

**Upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial
skills of minorities**

2725. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) to assist the upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of minorities for proper and efficient management of production units; and

(b) the details of developmental activities taken by NMDFC during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) implements the scheme of Vocational Training for upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of people belonging to minority communities living below double the poverty line, in various professional trades. This scheme is implemented by the NMDFC through its State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) and training is imparted through Government owned/recognized institutions. 85% of the training cost is provided by NMDFC as grant and remaining 15% of the cost is borne by the SCAs.

(b) The details of developmental activities taken up by NMDFC for minorities during the last two years are as follows:-

Year	Developmental Activities					
	Loans		Vocational Training		Marketing Assistance	
	Amount Disbursed (Rs. in crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2010-11	233.26	158510	1746	0.37	932	0.045
2011-12	271.37	105874	559	0.63	3813	0.15

Scholarships to minority students

†2726. SHRI BHAGAT SIGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes of scholarships granted to students belonging to minority community by the Ministry, at present;

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