

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2566**  
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**NAI ROSHNI SCHEME AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

2566. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the achievements of the Nai Roshni Scheme in empowering women from minority communities;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries trained under the scheme and the key skills imparted;
- (c) the challenges faced in implementing the scheme and the steps taken by the Government to address them; and
- (d) the initiatives introduced by the Government to ensure sustainable livelihoods for women beneficiaries?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) & (b): Under Nai Roshni scheme, which was launched in 2012-13, about 4.35 lakh minority women were trained to empower and enhance confidence by generating awareness about women rights and interventions for 'Leadership Development', health and hygiene, legal rights of women, financial literacy, digital literacy, swachh bharat, life skills and advocacy for social and behavioral changes.

(c) & (d): The challenges faced in implementing the schemes related to awareness level among the target group, capacity building of training providers, increasing the scale of the scheme, and its delivery through various stakeholders. Considering the challenges faced in implementation of the scheme and recommendations from various stakeholders, the Nai Roshni scheme has been subsumed under an integrated scheme Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) which converges five erstwhile skilling and empowerment schemes of the Ministry and inter alia lays emphasis on community-level aspirations and challenges, mainstreaming them and improving the socio-economic conditions through exposure to relevant modern skills. The Leadership and Entrepreneurship sub-component of the PM VIKAS scheme focuses on imparting skill training to minority women for providing them sustainable economic livelihood opportunities and setting up enterprises/ self-employment ventures through inter-alia establishing linkages with financial institutions such as NMDFC, Banks, NBFCs.

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