

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 484
ANSWERED ON 23/07/2025

NON-DISBURSAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO MANF SCHOLARS

484. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:
SHRI MOHIBBULLAH:
SHRI S VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that hundreds of scholars under the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) have not received their scholarship disbursements for the past several months;
- (b) if so, the present status of the disbursal of the said scholarship along with the reasons for the delay in the release of fellowship funds despite the fact that the scholars are fulfilling all academic and procedural requirements;
- (c) whether the delay is linked to any pending approval from the Ministry of Finance or other authorities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure immediate release of pending scholarships and prevent such delays in the future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (d) : Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) scheme has been discontinued from 2022-23 onward in view of the overlap among the other fellowship schemes. However, the existing MANF fellows will continue to receive the fellowships till the end of their respective tenure. Committed liabilities under MANF were not paid from January onwards pending approval.

Recently, necessary approval has been obtained on the release of funds to those students who have been on-boarded under the MANF in terms of the scheme guidelines/ DBT Mission guidelines. Following this, Ministry has released funds to nodal agency for disbursement of fellowship.
