

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1855**  
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT (SEEKHO AUR KAMAO)**

1855 SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Skill Development Initiative Scheme (Seekho Aur Kamao) initiative in Telangana State;
- (b) the number and names of Project Implementing Agencies engaged with the scheme in Telangana, district-wise; and
- (c) whether there is any data to know the number of trained youth who have been absorbed in employment or entrepreneurial venture and if so, the details thereof especially in Nizamabad and Jagtial districts of Telangana?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a). to (c). Seekho Aur Kamao is a placement-linked skill development scheme launched in September 2013 by Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA). The scheme aims to upgrade the skills of minority youth in the age group of 14 to 45 years, in various modern/ traditional skills. The scheme has been implemented across the country including Telangana state. Since inception about 17364 beneficiaries have been trained and 10995 beneficiaries have been reported as placed in Telangana under this scheme. 28 Project Implementing Agencies have been engaged in the scheme for the state of Telangana.

Currently, the scheme has been converged into an integrated scheme - 'PMVIKAS i.e. Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan'. PM VIKAS aims to improve livelihoods of the minorities, particularly the artisan communities, using the components of skill development, education, women leadership & entrepreneurship. These components compliment each other in the ultimate objective of the scheme to increase the incomes of the beneficiaries and provide support by facilitating credit and market linkages.

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