

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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SKILL-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR MINORITIES

6125. SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the skill development programmes initiated for minority communities in the State of Gujarat;
- (b) the number of individuals trained and employed under these programmes during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote entrepreneurship among minority communities in the State along with the funds allocated for these initiatives?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) implements Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme which converges five erstwhile skilling and education support initiatives of the Ministry. PM VIKAS is implemented as a Central Sector Scheme focusing on the socio-economic empowerment of the six notified minority communities through skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership development of minority women; and education support for school dropouts. Under the scheme, no proposal has yet been received for implementation in the state of Gujarat.

The scheme has been launched in January 2025 and the training has commenced only during the ongoing financial year. Under the scheme, a total target of over 1.47 lakh candidates has been allocated to Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs), as on date, with over 1000 candidates trained till date.

Under the Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship component of the PM VIKAS Scheme, a target has been allocated to train 3,380 candidates on a pan India basis.
