

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 163  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

**Nai Roshni**

163. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has done any evaluation for assessing the efficacy of the 'Nai Roshni' scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this connection in order to ensure proper implementation of this scheme?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) Yes, Madam. NITI Aayog conducted an evaluation study on 'Nai Roshni'- the scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women in 2015-16 and submitted a report in June, 2016. The main objective of the study was to assess the impact of the scheme on minority women and to identify policy/ programme impediments in implementation of the scheme. The study covered 15 Districts, 30 Blocks, 87 Villages and 27 NGOs spread over 8 (eight) states namely Assam, West Bengal, Punjab, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Majority of the findings of the study indicate that the programme has been appreciated by most of the segments of the population of the society and it has assisted in instilling confidence among minority women and developed leadership spirit in them. Moreover, the trained women are also utilizing their enriched knowledge within their surroundings and thereby helping their essential demands and claims from various Government Authorities. The programme has been successful in many respects in creating leadership quality among the women of the minority communities, hence the programme is continuing.
- (b) Does not arise.

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