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LOK SABHA
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR MINORITY WOMEN

2647. SMT. POONAM MAHAJAN :
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Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any assessment of the skill development scheme for minority women by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the achievements made under the said scheme in the country during each of the last five years and the current year;
- (d) whether the said scheme were able to achieve the expected results/ success;
- (e) if so, the success rate of the scheme in terms of percentage; and
- (f) the number of minority women made skilled in order to make this scheme successful during the current year and the number of women likely to become skilled next year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) and (b): The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) specifically implemented various skill development schemes namely 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'USTTAD' and 'Nai Manzil' for six notified minority communities in which minimum 30% seats were earmarked for female trainees. Besides, a scheme namely 'Nai Roshni' was also implemented for leadership development of minority women that aimed at empowering women through leadership training on various topics.

All the above mentioned schemes have been evaluated and assessed by independent agencies during 2020-2021 as per details given below:

Scheme Name	Impact Evaluation Agency	Year
Seekho Aur Kamao	Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon	2020
USTTAD	Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon	2021
Nai Manzil	Mott MacDonald	2021
Nai Roshni	Centre for Market Research and Social Development (CMRSD)	2021

(c) to (f): Total 5.41 lakh beneficiaries have been trained under these schemes including 3.45 lakh women beneficiaries during the last five years.

All the above mentioned schemes have been converged into an integrated scheme called 'Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)'. PM VIKAS scheme has four components:

- (i) Skilling and Training (33 % seats for minority women);
- (ii) Leadership and Entrepreneurship (100% for minority women);
- (iii) Education (50% seats for minority women); and
- (iv) Infrastructure Development

No allocations have yet been made in the current financial year under PM VIKAS.
