

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1053  
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MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR MINORITY STUDENTS  
Pal Shri Jagdambika

**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the mandate of Maulana Azad National Fellowship for the minority students;
- (b) the number of such fellowships awarded to non-muslim minorities during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether there has been a gross imbalance in distributing the fellowships among non-muslim minorities;
- (d) if so, the number-wise and amount-wise details for the said period;
- (e) the reasons for such imbalance in distribution; and
- (f) the steps being taken to ensure equitable distribution of Maulana Azad National Fellowships among all minority communities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

- (a) : The mandate of the Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme is to provide integrated five year fellowships in the form of financial assistance to students from minority communities, as notified by the Central Government, to pursue higher studies such as M. Phil/Ph.D etc..
- (b) : The State-wise detail of fellowships awarded to non-muslim minorities during the last three years is annexed. The fellowship for the current year is yet to be awarded. Detailed information is also available on the website of this Ministry at [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).
- (c) : No, Madam,
- (d) : Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) : Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.
- (f) : Distribution of fellowships under Maulana Azad National Fellowship amongst the notified minority communities is strictly on the basis of their population ratio in the respective States and Union Territories as per 2001 Census figures.