

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2923**  
ANSWERED ON 06/08/2025

**STIPENDS UNDER MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**

2923. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of scholars who currently receive stipends under the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) to conduct research in Universities across the country;
- (b) the details and the date on which the Government had last transferred funds to the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMFDC) for MANF and the quantum of such funds;
- (c) whether the Government has taken cognisance of reports of scholars not having received dues under the fellowship since December 2024 and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) if so, whether the Government plans to take any action to address the issue; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) As on 30.07.2025, a total of 868 scholars have recently received fellowship under the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme.

(b) to (e) An amount of Rs. 24 crore has been released vide sanction order dated 14.07.2025 and fellowship amount has been released by NMFDC to all the eligible existing MANF Fellows endorsed by their respective universities up to June, 2025.

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