

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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**INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR MINORITY-
CONCENTRATED DISTRICTS**

5496. SMT. PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the manner in which the Government ensures that minority-concentrated districts receive proportional infrastructure and development support; and
- (b) the outcomes achieved through schemes aimed at minority entrepreneurship particularly among women and youth?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) The Government ensures that minority-concentrated areas receive adequate infrastructure and development support primarily through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The scheme focuses on the creation of community infrastructure in identified Minority Concentration Areas across the country. Its priority sectors include health, education, skill development, women-centric projects, drinking water supply, sanitation, sports, renewable energy, tourism, and other community infrastructure.

PMJVK operates as a demand-driven scheme, wherein project proposals are formulated and submitted by the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations based on local needs and gaps. These proposals are appraised and approved by the Government of India, ensuring that infrastructure development is aligned with the specific requirements of minority-concentrated districts and that resources are directed accordingly.

(b) The Ministry also implements the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme, a Central Sector Scheme aimed at the socio-economic empowerment of the six notified minority communities. The scheme integrates five erstwhile skilling initiatives and focuses on skill development, entrepreneurship promotion, leadership training for minority women, and educational support for school dropouts.

Under the Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship component of the PM VIKAS Scheme, a target has been set to train 3,380 candidates. So far, training has been completed for 90 candidates under this component. The scheme is designed to enhance employability, promote self-employment, and strengthen entrepreneurial capacities among minority women and youth, thereby contributing to their economic empowerment.
