

PM VIKAS Scheme Advances Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for Minority Communities

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The Ministry reviews the implementation of the PM VIKAS Scheme on a regular basis at various levels to assess progress, address operational challenges and strengthen implementation. Periodic review meetings are conducted with Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Awarding Bodies and other stakeholders. The PM VIKAS scheme guidelines were approved in January 2025, and targets under the scheme were allocated under the three different components of the scheme viz. a) skilling and training, b) women leadership and entrepreneurship and c) education to be covered through 59 Project implementing agencies. Out of the total allocated, state wise number of enrolled candidates are as follows:

States/UTs	Enrolled Candidates
Andhra Pradesh	2,952
Assam	14,521
Bihar	1,760
Delhi	2,112
Haryana	769
Jammu And Kashmir	7,491
Jharkhand	5,593
Karnataka	1,409
Kerala	607
Madhya Pradesh	4,161
Maharashtra	5,216
Manipur	60

Meghalaya	510
Nagaland	370
Punjab	8,349
Rajasthan	488
Sikkim	-
Tamil Nadu	381
Telangana	2,422
Tripura	984
Uttar Pradesh	17,634
Uttarakhand	2,845
West Bengal	284
Total	80,918

(c & d): The implementation of the PM VIKAS Scheme and related consultations with stakeholders have highlighted certain areas requiring strengthening. These include strengthening industry linkages and placement opportunities through greater focus on apprenticeships, On-the-Job Training (OJT), verified placements and alignment of training programmes with emerging and future skill requirements.

To improve employment outcomes and self-employment opportunities under PM VIKAS, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach. The Scheme provides industry-aligned skilling in emerging sectors through reputed institutions and industry-linked Project Implementing Agencies. To strengthen employment linkages, the Ministry also organizes stakeholder consultations to facilitate placement opportunities for trained candidates.

The Scheme also envisages career counselling, entrepreneurship development training, mentoring support through Business Mentors/Udyami Mitras and integrates credit linkages with the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) to facilitate access to concessional finance for self-employment and enterprise development.

This information was given by Union Minister of Minority Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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