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RAJYA SABHA
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NAI ROSHNI SCHEME

3737. Dr. PRASHANTA NANDA:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) allocations made for upliftment of minority women under the Nai Roshni Scheme for year 2021-22, State-wise;
- (b) funds actually realised and expended under the scheme, for the year 2022-23;
- (c) whether any physical achievements have been made under the scheme in the State of Odisha; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented 'Nai Roshni' scheme for the leadership development of minority women that aimed at empowering women by facilitating leadership training for them on various topics. The main objective of the scheme was to empower and instil confidence among minority women, including their neighbours from other communities living in the same village/locality, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks and other institutions at all levels. The scheme was implemented through empanelled Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs).

Nai Roshni scheme has now been merged as a component of Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme 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.

During 2022-23, out of funds of Rs. 2.00 crore (RE) an amount of Rs. 0.62 crore has been expended under the scheme.

(c) & (d) Since inception, around 6,400 women beneficiaries were covered under the scheme in the state of Odisha.
