

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO WOMEN OF MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for vocational and computer training for women belonging to minorities;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any such scheme has been sanctioned for Nashik and Malegaon districts of Maharashtra; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS(SHRI A.R. ANTULAY)

a)& b) National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has been implementing a scheme of vocational training for persons belonging to minority communities, living below double the poverty line, through State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) in respective States/UTs. NMDFC provides grants covering 85% of the training cost and also a stipend of Rs.500 per month to the candidates.

The Maulana Azad Education Foundation is running a Vocational Training Centre for women in the old campus of Dr. Zakir Hussain College, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi where free training is provided for cutting, tailoring, textile designing, beauty culture and computers to girls, mainly belonging to the educational backward minorities.

c) & d) Maulana Azad Alpasankhyak Arthik Vikas Mahamandal, a SCA of NMDFC organized a 'Basic Beautician Course' for 100 women belonging to minority communities at Nashik from 16.6.2006 to 14.10.2006 and it has also organized a Fashion Designing programme for 20 candidates at Malegaon for three months from 11.2.2008.