

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 337
ANSWERED ON 05/02/2024

Revision in Fellowship Rates of MANF

337. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the delay in revising the fellowship rates of Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) for the scholars pursuing PhD programme;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government regarding the revision;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the delay in the disbursement of fellowship funds, taking an extended period of 4-7 months, which adversely impacts scholars' ability to focus on their academic activities and hinders their research progress; and

(d) if so, the details of the remedial measures taken by the Government for timely disbursement of these funds?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) has informed that the scheme guidelines of Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) provides that rate of fellowship will be at par with the rate revised by University Grants Commission (UGC). In so far as the delay in disbursement of the fellowship, MoMA has informed that they have undertaken Aadhaar Payments Bridge System (APBS) for disbursement of scholarships to streamline the system. The MANF scheme is being implemented by National Minority Development Finance Corporation which has also been directed to disburse the fellowship amount only through APBS.
