

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*383
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2016**

Skill Development Training to Minority Girls

***383. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:**

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

- (a) Whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide skill development training to the girls from minority communities particularly Muslim;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with funds allocated for the purpose;
- (c) whether basic equipment are proposed to be provided to the girls and if so, the details thereof along with the modality of financing the said scheme; and
- (d) whether the scheme is proposed to be run under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF
MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *383 due for reply on 14th December, 2016 raised by Shri Ramesh Bidhuri on "Skill Development Training to Minority Girls"

(a) to (d) Ministry of Minority Affairs has already launched following schemes, which are directly implemented by the Ministry through selected Private/Government expert Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) for minority youths including Muslim girls for their skill development and enable them to earn suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment:

- (i) **Seekho aur Kamao (Learn and Earn):** It is a placement linked skill development scheme which aims to upgrade the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment. Minimum 33% seats are earmarked for minority girls including Muslim girls. The scheme ensures placements of minimum 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in wage employment in organized sector.
- (ii) **USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development):** The scheme aims to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities by building capacity and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans; documentation of identified traditional arts/crafts of minorities; setting standards for traditional skills; training of minority youths in various identified traditional arts/crafts through master craftsmen; and develop national and international market linkages. Minimum 33% seats are earmarked for minority girls including Muslim girls for training in traditional crafts and arts.
- (iii) **Nai Manzil:** It is an integrated educational and livelihood initiative that aims for the benefit of the minority youth who do not have a formal school leaving certificate, i.e., those in the category of school-dropouts or educated in the community education institutions like the Madarasas, with a view to provide them formal certification in education along with skills and enable them to seek better employment. Minimum 30% seats are earmarked for minority girls including Muslim girls.

The training centres are setup by the selected PIAs along with equipment for the specific trade/ skill in which the training is imparted. The entire cost of training is borne by the Ministry of Minority Affairs and stipend is also provided to the trainees. Further, the funds allocated under the three above mentioned schemes during current financial year (2016-17) is as follows:

S.No.	Name of scheme	Budget Estimate (BE) (Rs. in Crore)
1	Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)	210.00
2	USTTAD	20.00
3	Nai Manzil	155.00
