

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Scholarship/Fellowship Programme
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than half of the general budget of the Ministry has been spent on scholarship and fellowship programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched a health scheme for minorities; and
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof and the benefits likely to accrue therefrom?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : This Ministry implements Scholarship/Fellowship schemes namely Pre-matric scholarship; Post-Matric Scholarship; Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship; and Maulana Azad National Fellowship. 85,41,739 scholarships/fellowships have been awarded under these schemes during the year 2014-15. Against the Plan budget of Rs.3711.00 crore for 2014-15 for the Ministry, Rs.2011.94 crore has been spent on the scholarship/fellowship schemes, which is more than half.

(c) & (d) : Ministry has launched Maulana Azad Sehat Scheme in March, 2014. The main objective of the Scheme was to provide preventive health check-up to students of the institutions financially aided by Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF). This scheme has been merged with 'Nai Manzil' programme which is an integrated education and livelihood initiative of the Ministry taken during 2015-16. Now, the Sehat Scheme forms a part of the educational component of 'Nai Manzil' programme.
