

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
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BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR PM-JVK

†737. MS. IQRA CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) the quantum of amount likely to be allocated in Budget 2026 for infrastructure development in minority-dominated blocks of Kairana and Shamli under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PM-JVK);
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up any special haat or marketing centres under USTTAD Scheme for skilled artisans like those involved in wood carving and wheel industry of the region and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is working on any new technological initiative or PPP model to modernise local madrasas by setting up skill development centres there and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any Start up India cluster has been proposed at the local level to stop the large scale migration of minority youth to Delhi-Haryana and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJIU)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) is a demand driven Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs for creation of community infrastructure in Minority Concentration Areas. Under the scheme, no block-wise or district-wise allocation is earmarked at the Budget stage in 2026, including for minority-dominated blocks of Kairana and Shamli.

(b) Ministry of Minority Affairs supports skilled minority artisans, including those engaged in wood carving and wheel-based industries, through skill development and market-linkage initiatives under the USTTAD scheme, now subsumed under Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS).

Under USTTAD, Hunar Haats was organized to provide domestic and international market exposure to minority artisans. Since 2016, 41 Hunar Haats, including 9 in Uttar Pradesh, have been organized, benefiting over 8 lakh artisans and associated persons.

Under PM VIKAS, the Ministry now organizes Lok Samvardhan Parv to further strengthen market access and enterprise development of minority artisans and organized 05 such events with support from the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) so far.

(c) The Government, through the Ministry of Minority Affairs, is committed to improving quality education and skill development for all sections of society, including minority communities. At present, the Ministry of Minority Affairs does not have any specific scheme for the modernization of Madrasas through technological initiatives or Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models.

(d) The Government has launched the Startup India Initiative in 2016 to promote entrepreneurship and innovation across the country, including at the local level. Startups are recognized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) as per prescribed eligibility conditions prescribed under G.S.R. notification 127 (E) dated 19th February 2019. As on 31.12.2025, over 2.07 lakh startups have been recognized, with presence in all States and UTs.

While no Startup India cluster has been proposed specifically at the local level to address migration of minority youth, various flagship schemes such as the Fund of Funds for Startups, Startup India Seed Fund Scheme and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups support startups at different stages. These initiatives, along with ease-of-doing-business reforms and digital platforms, aim to foster local entrepreneurship and employment generation.
