

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-78
ANSWERED ON 07/12/2022

**SCHEMES FOR EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF
MINORITIES**

78. DR FAUZIA KHAN :

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- a. whether Government is implementing any scheme for improving the socio-economic conditions of minority women including the development of their skills and leadership in the country especially in Maharashtra;
- b. if so, the details thereof and the success achieved as a result thereof in meeting the requisite target;
- c. the financial assistance provided by Government for the purpose; and
- d. the steps taken/ being taken by Government for effective implementation of various schemes for improving the condition of minority women in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, specially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Women and Child Development etc.

The details of schemes specifically implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for improving the socio-economic conditions of minority women including the development of their skills and leadership in the country are as follows:

- i. **Nai Roshni**, a scheme for leadership development of Minority women, aiming to empower them by providing knowledge, necessary skills and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks and other institutions.
- ii. **Nai Manzil**, an integrated education and skilling scheme in partnership with the World Bank, with 30% target allocation for women beneficiaries. It is aimed at minority youth,

not having a formal school leaving certificate, i.e. school dropouts or educated in community education institutions like Madarsas, in order to provide them formal education and skills, thereby enabling them to seek better employment and livelihoods.

- iii. **Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)**, a scheme implemented for skill development of minorities, with 33% target allocation for women beneficiaries. It is aimed at upgrading skills of minority youth in various NSQF compliant skills.
- iv. **USTTAD**, a scheme with 33% target allocation for women beneficiaries. It seeks to preserve heritage of traditional arts and crafts of minority communities and build capacity of traditional crafts persons and artisans and establish linkages of traditional skills with the global market.

The schemes wise details of funds released and targets achieved are mentioned at Annexure attached. State wise details are available on the website of the Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

(d) For creating better synergy, the schemes mentioned above have now been combined into a single scheme known as PM VIKAS w.e.f. FY 2022-23, aiming to improve livelihoods of minorities, particularly the artisan communities, through skill development, education, leadership, training support, entrepreneurship interventions, supporting their business by facilitating credit and market linkages and providing new opportunities to brand and sell their produce.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 78 FOR ANSWER ON 07.12.2022 REGARDING “SCHEMES FOR EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF MINORITIES”

Detail of financial assistance provided under Nai Roshni ,Nai Manzil, Seekho aur Kamao and USTTAD since inception is as under :

Scheme	Beneficiaries			Actual Expenditure (AE) Rs. In Crores
	Total beneficiaries	Female	Maharashtra State	
Nai Roshni	435125	100%	7475	110.74
Nai Manzil	98712	55%	2604	455.16
Seekho Aur Kamao	468688	57%	16034	1469.66
USTTAD	21611	89%	621	288.68
Total	10,24,136		26,734	2324.24