

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

Training to candidates under Seekho Aur Kamao scheme

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the candidates trained under the Seekho aur Kamao Scheme, State-wise;
- (b) the schemes currently being run for the training of the minority community, the total amount spent thereon during the last three years and the number of people trained so far; and
- (c) whether full payment has been released to all the training agencies under the Seekho aur Kamao scheme, if not, proposed time for the same?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 40 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SMT. SUMITRA BALMIK REGARDING 'TRAINING TO CANDIDATES UNDER SEEKHO AUR KAMAO SCHEME'

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) implemented various skill development schemes namely 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'USTTAD' and 'Nai Manzil' for six notified minority communities. A brief of these schemes and the total amount spent thereon during the last three years and the number of people trained so far is given as follows:

i) Seekho Aur Kamao (SAK) scheme was under implementation from 2013-14 to 2020-21 with an aim to upgrade the skills of minority youth (14-45 years) in various modern/ traditional skills depending upon their qualification, prevailing economic trends, and market potential, that could earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to take up self-employment. Since inception of the scheme, 4,68,170 beneficiaries have been trained till date. The State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries trained under the Seekho aur Kamao scheme is placed at Annex. During 2020-21 to 2022-23, approx. Rs.523.79 crore has been spent under this scheme.

ii) Nai Manzil scheme was under implementation from 2014-15 to 2020-21 with an objective to benefit the minority youth who do not have formal school leaving certificate. The scheme provided a combination of formal education (Class VIII or X) and skills and enabled the beneficiaries to seek better employment and livelihoods. Since inception of the scheme, 98,712 beneficiaries have been trained till date. During 2020-21 to 2022-23, approx. Rs.116.32 crore has been spent under this scheme.

iii) USTTAD scheme was under implementation from 2014-15 to 2018-19 and targeted to capacity building and upgrading of the traditional skills of master craftsmen/ artisans. Since inception of the scheme, 21,611 beneficiaries have been trained till date. During 2020-21 to 2022-23, approx. Rs.144.03 crore has been spent under this scheme.

(c) These schemes were implemented by Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) empanelled by the Ministry. The fund release to PIAs is done on instalment-basis after submission and verification of requisite supporting documents as per the scheme guidelines and as prescribed by the Ministry. No time-frame for full payment could be indicated as the Scheme is now being implemented in reimbursement mode. Further, the fund release process is currently ongoing and is being undertaken based on the submission of requisite documents by the PIAs.

Annex referred in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 40 to be answered on 06.12.2023 regarding 'Training to candidates under Seekho Aur Kamao scheme'

State-Wise number of beneficiaries under Seekho aur Kamao Scheme from 2013-14 to 2020-21	
State/UT	Total Trained
Andhra Pradesh	15958
Arunachal Pradesh	1164
Assam	20243
Bihar	38681
Chandigarh	226
Chattisgarh	3338
Delhi	10920
Goa	480
Gujarat	12701
Haryana	13926
Himachal Pradesh	3301
Jammu and Kashmir	42372
Jharkhand	15996
Karnataka	9478
Kerala	3348
Ladakh	3
Madhya Pradesh	45980
Maharashtra	15980
Manipur	3848
Meghalaya	2477
Mizoram	1290
Nagaland	1348
Orissa	2734
Puducherry	104
Punjab	31230
Rajasthan	15899
Sikkim	1449
Tamil Nadu	3977
Telangana	16935
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	2
Tripura	2430
Uttar Pradesh	92223
Uttarakhand	5652
West Bengal	32477
Total	4,68,170