

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1658
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025

NAI ROSHNI SCHEME

†1658. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the expected number of beneficiaries in Maharashtra under the Nayi Roshni (pre-merger) and leadership and entrepreneurship components during the last seven years;
- (b) the list of Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs)/Training Partners operating in Maharashtra and their current operational status;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted an impact assessment of this scheme for Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with key findings thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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(a) and (b): Nai Roshni scheme was launched in 2012-13 and was aimed at empowerment and enhancement of confidence among minority women by generating awareness about women rights and interventions for 'Leadership Development'. The training modules covered areas related to Programmes for women such as Health and Hygiene, Legal Rights of Women, Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Swachh Bharat, Life Skills, and Advocacy for Social and Behavioural changes. Nai Roshni scheme was implemented through Project Implementation Agencies (PIAs) across different states/ UTs, by providing 6 days training and thereafter, hand-holding to all beneficiaries for a period of up to 12 months. Under the Nai Roshni scheme, since inception, about 4.35 lakh minority women were trained from all over India.

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, and socio-economic empowerment of minorities through skill development, women leadership and entrepreneurship and education of school dropouts. The Leadership and Entrepreneurship sub-component of the PM VIKAS scheme focuses on empowering minority women through a three tiered training programs on "Leadership and Basic Entrepreneurship Development" and "Entrepreneurship Development", of 60 and 120 hours, respectively. Further, an advanced 240-hour training is provided to selected participants to become "Biz Sakhis" or "Udyami Mitras", who are envisaged to act as business mentors to support other women entrepreneurs locally.

The list of Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) empaneled in Nai Roshni Scheme during FY 2015-16 to FY 2021-22 from State of Maharashtra is attached as Annexure-I.

(c) and (d): Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog had conducted an Evaluation Study on Nai Roshni scheme, and the said report is available on Ministry's website (url: <https://minorityaffairs.gov.in/WriteReadData/RTF1984/7453566297.pdf>).

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1658 to be answered on 10.12.2025 asked by Hon'ble Member of Parliament SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR regarding “NAI ROSHNI SCHEME”

Number of empaneled PIAs in Nai Roshni Scheme during FY 2015-16 to FY 2021-22 from State of Maharashtra

S.No.	List of Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs)
1	Alqama Education and Welfare Society
2	Aaj Individual Development and Education
3	Anjana Bahuddeshiya Shikshan Sanstha
4	Apurva Mahila Samajik Sanstha
5	Adarsh Multipurpose Society
6	Bhagini Nivedita Shiksha Samiti
7	Bhagyalaxmi Health and Education Society
8	ICA Edu Skills Pvt Ltd
9	Lokmanya Shikshan Prasarak Mandal
10	M.A. Jayvantrao Patil Bahu Uddheshiya Sanstha
11	Orange City Education Society
12	SAARC Multipurpose Society
13	The Deccan Muslim Institute
14	Vidarbha Bhu-Udeeshiya Vikas Sanstha
