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 290
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2022

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

290. SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has data of fellowships distributed among minority students for higher education;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the same, year-wise since 2012;
- (c) the details of the number of student beneficiaries of various minority scholarships/fellowships since 2012;
- (d) the details of Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) including funds distributed and number of beneficiaries since 2014; and
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to stop any existing scholarships/fellowships for minority students and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The Government provides fellowship for higher education through various Schemes, including the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme, which are implemented by different Ministries/Departments. All these Schemes, except MANF, are open for candidates of all communities including minorities but the data of fellowship distributed among minority students is captured only under the MANF Scheme.

(c) & (d): The number of beneficiaries covered under the 3 Scholarship Schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs namely Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post Matric Scholarship Scheme and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme since 2012-13 is given at Annexure. The MANF Scheme was implemented by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and as per the data provided by UGC 6722 candidates were selected under the Scheme between 2014-15 and 2021-22 and fellowships to the tune of ₹ 738.85 crore were distributed during the same period.

(e): Since the MANF Scheme overlaps with various other fellowship Schemes for higher education being implemented by the Government and minority students are already covered under such Schemes, hence the Government has decided to discontinue the MANF Scheme from 2022-23.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (C) AND (D) OF LOK SABHA
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FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

Year	SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED		
	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme	Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme
2012-13	6436984	755643	68096
2013-14	7794190	890467	100428
2014-15	7496593	905620	138770
2015-16	5178779	666840	133582
2016-17	4153524	624990	121937
2017-18	5311257	698069	119472
2018-19	5691854	684265	117771
2019-20	5568025	743141	118359
2020-21	5239964	663316	120371
2021-22*	5710789	720093	131810
Total	58581959	7352444	1170596

Source: National Scholarship Portal.

* Disbursement of Scholarships continues during 2022-23.