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Skill Development Training for Minorities

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Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons/ youth imparted Skill Development Training under the Skill Development Scheme for the minority communities each year from the year 2019-20 till 2023;
- (b) the number of women/ girls belonging to minority communities having been imparted training under Modular Employable Skills (MES) since the scheme came into effect; and
- (c) the total number of implementing agencies (Institutions/ Societies/ Organisations/ NGOs) involved for skill development of the minorities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) specifically implemented skill development schemes namely 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'USTTAD' and 'Nai Manzil' for the six notified minority communities.

Seekho aur Kamao (SAK) scheme, launched in the year 2013-14, specifically 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. Under the scheme, 85,650 women/ girls from minority groups have been trained for Modular Employable Skills (MES) courses since inception till 2016-17. From 2017-18 onwards, the Ministry adopted Common Norms completely with NSQF compliant courses.

Nai Manzil scheme launched in August 2015 and rolled out in 2016-17 was implemented with an objective to benefit the minority youth who do not have formal school leaving certificate, i.e. those in the category of school-dropouts or educated in community education institutions like Madrasas. The scheme provided a combination of formal education (Class VIII or X) and skills (in line with the Common Norms) and enabled the beneficiaries seek better employment and livelihoods.

USTTAD scheme launched in 2015, targeted capacity building and upgrading of the traditional skills of master craftsmen/ artisans.

During 2019-20 till 2023, a total of 1,04,077 beneficiaries have been covered under these schemes.

About 330 Project Implementation Agencies (Institutions/ Societies/ Organisations/ NGOs) have trained beneficiaries under these schemes of the Ministry across various target years.
