

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING TO MINORITY WOMEN

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to launch a scheme to provide skill development and leadership training to minority women who have shown entrepreneurial skills; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): A scheme for Leadership Development of minority women was launched by this Ministry in January, 2010 and is implemented from 2010-11. The objective of the scheme is to empower and instill confidence in women, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with functionaries of Government, banks, etc. at all levels. The scheme, however, provides that if a group wishes to avail of scheme for economic activities after the training is over, they would be given priority for sanction of their project by the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) in accordance with the guidelines of their scheme.

(b): Two types of leadership trainings are provided in the scheme namely, training in village/locality and residential leadership development training in institutes. The scheme is to be implemented through Government and non-governmental organizations. The target for imparting training in 2010-11 is 56850 women. Copy of the scheme is available on the website of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, namely www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.