

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP UNDER MAEF
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the scholarships provided to the students belonging to the minority communities under the Maulana Azad Education Foundation during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such scholarships and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the comparative details of funds sanctioned and scholarships actually given during the above period in various States including Rajasthan?

Answer

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

(a) The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) provides scholarships for meritorious girl students belonging to minority communities since 2003-04. Under this scheme, scholarships are provided @ Rs.12,000/- each (which is released in two equal instalments of Rs.6,000/-) for pursuing classes 11th & 12th. To be eligible, students should have passed class 10th with more than 55% marks and parents' annual income less than rupees one lakh. Scholarships sanctioned during the last three years are as under:

Year No. of Amount
beneficiaries (Rs. in lakh)

2012-13	25156	3018.72
2013-14	35159	4219.08
2014-15	45426	5451.12

(b) The number of scholarships awarded has gradually increased over the period from 1200 scholarships in 2003-04 to 45000 scholarships in 2014-15. For the current year (i.e. 2015-16), the number of scholarships proposed to be awarded is 50,000.

(c) The first instalment of the scholarship is released to all beneficiaries immediately after sanction and the second instalment is released after passing of class 11th and taking admission to class 12th. The comparative details of scholarships sanctioned and released in various States including Rajasthan during the last three years is annexed.