

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2971
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EDUCATIONAL UPLIFTMENT AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT AMONG MINORITIES

2971. SMT. PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the measures undertaken to enhance educational access and quality among minority communities particularly under schemes such as Nai Udaan, Naya Savera and Nai Manzil;
- (b) the details of the initiatives introduced by the Government to promote entrepreneurship and skill development among minority youth especially through collaborations with industry partners and the integration of digital skills in training programmes under the PM-VIKAS scheme; and
- (c) the details of progress of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) with specific details on infrastructure projects—such as schools, health centres and community assets completed in minority-concentrated districts since 2020?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented ‘Nai Udaan’, ‘Naya Savera’ and ‘Nai Manzil’ schemes. A brief of these schemes is as follows:

- i. **Nai Udaan** Scheme was launched in the year 2013-14 to provide financial support to the minority candidates who qualify in the preliminary examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC), and State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs). Since the inception of the scheme, about 9,300 candidates were trained under the scheme. The scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. Financial Year 2022-23.
- ii. **Naya Savera** scheme also popularised as Free Coaching and Allied Scheme, was launched in the year 2006-07 for the candidates/students belonging to minority communities under which Free Coaching was provided to assist students/candidates belonging to the notified minority communities by way of special coaching for qualifying examinations for admission in technical/ professional courses and competitive examination for recruitment to Group ‘A’, ‘B’ & ‘C’ services and other equivalent posts under the Central and State Governments including public sector undertakings, banks, railways etc. Since the inception of the scheme, about 1.19 lakh candidates (approx.) were trained under the scheme. The scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. Financial Year 2022-23.

- iii. **Nai Roshni Scheme**, a Leadership Development Programme for Minority Women, was launched in 2012-13 with an objective to empower and instill confidence among minority women by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks and other institutions at all levels. Since inception, about 4.35 lakh candidates(approx.) were trained under the scheme. The scheme has been now converged as the Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship component into an integrated scheme viz. Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS).

(b): Under the PM VIKAS scheme, the Project Implementation Agencies (PIAs) are required to ensure placement of candidates as per the scheme guidelines and it forms a part of the MoUs that the Ministry signs with the implementing agencies. Under non-traditional (modern) skilling, PIAs are required to ensure placement of at least 75 percent skilled beneficiaries in some form of employment (wage/ self-employment/ apprenticeship), of which at least 50 percent should be placed in organized sector, as categorised in the National Skill Quality Framework (NSQF)/ Common Cost Norms (CCN).

The Government promotes entrepreneurship and skill development among minority youth under the PM VIKAS scheme through industry-aligned, National Skill Quality Framework (NSQF) compliant training courses. The scheme integrates digital skills and digital literacy, including training in modern job roles in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things etc, to enhance employability and self-employment opportunities. The entire training lifecycle is managed through the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) portal of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship(MSDE), ensuring transparency and effective monitoring.

(c): "Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram" (PMJVK), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, is the flagship program of the Ministry of Minority Affairs for creation of community infrastructure in the Minority Concentration Areas of the country in the sectors of Health, Skill Development, Education, Women Centric Projects, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Sports, Renewable Energy, Tourism, Animal Husbandry and Other Community Infrastructure. The details of infrastructure projects approved since 2020 under PMJVK scheme are at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2971 asked by Smt. Pratima Mondal regarding Educational Upliftment and Skill Development among Minorities

Details of infrastructure projects approved since 2020 under PMJVK

Name of Projects	No of units approved	Total Cost approved (Rs. in Lakh)	Central share approved (Rs. in Lakh)	No of Units work in progress	No of Units Completed	No of units dropped	No of units not started
Additional Classrooms/ Library/ Lab/ Hall in schools	878	26399.568	22231.9998	258	427	151	42
AWC	226	705	438.75	1	84	141	0
Colleges	10	8511.89	6833.75	5	1	3	1
Community Infrastructure	13	4310.14	3879.126	3	0	0	10
Community Service Centre/ Sadbhav Mandap/ Community Hall	78	26542.28	20019.62	17	17	2	42
Drinking Water	6	1420.71	1278.639	1	2	0	3
Guest house, Staff Qtrs, Water supply	1	710	639	1	0	0	0
Health Projects	464	242824.4502	177122.5	75	342	8	39
Hostel for school/ ITI/ polytechnic	61	28183.89	21857.909	24	29	0	8
Hunar Hub	1	735.91	441.546	0	0	0	1
Infrastructure in college	20	23232.51	22544.841	3	2	0	15
ITI/ Additional Infrastructure for ITI	9	6258.36	4050.174	5	2	0	2
Misc infrastructure	75	164.75	148.248	1	0	7	67
New Hostels and Classroom (BDP)	8	3760.97	3385.8	8	0	0	0
Non Civil works- Bicycle/ furniture/ Equipment/ Training	1444	549.85	486.675	0	14	1429	1
Other Infrastructure in school	4583	12292.754	8139.324	210	4188	128	57
Polytechnic/ Additional infrastructure for existing polytechnic	4	1669.23	1410.507	3	1	0	0

Residential School	43	81220.06	57927.906	38	4	0	1
Sanitation Projects	10	2769.47	2464.172	1	3	4	2
School Buildings	53	34544.97	32468.401	10	22	1	20
Skill Centre Infrastructure	2	1217	1217		0	0	2
Skill Centres	11	3295.42	2765.15	2	8	0	1
SMART Classroom/ Computer Lab/ Teaching Aid in school	7245	27252.38	21426.326	1639	5506	100	0
Sports Projects	98	54592.55	48562.073	22	61	0	15
Tourist Centre	4	674.35	606.915	4	0	0	0
Women Entrepreneurship Facilitation Centre	6	3076.6	2768.94	6	0	0	0
Working Women Hostel	6	4081.45	2583.87	4	0	0	2
Total	15359	600996.5122	467699.1618	2341	10713	1974	331