

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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PM VIKAS SCHEME

3801. SHRI ARUN BHARTI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is actively running the Leadership and Entrepreneurship Component under Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of trainings conducted till date for leadership training and entrepreneurship training for women minorities;
- (c) the details of sections of minorities benefited under this component and larger participation made in percentage terms; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to upscale the impact of this scheme in future and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) and (d): The Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) is a flagship Scheme of the Ministry which converges five erstwhile schemes viz. 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', 'Nai Roshni', 'Hamari Dharohar' and 'USTTAD'; and focuses on upliftment of six notified minority communities through skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership of minority women; and education support for school dropouts.

Additionally, the scheme will facilitate credit linkages by connecting beneficiaries with loan programs offered by the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC). Beneficiaries would also be supported for market linkages through EPCH (Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts) to enhance their livelihood. The Ministry is yet to implement the PM VIKAS scheme. Based on the learning's of erstwhile converging schemes, the Ministry has updated the implementation strategy to upscale the impact of the programme.

(b) and (c): The Nai Roshni scheme, a Leadership Development Programme, launched in 2012-13 benefitted over 4.35 lakh beneficiaries empowering and instilling confidence by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks and other institutions at all levels. The community-wise details of beneficiaries from 2015-16 to till date are as under:

Community-wise Beneficiaries under Nai Roshni Scheme							
Community-wise Beneficiary	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Parsis	Jains	Others
Number	222062	7280	3779	1580	5	1254	8381
Percentage	90.88	2.98	1.55	0.65	0.00	0.51	3.43
