

**Implementation of Seekho Aur Kamao Scheme**

3009. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries under the Seekho Aur Kamao scheme for enhancing the employability of minority community youths, year-wise details of the past three years; and

(b) the total number of youths trained under Seekho Aur Kamao scheme who were able to secure a placement, year-wise details of the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) and (b) "Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)", a placement linked skill development scheme for minorities aiming to upgrade the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment. Total 205752 trainees trained, out of them 80,953 trainees have been placed till date during past three years. The trainings of trainees sanctioned during 2017-18 are under process. The final data will be available after completion of training and their placements.

**Diminishing of haj subsidy**

3010. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the rationale behind bringing down Haj subsidy from ₹ 577 crores in 2014 to just ₹ 405 crores in 2016;

(b) the subsidy given by Ministry in 2017 and 2018;

(c) whether Government is going to stop Haj subsidy from 2018; and

(d) whether any such direction has been received from Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) to (d) The subsidy given by the Government of India for making arrangements of air travel for Haj pilgrims going through the Haj Committee of India was reflected in the budget of Ministry of Civil Aviation, which is the nodal Ministry in this regard. The Supreme Court, while dealing with the Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.28609 of 2011 *vide* its judgment dated 08.05.2012, *inter alia* observed that Haj subsidy is something