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7th October, 2013

Dear Smt. Priya Dutt ji,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 25th September, 2013, regarding increase in the quota of seats to Maharashtra under the Maulana Azad National Scholarship Scheme for meritorious girl students in Mumbai.

I am having the matter looked into.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(K. Rahman Khan)

Smt. Priya Dutt,
Hon'ble Member of Parliament,
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Priya Dutt

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Shri. K. Rahman Khan,
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25th September, 2013

Sub: *Maulana Azad National Scholarship for Girls Scheme*
(M.A.E.F.)

Dear Sir,

Education, Girl Child Empowerment and Equal Opportunities for All have all been concerns close to my heart. I have thus always been very happy to support the '*Maulana Azad National Scholarship for Girls*' scheme by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for the past several years. The initiative of supporting meritorious girl students who cannot continue their education without financial support, is a wonderful one.

Sir, Mumbai being a cosmopolitan city with a melting pot of cultures we receive thousands of applications every year for this scheme. Each year we have to turn away several hundred students because of the limited quota of applications (2300 applications) that are permitted to our state. If the quota of seats can be increased, several more lives will be brightened.

Sir, I have been supporting this initiative of the Ministry for the past seven years and have noticed that the need for financial assistance is still felt after the child has completed her junior college. I believe, if the scheme can be extended to support the girl child through her senior education as well, the potential of each girl child will change tremendously. I have always believed when you educate a woman, you educate a family.

I sincerely hope my request is given due consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Priya Dutt)