

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1579  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AMONG WOMEN OF MINORITY  
COMMUNITY**

†1579. SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE:

SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme and its training module along with details of enrolment of organisations/ institutions for conducting training programmes for minority women;
- (c) whether there has been an increase in budgetary allocation in the year 2017-18 as compared to 2016-17 with respect to the implementation of schemes on leadership development of minority women, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps being undertaken by the Government for further widespread implementation of the “Nai Roshni” scheme; and
- (e) Whether any initiatives are intended to be taken by the Government to increase participation of non-muslim minorities in the Nai Roshni Scheme?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements a scheme namely- “Nai Roshni- The Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women” with an aim to empower and instill confidence in minority women from six Minority Communities namely Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain & Parsi by providing knowledge, tool and techniques for interacting with Government system, banks and other institutions at all levels. It is implemented through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) all over the country. From 2015-16, the proposals are received online on the Online application Management System (OAMS) Portal to improve transparency. Under the scheme, one week training non-residential (five days residential) programme is provided to the women by selected Organizations followed by their handholding for a period of one year. The training is provided on various training modules covering issues relating to women viz. Leadership of women through participation in decision making, Educational Programme for women, Health and Hygiene, Legal rights of women, Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Swachh Bharat, Life Skills and Advocacy for Social and Behavioural Change. Since the inception of Scheme two lakh and ninety seven thousand women received training and benefited under the scheme in 27 states all over the country at the cost of Rs.65.58 crore. During 2017-18, the online proposals have been received for empanelment of organisations as

Implementing Agencies. The details of the scheme are also available on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs- [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).

As per the revised guidelines of the scheme for the period 2017-20 with an objective to empower the women economically, the organization is required to identify those women who are willing (after completion of training) and can be further trained under any short term skill training so that they could get sustainable economic livelihood opportunities through suitable wage employment or self-employment / microenterprises during the hand holding period of training programme. Besides this, the scheme also encourages the organizations to identify the physically handicapped minority women and provide them some employment / Skill based training towards supplementing their household income.

The budgetary allocation for 2017-18 is same as in 2016-17 i.e. Rs.15.00 crore.

(e): The scheme permits a mix of women from non-minority communities not exceeding 25% of a project proposal. Efforts are to be made by the organization for having a representative mix of women from SCs/STs/OBCs, women with disabilities and other communities within this 25% of project proposal.

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