

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.5198  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022

**MANF and NFOBC Scholarships to Students**

5198. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has offered Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority (MANF) and National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC) scholarships to candidates who pass UGC NET exam and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has noticed that many deserving students are losing the scholarships due to the re-inclusion of JRF candidates in the list of MANF and NFOBC Scholarships; and

(c) if so, details of action taken to rectify this issue?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) is implementing the schemes of the Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority (MANF) and National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC) entrusted by the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) and Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) respectively. The UGC has informed that the result of UGC-NET-Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) is prepared in order of merit as far as performance in UGC-NET is concerned. Thereafter, those candidates who had applied for JRF in the UGC-NET but could not qualify for it, having qualified for 'Eligibility for Assistant Professor Only', are considered for preparing the result of MANF/ NFOBC depending upon whether they had applied as Minority / OBC candidates. Accordingly, the results of MANF and NFOBC too are prepared on the basis of performance in NET and as per the Guidelines of the respective schemes prescribed by the respective Ministries.

(b) & (c): UGC has informed that the candidate may get selected in both the schemes on his / her merit as per the guidelines of the respective scheme. However, the candidate can avail only one fellowship in accordance with availability of M.Phil. / Ph.D. seats under each category in the university where the subject of the candidate is being offered.

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