

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF TECHNICAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS BY NMDFC

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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has taken any steps for assisting in upgrading the technical and entrepreneurial skills of the minorities for proper and efficient management of production units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the developmental activities undertaken by the NMDFC in the country during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS(SHRI NINONG ERING)

(a) & (b) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) implements a promotional scheme of Vocational Training for persons belonging to minority communities living below double the poverty line, for upgradation of their technical and entrepreneurial skills.

Under this scheme, the candidates belonging to the minority communities are imparted training in various vocational trades. This scheme is implemented by the NMDFC through its State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) and the training is imparted through Government owned/recognized institutes. As per the scheme, a training cost of upto an amount of Rs. 1,000 per candidate per month is provided by NMDFC for training programmes of durations not exceeding six months. NMDFC extends a grant of 85% of the training cost and also provides a stipend of Rs. 500 per month per candidate, undergoing the said training.

(c) The details of activities undertaken by NMDFC for economic development of minorities during the last three years and the current year are given below:-

Developmental activities    2009-10    2010-11    2011-12    2012-13 (till 1.10.12)

Loan amount disbursed  
(Rs. in crore)    197.74    233.27    271.37    133.25

Number of Beneficiaries Assisted  
by loans    1,04,594    1,58,510    1,05,874    32,374

Number of Beneficiaries extended  
Skill Training    3,218    3,369    5,410    3,309

Number of Beneficiaries provided  
Marketing Assistance    3,871    4,795    4,600    1,800