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SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR MINORITY WOMEN

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated and spent under the skill development scheme for minority women in the country;
- (b) whether any assessment of this scheme has been made by the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the achievements made under the said scheme in the country since its implementation, State-wise;
- (d) whether the said scheme could not achieve the expected results;
- (e) if so, the success rate of the scheme in terms of percentage;
- (f) the number of minority women became skilled during the current year and the number of women likely to become skilled during the next year; and (g) the steps being taken by the Union Government for the effective implementation of the said scheme in order to improve the condition of minority women in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) implements a promotional scheme of Vocational Training through State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) for skill development of minority beneficiaries, including women. It is a demand driven scheme, thus no prior allocation is done. The state-wise number of minority women trained and expenditure incurred under the scheme during last three years and current financial year is at Annexure-I

Further, an evaluation of this scheme was carried out by NMDFC through M/s HARDICON, a consultancy firm in the year 2008. The study highlighted that the trainings were well received amongst the targeted minority beneficiaries and 63% of the trained candidates were able to achieve wage employment or engaged in self-employment.

(g): To ensure effective implementation of the scheme, the SCAs publicise the scheme in the print media and invite applications from the candidates in their respective States/UTs. Moreover, the scheme has also been posted on the NMDFC's website. The implementation of the programme is monitored by NMDFC officials from time to time by field visits. The trained candidates are given preference for loans from NMDFC for self employment.