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WOMEN LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP UNDER PM VIKAS SCHEME

2906. SHRI SUNIL BOSE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of women enrolled and completed the Leadership and Basic Entrepreneurship Development Programme along with the Entrepreneurship Development under PM-VIKAS Scheme since its inception, State/UT and year-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of women who have successfully become Business Mentors/Business Correspondents (Biz Sakhis/ Udyami Mitras), State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the details of the number of individual and group enterprises established by beneficiaries trained under the Entrepreneurship Development module, State/UT-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) the details of the financial institutions such as NMDFC, banks and NBFCs through which enterprise set-up support has been extended along with the total amount of credit disbursed, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a): The Women Leadership & Entrepreneurship component under the PM VIKAS Scheme seeks to empower minority women through training in digital literacy, financial inclusion, community leadership, and livelihood enhancement. The programme equips women with essential entrepreneurial competencies, thereby fostering greater economic participation. These interventions extend to all districts and contribute significantly to advancing women-led development and improving socio-economic outcomes at the grassroots level.

The component trains minority women through a three tiered training program including “Leadership and Basic Entrepreneurship Development”, “Entrepreneurship Development”, of 60 and 120 hours, respectively. Further, a 240-hour training is provided to participants shortlisted after the second tier of training, to become “Biz Sakhis” or “Udyami Mitras”, who are envisaged to act as business mentors to support other women entrepreneurs locally.

Under the PM VIKAS Scheme, targets have been allocated only recently, and a state/UT-wise breakup of targets allocated under the Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship Component is as below:

S No.	Name of State	Target Allocated
1	Andhra Pradesh	300
2	Arunachal Pradesh	250
3	Assam	250
4	Delhi	450
5	Kerala	720
6	Madhya Pradesh	60
7	Meghalaya	250
8	Nagaland	250
9	Tripura	250
10	Uttar Pradesh	600
	Total	3,380

(b) to (d): As allocations under the Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship Component of PM VIKAS Scheme have been made recently and implementation of all these projects has just commenced only recently, details of successful business mentors, enterprises established, and financial support received by women are not yet available.
