

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3555  
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

**Beneficiaries under MANF Scheme**

3555. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWASI:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Muslim beneficiaries especially women beneficiaries under Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) scheme during the last three years, year, State and district-wise for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the extent to which stopping of the MANF scheme has a direct impact on education of minority students;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey or any study about the impact on minority students before stopping of this scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the rationale behind stopping of this scheme;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to restore the said scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development. Ministry of Minority Affairs has specifically implemented various schemes, including Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six notified minority communities.

Community-wise and district-wise breakup of beneficiaries are not captured on the fellowship portal maintained by Canara Bank, however the gender wise break up relating to the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh during the last three years is as follows:

Telangana:

Year	Number of Students availed Fellowships	Number of Female Students availed Fellowships
2019-20	49	26
2020-21	41	21
2021-22	29	15

Andhra Pradesh:

Year	Number of Students availed Fellowships	Number of Female Students availed Fellowships
2019-20	100	47
2020-21	66	27
2021-22	48	19

(b) to (f): The Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India has been implementing the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme on the lines of the JRF Scheme of UGC and CSIR. The UGC and CSIR Fellowship Schemes are open for candidates of all social categories and communities including minorities. In addition to this, students from minority communities are also covered under the Fellowship Schemes being implemented by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs for SC and OBC students and for ST students respectively. In view of the overlap among the aforesaid Schemes - it has been decided to discontinue the MANF Scheme from 2022-23 onward. The existing MANF Fellows will continue to receive Fellowships till the end of their respective tenure, subject to compliance with the extant guidelines. As of now, there is no proposal to restore the Scheme.

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