

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 756**  
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025  
**PM-VIKAS SCHEME**

756. SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:

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

- (a) the total number of skill development and entrepreneurship initiatives launched under PM VIKAS for minority communities and the extent to which these initiatives have been successful in improving employment outcomes, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether Government has identified any gaps or challenges in the implementation of PM VIKAS, particularly in terms of reaching the target population in rural and remote areas;
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to address these challenges; and
- (d) data on the number of minority beneficiaries who have successfully completed training under PM VIKAS and have started their own businesses or gained employment as a result, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (d): The Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) is a flagship Scheme of the Ministry which converges five erstwhile schemes viz. 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', 'Nai Roshni', 'Hamari Dharohar' and 'USTTAD'; and focuses on upliftment of six notified minority communities through skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership of minority women; and education support for school dropouts.

Additionally, the scheme provision to facilitate credit linkages by connecting beneficiaries with loan programs offered by the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC). Beneficiaries would also be supported for market linkages through EPCH (Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts) to enhance their livelihood. The PM VIKAS scheme is yet to be implemented.

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