

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 21
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.2.2016
POPULATION OF MINORITIES**

21. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of minority youths to whom employment has been provided during the last three years; and
- (b) the scheme formulated for the minorities under the skill development?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements “Seekho aur Kamao”, a placement linked skill development scheme for minorities since 2013-14. Under the scheme, minority youth are provided skill development trainings on Modular Employable Skills which can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment. The scheme ensures placements of minimum 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in organized sector. As per information received from Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs), the number of trainees trained and placed under “Seekho aur Kamao” is as under:

Year	No. of trainees sanctioned	No. of trainees trained	No. of trainees placed/ employed
2013-14	20164	19524	15247
2014-15	20720	20686	15464
2015-16(As on 31.1.2016)	92330	-	-

Further, Ministry established Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS) on 11/11/2014 as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for providing an integrated institutional arrangement, to meet all skill development /skill upgradation needs of the minority communities and provide sustainable livelihood options in terms of self-employment /wage employment opportunities with primary focus of self-employment with credit linkages. The number of minority youth provided employment is as under:

Year	Self Employed	Wage Employed	Total Employed
2014-15	2556	2561	5117
2015-16	2137	1149	3286

In addition to above, Ministry has also launched two new schemes for skill development during 2015-16 as follows:

- (i) The scheme of “USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development)” which aims at setting standards, building capacity and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen and artisans.
- (ii) The scheme of “Nai Manzil” is an integrated educational and livelihood initiative and aims for the benefit of the minority youth who do not have a formal school leaving certificate, *i.e.*, those in the category of school-dropouts or educated in the community education institutions like the *Madarsas*, with a view to educate them along with skills and enable them to seek better employment.
