

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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**Share of Minority Communities in Higher Education**

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Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the share of minority communities in higher education during the period from year 2014 to 2022, year and community-wise;

(b) whether there is any plan to develop Madarasas into modern educational centres;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is also any plan to revive Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) scheme or introduce a new fellowship scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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.

As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), total share of minority enrolment against total enrolment, during period 2014-15 to 2020-21 is given below:

Survey Year	Total Enrolment	Total Enrolment from Minority communities
2014-15	3,42,11,637	21,83,184
2015-16	3,45,84,781	22,96,671
2016-17	3,57,05,905	25,30,747
2017-18	3,66,42,378	26,45,236
2018-19	3,73,99,388	28,27,104
2019-20	3,85,36,359	29,88,610
2020-21	4,13,80,713	27,51,579
2021-22	No data compiled for 2021-22	

(b) & (c): No Sir. There is no such plan as of now.

(d) & (e): 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 onwards. 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 revive the MANF.

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