

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO MINORITY WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for vocational and computer training for women belonging to minorities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any such scheme has been sanctioned for Nashik and Malegaon districts of Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a) and (b): Under Free Coaching and Allied Scheme being implemented by the Ministry for the persons belonging to minority communities beneficiaries, at least 30% of which should be women, can avail computer training through private and public sector institutions to enhance their employability.

Further, National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) is implementing the scheme of vocational training for persons belonging to Minorities, living below double the poverty line. Under this scheme training in various vocational trades, including computers, is provided through the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) of NMDFC in respective States/UTs.

(c) and (d): Maulana Azad Alpsankhyak Arthik Vikas Mahamandal, which is the SCA of NMDFC in Maharashtra has organized the following vocational training programmes:

- (i) 'Basic Beautician' course of four months' duration for 100 minority women candidates from 16.6.2006 to 14.10.2006 at Nashik.
- (ii) 'Fashion Designing' course for 3 months' duration from 11.2.08 to 12.5.08 for 5 women at Malegaon.
- (iii) Training Course of six months on powerloom at Malegaon, from 30.5.2009 to 29.9.2009.