

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the implementation of Maulana Azad National Scholarship for students belonging to minorities in various States including Parliamentary constituency Amroha Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the University Grants Commission is sending quarterly report regularly with regard to performance of the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details of the quarterly reports received by the Government during the above period; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to improve the scheme for extending the benefit of the scheme to more persons?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) & (b): The assessment of implementation of Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) for students belonging to minority communities was carried out by Central University Hyderabad, an independent agency during 2013-14 through interviews and surveys of the beneficiaries. The assessment indicates that:- i) There is a continuing need for the fellowship. ii) The fellowship provides the required financial support to the doctoral students. iii) This fellowship is fully in line with University Grants Commission's mandate to promote research; and iv) the results of this fellowship contribute to the overall objective of highly qualified personnel (HQP) supply and research excellence.

(c) & (d): University Grants Commission provides performance report of Maulana Azad National Fellowship as & when asked for. Reports regarding Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) transactions are being submitted to the Ministry fortnightly.

(e): Publicity of the Scheme is being given through multimedia campaign to create awareness among target groups. Physical target under the scheme is 756 (fixed) fresh fellowships every year.