

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.931**  
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025

**MINORITY WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH NAI ROSHNI SCHEME**

931. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's Nai Roshni Scheme (NRS) has played a significant role in empowering minority women across the country through leadership training and social awareness programmes;
- (b) the total number of women trained under this scheme nationwide since its inception, and the share of beneficiaries belonging to Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the number of districts in Uttar Pradesh currently covered under this scheme and whether there are any plans to expand the programme to uncovered or aspirational districts; and
- (d) the extent of convergence of the NRS with other schemes of women's empowerment, digital literacy, and livelihood generation in the State?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) and (b): Nai Roshni scheme aimed to empower and enhance confidence among minority women by generating awareness about women rights and interventions for Leadership Development. The training modules covered areas related to programmes for women such as Health and Hygiene, Legal Rights of Women, Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Swachh Bharat, Life Skills, and Advocacy for Social and Behavioural changes. Under Nai Roshni scheme, which was launched in 2012-13, about 4.35 lakh minority women were trained from all over India including 2.37 lakh from Uttar Pradesh.

(c) District wise data is not maintained in respect of Nai Roshni scheme.

(d) The Nai Roshni scheme has been subsumed under a new integrated scheme called Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM-VIKAS), which focuses on socio economic empowerment of minorities through skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership of minority women; and education support for school dropouts. The Leadership and Entrepreneurship component of the PM-VIKAS scheme focuses on imparting skill training to minority women for providing them sustainable economic livelihood opportunities and setting up enterprises/ self-employment ventures including establishing credit linkages with financial institutions.

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