

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †607  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

**EMPLOYMENT TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES**

**†607. SHRI HARI MANJHI:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to generate employment for the youth of minority communities by starting new schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allotted for this purpose during the last three years and the current year and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to do a quarterly and yearly survey on the basis of periodic labour force survey to ascertain the number of employed youth of minorities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (d): The focus of the Government is to improve the educational and skill level of minority communities for their gainful employment leading to improvement in the overall condition of minorities. The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) has launched "Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)" scheme for placement-linked skill development of minorities during the year 2013-14. The scheme envisages a minimum of 75% employment of trained minority youth and out of them, 50% in organized sector. MoMA has also launched the scheme, "Upgradation of Skills & Training in Traditional Arts / Crafts for Development (USTTAD)" that aims at capacity building of minority artists and craftsmen including lesser known artists / craftsmen.

Besides, under the Nai Manzil scheme of MoMA, which is an integrated education and livelihood initiative of the present Government, launched in 2015-16 and rolled out in 2016-17, benefits are provided to the minority youths 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, in order to provide them formal education (through National Institute of Open Schooling / State Institute of Open Schooling) followed by skill training, and enable them to seek better employment in the organized sector and thus to equip them for better lives. Details of the funds allocated under these schemes of the Ministry during the last three years and the current year are as under:

S. N.	Scheme	Funds Allotted during the last three years and current year (Rs. in crore)			
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
(i)	Seekho aur Kamao	46.23	192.45	210.00	250.00
(ii)	USTTAD	Launched on 14.05.2015; Rs. 0.50 crore allocated	17.00	20.00	22.00
(iii)	Nai Manzil	Launched on 08.08.2015	-	120.00 (Revised Estimates)	175.95 (Budget Estimates)

Maulana Azad Education Foundation under the Ministry has also recently launched a new scheme, "Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for minorities" for providing short term job-oriented skill development courses to youth belonging to minority communities from 2017-18 onwards.

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