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To,

The Vice Chancellor  
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Sub: Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students- Scholarships for topics on linguistic minorities.

Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has launched the MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP SCHEME for students belonging to minority communities. The detail of the Scheme is available on the UGC web site: [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in) and Ministry of Minority Affairs' website: [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in). The scheme provides for integrated five year fellowship in the form of financial assistance to students belonging to the minority communities as notified by the Central Government to pursue research studies leading to regular and fulltime M.Phil and Ph.D courses or equivalent research degrees in universities / institutions within India recognized by the UGC. The nodal agency for implementation of this Scheme is University Grants Commission (UGC).

It is pertinent to mention herein that para 5 (iii) of the Scheme on Distribution of Fellowships stipulates as under:

*Other factors remaining the same, preference will be given to the candidates who deal with research themes/ topics in areas pertaining to linguistic minorities, dialects / languages of linguistic minorities, protection of languages facing extinction as brought out by UNESCO, and promotion of scripts for script-less languages of linguistic minorities.*

The above mentioned stipulation is applicable Arts & Humanities for spurring research activities in minor languages so that they could be properly protected and developed and also scripts for script-less languages could be evolved and developed.

It may please be appreciated that linguistic minorities play a major role in National Integration and your esteemed university would be discharging its due role by according preference to students opting for research on linguistic themes.

It is, therefore, requested that the MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP may be widely circulated amongst the students through suitable print and electronic media policies, so as to encourage research on topics pertaining to linguistic minorities. This would foster National Unity and Integration.

I trust that affirmative action will be taken in the matter under your able guidance and leadership.

Yours faithfully,

(Upendra Tripathy)

Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities (I/C)

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