GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 987 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024

BEGUM HAZRAT MAHAL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

987. SHRI P. RAVINDHRANATH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal by the Union Government, to extend the existing "Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship" Scheme, through the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) in order to improve the enrolment of Minority Girl students in higher education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) and (b): 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 different Ministries. 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.

The "Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship" scheme has been subsumed in the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme. There is no such proposal to extend the said Scheme.
