

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2446  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2020**

**APPLICATIONS UNDER MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP SCHEME**

**2446. Shri T. N. PRATHAPAN:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that the application for Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme has not been invited this academic year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to stop this minority fellowship and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to invite the application for MANF for current academic year and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of fund allocation and distribution for MANF since 2014?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (c): As per the revised guidelines the list of candidates for award of Fellowship under the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme in 2019-20 and thereafter is to be drawn by the University Grants Commission (UGC) from the merit lists of UGC-NET and Joint CSIR-UGC-NET examinations, conducted by the National Testing Agency. The revision of the guidelines have been finalized and sent to UGC for making the selection of candidates under the MANF Scheme for 2019-20.

(d): Funds to the tune of Rs. 609.58 crore were allocated for Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme between 2014-15 to 2019-20. The expenditure during the same period was Rs. 498.28 crore. The expenditure upto 31.12.2019 only has been included for 2019-20.

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