

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2517**  
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

**MAIN OBJECTIVES OF NAI MANZIL SCHEME**

2517. SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:  
SHRI MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK:  
SHRI MADAN RATHORE:  
SHRI SUBHASH BARALA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of Nai Manzil Scheme;
- (b) the major components included under this scheme;
- (c) the eligibility criteria for beneficiaries under this scheme;
- (d) whether there is any reservation provision for women beneficiaries under the scheme;
- and
- (e) the number of candidates benefited from this scheme so far?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a), (b) and (e): Nai Manzil scheme was under implementation from 2015 till 2021 with an objective to benefit the minority youth who do not have a 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 the inception of the scheme, 98,712 beneficiaries had been trained under the Nai Manzil scheme. The scheme has now been converged under an integrated umbrella scheme called Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS).

(c): As per the scheme guidelines, following was the eligibility criteria for beneficiaries:

- i. The trainee should belong to Minority community as notified under National Commission for Minorities Act 1992 (viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis).
- ii. In the States/UTs where some other minority communities notified by respective State/UT Governments exist, they may also be considered eligible for the programme but they will not occupy more than 5% of the total seats.
- iii. The trainee should be between 17-35 years of age.
- iv. Certain particular pockets of concentration of minority population within a non-minority district or city will also be eligible for consideration.
- v. The trainees should belong to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) population both from urban and rural areas.

(d): As per the scheme guidelines, 30% seats were earmarked for girl/ women candidates.

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