

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR MINORITIES

1811. SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of beneficiaries from minority communities that were entitled to benefits under skill development initiatives of the Ministry, scheme-wise;
- (b) the details on the amount spent towards skill development of individuals from minority communities; and
- (c) the details of schemes targeted to empower youth from minority communities and outcomes achieved?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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(a) to (c) Under Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill programme, through an extensive network of skill development Centres/ Institutes across the country, under various schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). Benefits of these schemes are available to all the sections of society including minority communities. Under PMKVY, 17,50,742 candidates from minority communities have been trained since inception of the scheme i.e. from 2015-16 to June, 2024. Under JSS scheme, 2,56,052 candidates from minority communities have been trained during 2018-19 to 2023-24. Information regarding coverage of minorities under NAPS and CTS is not maintained.

Also, under the schemes of MSDE, no separate funds are allocated for skill training of candidates from minority communities. However, under PMKVY, Rs. 6288.39 Crore has been released during 2018-19 to 2023-24 to States. Funds are being released under JSS scheme to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) directly. The funds released to the JSSs (NGOs) across the country from 2018-19 to 2023-24 is Rs. 734.37 Crore. Under NAPS, Rs.

1406.95 Crore has been released during 2018-19 to 2023-24, as stipend support to establishments. Day to day administration as well as financial control in respect of ITIs lies with the respective State Government/ UT Administration.

Further, the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) specifically implemented **skill development schemes** namely 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', and 'USTTAD' for the six notified minority communities. Brief of these schemes is as under:

- i. **Seekho aur Kamao (SAK) scheme** (started in 2014-15) targeted to upgrade the skills of minority youth (14-45 years) in various modern/ traditional skills that could earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to take up self-employment. Approx. 4.68 lakh beneficiaries have been trained under the SAK scheme of the Ministry.
- ii. **Nai Manzil scheme** was started in 2015 and was implemented by the Ministry with an objective to benefit the minority youth, school dropouts from BPL families and provide education, skill development and placement support. Approximately, 98,712 candidates have benefitted under this scheme.
- iii. **USTTAD scheme** was started in 2015 and targeted capacity building and upgrading of the traditional skills of master craftsmen/ artisans. Approximately, 21,611 beneficiaries have been trained under the scheme. Overall, 41 Hunar Haats were also organized under this scheme to support the artisans/ master artisans of minorities communities.

The details of funds utilized under the above-mentioned schemes during the last five financial years and current financial year i.e. 2019-2020 onwards are given below:

Scheme Name	Rs. In Crore
Seekho aur Kamao	699.31
Nai Manzil	150.76
USTTAD	198.51

The aforementioned schemes have been converged into a new, integrated scheme called Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme. PM VIKAS scheme comprises of Skill and Training Component, Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship Component, and Education Support Component (for school dropouts). Further, the scheme targets to promote credit and market linkages for the beneficiaries.
