

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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OUTSOURCING OF SKILL TRAINING

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to outsource bulk of its skill training programmes to private firms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the purpose, programme-wise;
- (c) the reasons for outsourcing these programmes;
- (d) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote entrepreneurial activities among minorities and strengthen the implementation network to enhance awareness of schemes targeted towards minorities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing a Central Sector Scheme "Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)", the placement linked scheme for skill development of minorities since 2013-14. It is implemented through transparently selected Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) including private registered firms/societies, industrial associations and institutions of Central/ State Governments including Public Sector Undertakings. The PIAs are required to have experts of skilling in specific trades along with training infrastructure. As outcome of the scheme, the PIAs have to ensure the placement of minimum 75% trained youths with minimum 50% in organized sector. During 2013-14 and 2014-15, Rs. 17.00 Crore and Rs. 46.23 Crore respectively, were allocated under the scheme.

Further, a new scheme namely "USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)" has been approved recently in 2014-15 to conserve traditional arts/crafts, particularly dying arts/crafts, and for building capacity of traditional artisans and craftsmen belonging to minority communities. The scheme provides for implementation through PIAs on the lines similar to "Seekho aur Kamao" scheme. An amount of Rs. 0.50 crore has been allocated for 2014-15 to operationalize the scheme during current financial year.

(e) : MANAS (Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills) has been established in 2014-15 by National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry, for development of entrepreneurship skills of minorities with credit linkages.