

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.544**  
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025

**SEEKHO AUR KAMAO (SAK) SCHEME**

544. SHRI BASTIPATI NAGARAJU:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of beneficiaries under the Seekho aur Kamao (SAK) scheme, State and district-wise particularly for the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned and released to the States under the scheme, State and district-wise particularly for the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of the total number of minority girl/women candidates and disabled candidates from minority communities who have availed benefits under the scheme, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any data regarding the skill upgradation programs/activities carried out under the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the number of people trained, State and district-wise particularly for the State of Andhra Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a), (b), (d) and (e): Seekho aur Kamao (SAK) scheme, started in 2013-14, was intended to upgrade the skills of minority youth of 14-45 years of age, in various modern/ traditional skills depending upon their qualification, prevailing economic trends, and market potential, that could earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to take up self-employment. Under the scheme, 4.68 lakh beneficiaries were trained since inception, out of which 15,958 were trained in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The Ministry implemented the scheme as a Central Sector Scheme and thus, district level data is not maintained. Further, since the project is allocated to different PIAs (Project Implementation agencies), with different PIAs operating in different/ multiple States/ UTs, state wise expenditure is not maintained. However, a list of state-wise trained beneficiaries is placed at Annexure.

The scheme, thereafter, has been subsumed under a new integrated scheme called Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS), which focuses on socio economic empowerment of minorities through skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership of minority women; and education support for school dropouts.

(c) Under the Seekho aur Kamao scheme, over 2.69 lakh women have been trained since inception. Further, as per SAK guidelines, 3% of each project was earmarked for PwD (Persons with Disabilities) and the beneficiaries were accordingly selected from the PwD category.

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Number of Beneficiaries under SeekhoAurKamao Scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs (Since Inception)	
State/ UT	Total Beneficiaries under SeekhoaurKamao
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-
Andhra Pradesh	15,958
Arunachal Pradesh	1,164
Assam	20,243
Bihar	38,681
Chandigarh	226
Chattisgarh	3,338
Delhi	10,920
Goa	480
Gujarat	12,701
Haryana	13,926
Himachal Pradesh	3,301
Jammu and Kashmir	42,372
Jharkhand	15,996
Karnataka	9,478
Kerala	3,348
Ladakh	3
Madhya Pradesh	45,980
Maharashtra	15,980
Manipur	3,848
Meghalaya	2,477
Mizoram	1,290
Nagaland	1,348
Orissa	2,734
Puducherry	104
Punjab	31,230
Rajasthan	15,899
Sikkim	1,449
Tamil Nadu	3,977
Telangana	16,935
The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	2
Tripura	2,430
Uttar Pradesh	92,223
Uttarakhand	5,652
West Bengal	32,477
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,68,170</b>