

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
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**PROGRESS MADE UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI VIRASAT KA SAMVARDHAN
SCHEME**

2504. DR. DINESH SHARMA:
SHRI MADAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made under the 'Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)' scheme, including the number of projects approved, the number of beneficiaries covered, and the total financial outlay under the scheme;
- (b) the details of the erstwhile schemes converged under PM VIKAS and the rationale behind such convergence;
- (c) the funds allocated, released, and utilized under the scheme during the financial year 2026–27; and
- (d) the measures taken under the scheme to promote skill development, entrepreneurship, and the preservation of traditional arts, crafts, and cultural heritage among minority communities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme as a Central Sector scheme which converges five erstwhile schemes viz. 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', 'Nai Roshni' 'USTTAD' and 'Hamari Dharohar'; and focuses on socio-economic empowerment of six notified minorities through skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership development of minority women; and education support for school dropouts. The PM VIKAS Scheme Guidelines were approved in January, 2025 and implementation commenced thereafter. Targets under the Scheme have been allocated through 59 Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) under the components of (i) Skilling and Training, (ii) Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship, and (iii) Education.

Under PM VIKAS scheme, a total of 59 projects have been approved by the Empowered Committee, covering 1.56 lakh beneficiaries under the scheme. Out of these, 83,209 beneficiaries have already been enrolled. Currently 498 Training Centres are operational across 32 States/UTs, covering around 83,209 candidates. The total financial outlay for the scheme is ₹1,497 crore.

(b) The details of the erstwhile schemes converged under PM VIKAS are: i) Seekho Aur Kamao (SAK) focused on skill development and employment-oriented training for minority youth, ii) Nai Manzil integrated education with vocational skill development for school dropouts, iii) Nai Roshni aimed to empower minority women through leadership development programmes, iv) USTTAD promoted and upgraded traditional arts, crafts, and

craftsmanship, while v) Hamari Dharohar focused on preserving, protecting, and promoting the rich cultural heritage of minority communities across the country. The rationale for convergence was to allow the flexibility in portability of funds from one sub scheme to the other, within the approved cost of the scheme and would also help better synergies among components.

(c) The details of funds allocated, released and utilized under PM VIKAS during 2026–27 are as under:

Particulars	Amount (₹ In Crores)
Budget Allocation	303.27
Fund Released as on date	86.11
Fund Utilized as on date	23.30

(d) Under the various components of the PM VIKAS scheme, measures are undertaken to promote skill development through both traditional and modern training, provide leadership and entrepreneurship training, preserve traditional arts, crafts, and cultural heritage among minority communities through Lok Samvardhan Parvs, facilitate self-employment and entrepreneurship through credit linkages provided by the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC), and support the education of school drop-outs through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).
