

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3157  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2020**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG MINORITIES**

**3157. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR**

**Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state :**

- (a) The total number of persons benefitted under the Multi-purpose scheme of the Ministry along with the unemployment rate among minorities in the country, particularly in West Bengal;
- (b) The total number of skill development training centers approved under the scheme along with the details of such centers in West Bengal, district-wise; and
- (c) The total expenditure incurred on the scheme by the ministry so far and details of persons sent to foreign countries for training, if any?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): There is no Multi Purpose Scheme being implemented by the Ministry. However, the Ministry is implementing Seekho Aur Kamao scheme with objective of enhancing skills for assessing better employment opportunities. The Ministry is also administering Nai Manzil scheme that has components for providing education and skill development to school dropout. Till date, 4.97 Lakh (approximately) have been trained under Seekho Aur Kamao Scheme and approximately 1 lakh beneficiaries have been enrolled under the Nai Manzil Scheme. The scheme is not linked to unemployment rates in minority communities and the Ministry maintains no such data.

(b) There are 233 project implementing agencies presently empanelled under the Seekho Aur Kamao Scheme and 88 agencies under the Nai Manzil in the country. The project implementing agencies are not empanelled State-wise or district-wise.

(c): A total of Rs.996.77 Crore has been spent under Seekho Aur Kamao Scheme since 2013-14 till February 2020. Under Nai Manzil Scheme, a total of Rs.327.32 Crores have been spent since 2016-17 till February 2020. There is no provision to send persons to foreign countries for training under these schemes.

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