

## **MAULANA AZAD EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

### **Introduction**

Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India established to promote education amongst the educationally backward minorities. The MAEF was established in July, 1989 as a registered Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and it is fully funded by the Govt. of India. Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs is ex-officio President of the Foundation and the Joint Secretary, MoMA (in-charge of MAEF) is also ex-officio member of MAEF. The General Body of MAEF consists of 15 members out of which six members are ex-officio and nine members are nominated by the President, MAEF. The management of MAEF rests with its Governing Body.

### **Resources**

The Grants-in-Aid Scheme of MAEF is a Plan scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India. The Foundation has so far received total Corpus Fund of Rs.1362.00 crore from the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India meaning thereby that the principal amount will remain intact and the interest accrued from the investment of the corpus fund shall be utilized by the Foundation for implementation of its educational schemes. Out of Rs.1362.00 crore, an amount of Rs.113 crore has been received during the year 2017-18. With the investment of existing Corpus Fund in fixed deposit with banks, the MAEF earns interest income of Rs.100 crore approximately every year.

### **Schemes of MAEF**

MAEF is implementing the following schemes:

1. Grants-in-aid to NGOs for infrastructure development of educational institutions
2. Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for meritorious girls belonging to minorities
3. Bridge Course under pilot project of Nai Manzil
4. Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for minorities
5. Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative

The schemes mentioned at sl.no. 4 & 5 above are launched during the year 2017-18.

1. **Grants-in-aid to NGOs:** Under this scheme, MAEF provides financial assistance to NGOs for the following purposes:
- construction/expansion of school buildings,
  - construction of hostel buildings,
  - expansion of B.Ed/D.Ed. Colleges,
  - construction of Technical Institutions/VTC,
  - purchase of lab equipment, furniture etc.

This scheme has helped small institutions to expand its infrastructure resulting in overall improvement in educational activities amongst the target group. It is a unique scheme which is implemented directly by MAEF without any intervention of State Governments or any outside agency. Now from the current year, this scheme has been made online which will help in early processing of proposal and better monitoring of the same. There is a budget provision of Rs.30 crore for Grants-in-aid scheme for 2018-19.

The MAEF has sanctioned Grant-in-Aid amounting to Rs. 209.14 crore to 1601 NGOs since 1989-90 to 2017-18. The year-wise summary of Grants-in-aid sanctioned is given below:

<b>Year-Wise Summary of Grant-in-Aid Sanctioned Upto 31-03-2018 (since Inception from 1989-90 to 2017-18)</b>			
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of NGOs</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Crore)</b>
1	1989-90	1	0.01
2	1990-91	0	0.00
3	1991-92	0	0.00
4	1992-93	20	0.06
5	1993-94	0	0.00
6	1994-95	1	0.10
7	1995-96	21	3.43
8	1996-97	25	4.89
9	1997-98	54	6.63
10	1998-99	95	12.31
11	1999-00	78	12.74
12	2000-01	60	9.68
13	2001-02	69	9.35
14	2002-03	50	5.49
15	2003-04	46	3.82
16	2004-05	102	12.03
17	2005-06	44	5.34
18	2006-07	52	7.56

19	2007-08	51	6.60
20	2008-09	124	17.29
21	2009-10	105	13.37
22	2010-11	0	0.00
23	2011-12	169	22.58
24	2012-13	136	17.67
25	2013-14	120	15.00
26	2014-15	48	5.40
27	2015-16	77	8.41
28	2016-17	40	6.92
29	2017-18	13	2.49
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1601</b>	<b>209.14</b>

2. **Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship:** MAEF had started this scholarship scheme in 2003-04. This was the first scholarship scheme at national level for meritorious girls belonging to minorities for their higher secondary level education i.e., for class 11th & 12th. This scholarship scheme has not only encouraged the minorities' girls for continuing their education but has also resulted in overall improvement in their literacy rate. From the year 2017-18, MAEF decided to extend the scholarship to minorities girls studying in classes 9th and 10th and to girls who have passed same level of exam for recognized Madarsa also. The applications are submitted online. There is a budget provision of Rs.85 crore for scholarship scheme this year 2018-19.

The MAEF has sanctioned Scholarships amounting to Rs. 392.76 crore to 3,89,838 applicants since 2003-04 to 2017-18. The year-wise summary of scholarships sanctioned is given below:

<b>Summary of Year-wise/Amount-wise Sanction of Scholarship (since Inception from 2003-04 to 2017-18)</b>			
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Girls</b>	<b>Amount (Rs. in Crore)</b>
1	2003-2004	634	0.63
2	2004-2005	2781	2.78
3	2005-2006	3571	3.57
4	2006-2007	3846	3.85
5	2007-2008	4011	4.81
6	2008-2009	12064	14.48
7	2009-2010	15070	18.08

8	2010-2011	17326	20.79
9	2011-2012	17700	21.24
10	2012-2013	25156	30.19
11	2013-2014	35159	42.19
12	2014-2015	45426	54.51
13	2015-2016	48000	57.60
14	2016-2017	45000	54.00
15	2017-2018	114094	64.03
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,89,838</b>	<b>392.76</b>

3. **Bridge Course under pilot project of Nai Manzil:** The MAEF is providing financial assistance to Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh for running Bridge course for Madarsa students as well as school drop outs under pilot project of Nai Manzil. Bridge course is being provided to madarsa students / dropouts for helping them to continue mainstream education. After completion of bridge course, these students become eligible for admission in various regular courses of universities at graduate level. There is total outlay is Rs.4.40 crore for this purpose for the year 2018-19.

4. **Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for minorities:** The MAEF has launched the new scheme titled Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training from the current year 2017-18 so that short term job oriented skill development courses may be provided to minorities' youth in order to enable them for skill based employment. The said scheme was approved by the General Body of MAEF. This scheme will be implemented as per common norms of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSD&E) through the empanelled Program Implementation Agencies (PIAs).

The MAEF has allocated target of 1,06,600 beneficiaries to 108 PIAs from 31 States. Out of these 108 PIAs, the MAEF has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 82 PIAs covering 77,200 beneficiaries during the year 2017-18. The first installments are being released and training centres have started functioning after physical inspection by MAEF. The training programmes are monitored through empanelled IAs of MAEF and through a Program Monitoring Unit (PMU) set up in MAEF.

5. **Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative:** The scheme of Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative has been approved by the General Body of MAEF. Under this scheme schools/recognized/ registered and reputed madarsas would be provided with separate toilet facilities for boys and girls in view of Swachh Bharat Mission. The MAEF has constructed a block of 100 toilets for ladies at Kyad, Ajmer (Rajasthan).

#### 20.4 Other Activities of MAEF:

- **Establishment of Schools/Community Colleges/ National Institutes:** The MAEF had constituted a high level committee for looking into the establishment of educational institutions for minorities. The said committee has submitted its report in July,2017 which was adopted by the General Body of MAEF. In its report, the committee has recommended a pyramid structure of educational institutions for minorities to be established by MAEF having 211 Central Schools at the bottom, 25 Community Colleges at the middle and 5 National Institutes at the top. For establishment of the proposed educational institutions, the land would be provided by the concerned State Government, Construction would be done by the Ministry of Minority Affairs(MoMA) under MSDP and recurring / running expenditure would be borne by MAEF. The MAEF is working on the modalities of these institutions in consultation with the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The MAEF already requested MoMA to ask the concerned State Governments to allocate land for this purpose.
- **Implementation of Seekho aur Kamao scheme of Ministry:** The Ministry of Minority Affairs has released an amount of Rs. 129 crore to MAEF for releasing funds under Seekho aur Kamao scheme of MoMA being implemented by the Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS). In addition to this, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has allocated a target of 1500 beneficiaries to MAEF under Seekho aur Kamao scheme.
- **Empanelment of Inspecting Authorities:** The MAEF has prepared a list of 291 Inspecting Authorities (IAs) from various States/UTs. Most of the IAs are retired / serving Government servants who are very much helpful in conducting physical inspection under various schemes of MAEF. The services of these IAs are also being utilized by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for carrying out inspection of its projects. Further applications have been invited online for empanelment of more IAs.
- **Workshop of Inspecting Authorities (IAs):** The MAEF has organized two workshops during the year 2017-18 (first on 10.07.2017 and second one on 13.01.2018) at New Delhi for equipping the IAs with complete knowledge of the schemes of MAEF and helping them to understand their role and responsibilities in this regard.