

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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PM-VIKAS IN ASSAM

4187. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- a) the details of the number of beneficiaries and the funds allocated to and utilised by Assam under PM-Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM-VIKAS) since the scheme's inception;
- b) the number of arts and crafts clusters that have been identified in Minority Concentrated Areas (MCAs) under PM-VIKAS along with the details of the quantum of funds released to them, district-wise;
- c) the details of the number of school dropouts who have received certification under the scheme since its inception, year-wise;
- d) whether any survey or study has been conducted to assess the post-training employment generation and entrepreneurship activities among women beneficiaries under the PM-VIKAS scheme in Assam and if so, the details thereof; and
- e) the details of the steps taken/being taken to improve awareness of PM-VIKAS in Assam, particularly in remote and flood-prone areas?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (d): The Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry which converges five erstwhile schemes viz. 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', 'Nai Roshni', 'USTTAD' and 'Hamari Dharohar' schemes and focuses on upliftment of six notified minority communities through the following:

- i. Skilling and Training (Non-traditional and traditional)
- ii. Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- iii. Education (through National Institute of Open Schooling)
- iv. Infrastructure Development (through Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram)

The scheme also provisions to facilitate credit linkages by connecting beneficiaries with loan programs offered by the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC). Under the scheme, the Ministry has received some proposals and is in the process of short-listing and finalising the projects.

(e): The Ministry is collaborating with the Central Government Ministries/Departments and State/UT governments to seek proposals from willing agencies under the Scheme. Further, Ministry also spread awareness about it's schemes through initiatives like Hunar Haat and Lok Samvardhan Parv, print and social media platforms, etc.
