

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITY WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the scheme of Leadership Development of Minority Women has been initiated by the Government in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient feature of the scheme including the number of minority women likely to be benefitted;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries who have availed of the schemes till date , State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the selection process for the 25 per cent women from the non-minority communities?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) and (c) The scheme aims to empower and instill confidence among minority women including their neighbours from other communities living in the same village/locality, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, Banks and other institutions at all levels. The implementation of the scheme has started from current financial year 2012-13. The targets under the scheme during 2012-13 includes providing training to 40,000 (forty thousand) women belonging to notified minority communities with a mix of women from non- minority communities not exceeding 25% of the project proposal with Rs.15.00 Crore. The Ministry has taken action in terms of selection of organizations, allocation of targets and development of training modules to meet the targets.

(d) For selection of a woman trainee including from Non-minority communities, the selection criteria envisages that the woman/parent or guardian of woman having annual income not exceeding Rs. 2.50 Lakh from all sources would be given preference. They should be between the age group of 18 years to 65 years.