

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5823  
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INCREASE IN GRANT SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase grants and fellowships for students belonging to the minority communities who have qualified for fellowships;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding non-availability or delaying the fellowship to the universities concerned;
- (d) if so, the State-wise details of universities where delays have been reported; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to spread awareness about this fellowship to the students belonging to the minority communities?

**Answer**

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

- (a): There is no proposal to increase grants and fellowships for students belonging to the minority communities.
- (b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c): The fellowship amount is released directly to beneficiaries bank account and not to Universities.
- (d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e): University Grants Commission (UGC), the implementing agency for the fellowship scheme gives wide publicity to the scheme by inserting suitable advertisement in the Press and other media. Apart from this, the Commission also publishes the advertisement on its website i.e. [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in) . Every year a much larger number of applications are received against the fixed slots of 756 fresh fellowships. The annual target under this scheme is fully being achieved.