

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.805  
ANSWERED ON 21.11.2019**

**NAI ROSHNI SCHEME**

**805. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Leadership Training with Economic Empowerment Programmes under the NaiRoshni for skill and overall development of Minority Women of India including the State of Kerala along with the number of beneficiaries of this scheme; and
- (b) whether an evaluation of the scheme has been conducted by the Ministry and if so, the details thereof along with the nodal agency for the implementation of the scheme in Kerala.

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) "Nai Roshni" a scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women is being implemented across India including the state of Kerala with an aim to empower and instil confidence in women by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks and intermediaries at all levels. This includes economic empowerment of the trainee women so that they become independent and confident members of the society. The scheme provides for one week's training programme followed by handholding for a period of one year. The training is provided on various pre-designed Training modules covering issues relating to women viz. Leadership of Women through participation in decision making, Educational Programmes for women, Health and Hygiene, Legal rights of women, Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Swachh Bharat, Life Skills, and Advocacy for Social and Behavioural change.

Since inception of the Scheme, training of more than 3.94 lakh women have been sanctioned across the country out of which 5,600 women have been sanctioned for the state of Kerala.

- (b) An evaluation study has been conducted by NITI Ayog. The study has covered 15 Districts, 30 Blocks, 87 Villages and 27 NGOs, 1335 beneficiary women and 445 non-beneficiary women spread over 8 States namely Assam, West Bengal, Punjab, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. According to the study, the

Scheme has assisted in creating confidence among minority women and developed leadership spirit. Moreover, the trained women are also utilizing their enriched knowledge within their surroundings and thereby helping their families as well as their neighbours in raising their essential demands and claims from various government authorities.

The scheme is implemented by the Ministry through empanelled Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs). List of PIAs empanelled for FY 2017-18 to 2019-20 from the state of Kerala is given below.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>
1	Jan Shikshan Sansthan Ernakulam
2	Jan Shikshan Sansthan Malappuram
3	Kottayam Social Service Society Kottayam
4	Malabar Social Service Society Cannanore
5	Jan Shikshan Sansthan Palakkad
6	Peoples Service Society Palakkad

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