

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1119

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GRANT SCHOLARSHIP TO MERITORIOUS STUDENTS OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken a decision to reduce the grant/scholarship to the meritorious students belonging to minority communities for pursuing higher education;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to distribute the fellowship from this academic year itself; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA)

(a): There is no decision to reduce the grant/ scholarship under the following scholarship/ fellowship schemes implemented by this Ministry for the educational empowerment of the students belonging to minority communities for pursuing higher education:

- (i) Post-matric Scholarship.
- (ii) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship.
- (iii) Maulana Azad National Fellowship; and
- (iv) Maulana Azad National Scholarship Scheme for Meritorious girl students.

(b): The Maulana Azad National Fellowship is already being implemented since 2009-10.

(c): Does not arise in view of (b) above.