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Skill Development Scheme for Women

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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 three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the said scheme has been 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 skilled in order to make this scheme successful during the current year and the number of women likely to be skilled next year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (f) 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 these, a scheme namely 'Nai Roshni' was also implemented for leadership development of minority women aimed at empowering women through leadership training on various topics.

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

Scheme	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

In the last three years and the current year, 36,492 beneficiaries have been trained under these schemes including 27,217 women beneficiaries which is more than 74% of total beneficiaries.

All the above-mentioned schemes have been converged into an integrated scheme called 'Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)'. PM VIKAS scheme, which has three 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).

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