

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.652
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2016**

DISBURSAL OF FELLOWSHIP

652. : SHRI B.V. NAIK

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is deliberate delay in the disbursement of fellowship to minority community students by Government's funding agency like UGC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the minimum time period UGC undertakes for the verification of documents under Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority (MANFM);
- (d) whether fellowship disbursement complaint redressal mechanism is dysfunctional in UGC;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with total number of complaints received from minority students under MANFM during the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the details of MANFM awarded during the above period and the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely disbursement of fellowship to minority community students?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): University Grants Commission (UGC), which implements the fellowship scheme has already initiated steps for disbursing fellowship to minority community candidates directly since 2011 for pursuing M.Phil./Ph.D. research on full time/regular basis in Universities/Institutions/Colleges in India through e-payment by Canara Bank based on agreement made between UGC and Canara Bank under the scheme of Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students. Besides this, the UGC has also implemented the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme through CPMS/PFMS towards disbursement of fellowship to selected candidates since 2013 so that the fellowship is credited to the beneficiaries account expeditiously.
- (d) and (e): No Madam. As per information provided by UGC while there are no specific complaints pertaining to delay in the disbursement of fellowship to minority community students during the last three years and the current

year, there may be delays in payments due to the following reasons:-

1. Delay in submission of claim by the university.
2. Late joining by candidates.
3. Delay in submission of documents to the bank branches.
4. Delay in upload of documents.
5. Technical problem in Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

(f): The details of MANFM awarded during the last three years and current year is as under:-

Financial Selection Year	Total No. of selected candidates during financial/selection year						
	Buddhist	Christian	Jain	Muslim	Parsi	Sikh	Total
2013-14	41	105	0	526	2	82	756
2014-15	34	109	20	517	1	75	756
2015-16*	36	105	20	522	0	73	756
2016-17*	32	93	20	543	0	68	756
* Selection made for 2015-16 and 2016-17 simultaneously							
Selection for the year 2017-18 yet to be made during 2016-17.							
