

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 716**  
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE SCHEME**

716. SHRI RAJU BISTA

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Skill Development Initiative Scheme (Seekho Aur Kamao) initiated in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) the number and names of project implementing agencies engaged with the scheme in the State, district-wise; and
- (c) whether there is any data on the number of trained youth who have been absorbed in employment or entrepreneurial venture and if so, the details thereof especially in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts ?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) The Scheme 'Seekho aur Kamao' (Learn & Earn) was launched on 23rd September, 2013. It is a Central Sector Scheme (CSS) seeking to upgrade the skills of minority youth in various modern NSQF compliant job roles. The scheme is implemented across all the States of the Union of India including West Bengal through empanelled Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs). The beneficiaries are from the six notified minority communities between 14-45 years of age who have completed Class V. 33% seats are earmarked for girls/women. Stipend is provided at the rate of Rs. 2,000/- per month for non-residential trainees and Rs. 1000/- per month for residential trainees. Post Placement Support of Rs. 2000/- per month for two months is paid to trainees who have received placement, to help the candidates in settling down and taking care of their needs in the starting months of employment.

(b) 46 empanelled PIAs have implemented the scheme in West Bengal. District-wise list is as follows :

District	PIA Projects District wise
24 Paraganas North	Adwings Consultancy And Solutions Private Limited
	Aisect
	Al-Ameen Charitable Fund Trust
	Ascensive Educare Private Limited
	Ashpra Skills Private Limited
	Assocom India Private Limited
	Bright Future.Com
	Britti Prosikshan Pvt. Ltd.
Alipurduar	Britti Prosikshan Pvt. Ltd.
Bankura	Britti Prosikshan Pvt. Ltd.
Birbhum	Britti Prosikshan Pvt. Ltd.
	Cradle Life Sciences Pvt Ltd
	Dum Dum Nikhil Bangiya Vidyapeeth
Coochbehar	Dum Dum Nikhil Bangiya Vidyapeeth
Darjeeling	Edujobs Academy Pvt Ltd
	Electronics Corporation Of India Limited
	Ghousia Industrial And Engineering Trust
Dinajpur Dakshin	Iacm Smart Learn Limited
	Ica Edu Skills Pvt Ltd
	Il And Fs Skill Development Corporation Ltd.
Dinajpur Uttar	Il And Fs Skill Development Corporation Ltd.
	Inderprastha College Of Engineering And Management
	Indira Gandhi Computer Shakshrta Mission
Hooghly	Indira Gandhi Computer Shakshrta Mission
	Indus Integrated Information Management Limited
Howrah	Indus Integrated Information Management Limited
	Infovalley Educational And Research Privatelimited
	Janhit Sanskritik Kala Kendra
	Jatuya Education Foundation
Jalpaiguri	Jatuya Education Foundation
	Jitm Skills Private Limited
	Karuna
Kalimpong	Karuna
Kolkata	Keertika Academy Pvt. Ltd
	Malda Education Guide Society
	Marg Erp Limited
	Martyr Flight Leiutenant Maheesh Trikha Foundation

Maldah	Martyr Flight Leiutenant Maheesh Trikha Foundation
	Microchip Solutions
	Nic Institute Of Technology
Medinipur East	Now Nurturing Ones Willpower Foundation
	Orion Edutech,
Medinipur West	Orion Edutech,
Murshidabad	Orion Edutech,
	Pipal Tree Ventures Pvt. Ltd
	Power To Empower Skills Pvt. Ltd.
	Pyzek Polytechnic
	Rasulpur Institute Of Study
	Sarvshresth Times
Nadia	Shaktipada Bhattacharjee Technical Institute
	Shri Krishna Gramouthan Samiti
	Smd Technologies
Paschim Bardhaman	Smd Technologies
	Society For Charity Obligation Technology And Training
	Society For The School Of Medical Technology
Purba Bardhaman	Society For The School Of Medical Technology
	Taori Trust
Purulia	Vivekanand Paryavaran Evam Arogya Mission
	Vlcc Healthcare Limited,
Siliguri	Vlcc Healthcare Limited,
	Yashi Films Pvt. Ltd.

(c) As per data available, 32492 beneficiaries have been trained in employable and entrepreneurial skills in the State of West Bengal. In the Districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong, 1122 & 88 beneficiaries have been trained respectively, out of which 823 in Darjeeling & 77 in Kalimpong have opted for placement and were provided employment

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