

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 948
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024

BENEFICIARIES UNDER MANF

948. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the delay in the disbursement of fellowships to the beneficiaries under Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) scheme;
- (b) the details of fund allocated to MANF and distributed to the nodal agency during the last three years;
- (c) the time by which MANF would see similar hike in fellowships like UGC JRF, NFOBC, NFSC and NFST;
- (d) the reasons for not implementing a hike in MANF;
- (e) whether the Government realizes that the absence of hike in MANF is an injustice to the beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to bring a hike in the MANF and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which a notification would be issued in this regard; and
- (g) the time by which the upcoming disbursement of MANF to the beneficiaries would take place?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (g): 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 Scheme of Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) has been discontinued with effect from 2022-23. The existing MANF Fellows will continue to receive Fellowships

till the end of their respective tenure, subject to compliance with the extant guidelines. The scheme guideline provides that rate of fellowship will be at par with the rate revised by UGC. Accordingly, the Ministry has revised the rate of fellowship under MANF Scheme. The MANF scheme is being implemented by National Minority Development Finance Corporation, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, has been directed to disburse the fellowship amount only through Aadhaar Payment Bridge System. The details of fund allocated during the last three years and disbursed under MANF Scheme is as under:

(Amount in crore)

2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Fund allocated	Actual disbursement	Fund allocated	Actual disbursement	Fund allocated	Actual disbursement
100.00	73.50	99.00	74.00	99.00	98.85
