

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
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**SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN BELONGING TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES**

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Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the implementation of the Schemes for skill development of minority women in the country since 2019, year-wise;
- (b) details of the funds allocated and utilized towards such schemes since 2019, year-wise; and
- (c) the number of SC/ST, OBC, Christian and Muslim women who benefitted from these schemes since 2019, year-wise and demographic-wise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) The Government of India implements various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of all strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) specifically implements various skill development schemes namely 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'USTTAD' and 'Nai Manzil' for the six notified minority communities in which minimum 30% seats were earmarked for females. Besides, a scheme namely 'Nai Roshni' was also implemented for leadership development of minority women that aimed at empowering women through leadership training on various relevant topics.

(b) The details of funds allocated and utilized under these schemes since 2019-20 to 2022-23 (as on 17.3.2023) is given below:

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| <b>Funds allocated (RE)</b>    | Rs. 1,251.50 crore |
| <b>Actual Expenditure (AE)</b> | Rs.1,028.81 crore  |

(c) About 98,240 women belonging to six notified minorities were trained under the above-mentioned schemes during 2019-20 to 2021-22. SC/ST/OBC wise data of beneficiaries is not maintained under the said schemes.

All the above mentioned schemes have now been converged into an integrated scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) w.e.f. F.Y. 2022-23, aiming to improve livelihoods of minorities, particularly artisan communities, through skill development, education and leadership training, to support their entrepreneurship interventions.

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