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**IMPARTING COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE TO YOUTH OF MINORITY
COMMUNITIES**

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- a) whether Government has launched any scheme for imparting computer and information technology related knowledge to the youth belonging to minority communities;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- c) the names of educational institutes designated for the implementation of the said scheme in the country, State/Ut-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

a) to c) '**Seekho Aur Kamao' scheme** (Learn and Earn) is a placement-linked skill development scheme for minorities which aims to upgrade the skills of minority youth (in the age group of 14-45 years) in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends, and market potential, that can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to take up self-employment. The training is implemented in various trades including those on computer and information

technology related courses. 33% of the total targets in the scheme are earmarked for female beneficiaries. 4.60 lakh beneficiaries have been trained under the Seekho aur Kamao scheme since inception till date and 8231 beneficiaries have been trained in computer and information technology related courses. The details of funds in the scheme during last three years are as per the table below.

Year	Revised Estimate (in Rs. crores)	Actual Expenditure (in Rs. crores)
2019-20	250.00	175.52
2020-21	190.00	190.03
2021-22	268.21	268.21

The scheme is implemented by Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) that are empanelled by the Ministry by inviting applications from all over India. The Ministry does not specifically select institutions state-wise for implementation under the said scheme.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements Nai Roshni scheme to empower and enhance confidence in Minority women by providing knowledge, tool and techniques for Leadership Development of Women. It is a training programme conducted for the women belonging to minority community between the age group of 18 years to 65 years. The training modules, besides programmes for women, Health and Hygiene, Legal rights of women, Financial Literacy, Swachh Bharat, Life Skills, Advocacy for Social and Behavioural changes, also covers Digital Literacy. So far, more than 4.35 lakh women have been benefitted under this Scheme.

Another Scheme "Nai Manzil" provides a combination of formal education (Class VIII or X) and skills training in various trades including those on computer and information technology related courses. The scheme enable the beneficiaries to seek better employment and livelihood. Under the scheme, since inception, a total of 98697 beneficiaries were skill certified.

The list of PIAs implementing the schemes under the Ministry is available at Ministry's website at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in
