

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2507**  
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

**THIRD PARTY ASSESSMENT OF PMVIKAS SCHEME**

2507. SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status and outcomes of the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman (PM VIKAS) scheme for minority artisans and craftspeople; and
- (b) whether third-party evaluations have been conducted and the key findings thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) The Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS), which is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry converging five erstwhile schemes viz. 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', 'Nai Roshni', 'USTTAD' and 'Hamari Dharohar' schemes and focusing on socio-economic empowerment of six notified minority communities through the following:

- i. Skilling and Training (Non-traditional and traditional)
- ii. Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- iii. Education (through National Institute of Open Schooling)
- iv. Infrastructure Development (through Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram)

The scheme also provisions to facilitate credit linkages by connecting beneficiaries with loan programs offered by the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC). Under the scheme, the Ministry has recently allocated projects to Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee, State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM), Tripura and Indian Institute of Information Technology with a target to train approx. 40,000 candidates.

However, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) implements the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Scheme which provides end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople who work with their hands and tools. The Scheme comprises six components, viz, PM Vishwakarma Certificate and ID Card, Skill Upgradation, Toolkit Incentive, Credit Support, Incentive for Digital Transactions, and Marketing Support.

(b) Under the PM VIKAS Scheme of Ministry of Minority Affairs, targets have recently been allocated to Implementing Agencies (IAs) and hence no third party evaluation has been conducted till now.

\*\*\*\*\*