

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †5423  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018**

**NAI ROSHNI SCHEME**

**†5423. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment to estimate the effectiveness of 'Nai Roshni' scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken in this regard to ensure its proper implementation?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Yes, Madam. NITI Aayog has conducted an evaluation study on 'Nai Roshni- the scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women in 2015-16 and prepared a report in June, 2016. The main objective of the study was to assess the impact of the scheme on minority women and to identify policy/ programme impediments in implementation of the scheme. The study covered 15 Districts, 30 Blocks, 87 Villages and 27 NGOs spread over 8 (eight) states namely Assam, West Bengal, Punjab, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Majority of the findings of the study indicate that the programme has been appreciated by most of the segments of the population of the society and it has assisted in creating confidence among minority women and developed leadership spirit in them. Moreover, the trained women are also utilizing their enriched knowledge within their surroundings and thereby availing their essential demands and claims from various Government Authorities.

(b): After approval of the scheme for implementation during the balance period of 14<sup>th</sup> Financial Commission i.e. 2017-20, the guidelines of the scheme has been revised and the suggestions of NITI Aayog for improving the implementation of "Nai Roshni" have been considered. As per the revised guidelines of the scheme for the period 2017-20 with an objective to also empower the women economically, the organization is required to identify those women trained under this programme and who are willing to 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 / micro-enterprises during the hand holding period of training programme. Besides this, the scheme also encourages the organizations to identify the persons with disabilities from minority women and provide them some employment / Skill based training towards supplementing their household income.

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