

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any fellowship programme exists for the minority students;
- (b) if so, the budgetary allocation made for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the number of beneficiaries under each scheme, State-wise and programme wise?

**Answer**

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

(a)to (b): Yes, Madam. This Ministry implements Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANP) scheme to provide fellowship to students from notified minority communities to pursue higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D. The Fellowship covers all Universities/Institutions recognized by the University Grant Commission (UGC).The Fellowship is on the pattern of UGC Fellowship awarded to research students pursuing regular and full time M.Phil and Ph.D. courses. 30% of the fellowships are earmarked for eligible girl students. To be eligible, the annual income of the family from all sources should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh. The budget allocation made for the purpose during the last three years and the current year is given as under (in crore)

Name of Scheme	BE 2011-12	BE 2012-13	BE 2013-14	BE 2014-15
Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme	52.00	70.00	90.00	50.00

(c):The number of beneficiaries under MANF scheme, State-wise and year-wise is annexed.