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SEEKHO AUR KAMAO SCHEME

3797. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the 'Seekho Aur Kamao' scheme;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries since the inception of the scheme; and
- (c) whether the scheme has met its target of ensuring placement for at least 75 per cent of candidates, of which at least 50 per cent should be in the organized sector and if not, the reasons for the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) The Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented 'Seekho Aur Kamao' scheme (SAK) for the benefit of six (6) notified minority communities, that targeted to upgrade the skills of minority youth (14-45 years) in various modern/ traditional skills depending upon their qualification, prevailing economic trends, and market potential, that could earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to take up self-employment. 33% of total allocation was also earmarked for female beneficiaries. The scheme was implemented by the Ministry through empanelled Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs).

(b) and (c) Since inception, about 4.68 lakh beneficiaries have been trained under the scheme, out of which about 2.28 lakh beneficiaries have been reported as placed under various sectors as per the data available on the SAK portal. Reporting of placement data in the scheme is an ongoing activity and is updated by the PIAs from time to time. Before releasing the final installment of funds to the PIAs, it is ensured that the PIAs have achieved the mandated placement as per the scheme guidelines. SAK scheme has now been converged as a component of an integrated scheme called 'Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan' (PM VIKAS) for minority communities focusing on skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership of minority women; and education support for school dropouts.
