

**Overhauling of MAEF**

1118. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is in the process of overhauling Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) has been entrusted with the work and asked to submit a Report;

(c) whether TISS has submitted the Report; and

(d) if so, what roadmap it has given to overhaul MAEF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Report gives following major recommendations for revamping the MAEF:

(i) Building institutional capacity which include Pedagogy, Innovations in learning systems, Educational Technology and facilities.

(ii) Scholarships for girl students and competitive examinations.

(iii) Educators' capacity building.

(iv) Promote research related to education and act as Think Tank.

(v) Spreading awareness about education and promoting skill development for enhancing employability of youth.

(vi) Develop Management Information System and Knowledge Management Team. In addition the report also recommends the manpower and asset management of MAEF.

**Student scholarship schemes for minorities**

1119. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to ensure that the benefits of minority welfare schemes, especially scholarship schemes actually reaches the minority communities;

(b) the total number of students who have received benefits of scholarship schemes of the Central Government during the last three years and the State-wise break-up thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning to make any scholarship schemes available to minority communities for vocational training programmes and skill development?