

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3796
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023

MAULANA AZAD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

3796. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented under the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) and the corresponding funds allocated therein;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there was a massive reduction in the allocation of budget to the said scheme in 2022-23;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the Government proposes to merge certain schemes under MAEF with other National Schemes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e) Ministry of Minority Affairs implements two schemes under Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) namely “Grant-in-aid to NGOs” for infrastructure development of institutions run by NGOs and Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship (BHMNS) for meritorious girls belonging to minority communities for their higher secondary level education i.e., for Class IX to XII. BHMNS has been subsumed under the Prime Minister Educational Empowerment Scheme (PMEES) of Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The Government implements various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, specially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development.

Maulana Azad Education Foundation has sufficient funds from interest earned on its corpus to meet its requirement for promoting education for the minority students in the country.
