

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.109  
ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES FOR MINORITY GIRLS**

**109. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any proposal to open some “Skill Development Centres for Minority Girls” in the entire country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for not taking any action therefor; and
- (d) the details about the plan outlay in this regard with special reference to Purnia in Bihar?

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Minority Affairs is already implementing the following Skill Development schemes, in which minimum 33% seats in case of Seekho aur Kamao & USTTAD and 30% in case of Nai Manzil, are earmarked for minority girls/women candidates:

- (i) “Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)”- Skill development Initiative for minorities.
- (ii) Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts / Crafts for Development (USTTAD).
- (iii) Nai Manzil – An integrated Education and Livelihood initiative for the Minority Communities.

In fact in case of Nai Manzil, out of enrolment of 66,884 students in the first phase, 48% minority girl/women were enrolled.

Further, Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous body under this Ministry has launched a new scheme titled Gharib Nawaj Skill Development Training for minority youth for providing short term job oriented skill courses leading to sustained and gainful employment, where 30% seats are earmarked for minority women/girls.

(d): Does not arise, in view of above.