

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3013
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

EMPOWERMENT OF INFORMAL ECONOMY THROUGH SKILL TRAINING

3013. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to empower informal economy through skill training to barefoot entrepreneurs;
- (b) if so, the details of plan being formulated;
- (c) whether the step in store is likely to ease problem of unemployment to some extent; and
- (d) what are the main areas being identified under the plan?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE)**

(a) to (d) Presently, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has been implementing Pradhan Mantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (PM-YUVA). The scheme aims to create an enabling ecosystem for Entrepreneurship Development through entrepreneurship education and training across the country in select Institutes of Higher Learning (Universities, Colleges and Premier Institutes), schools, Industrial Training Centers (ITIs) and Entrepreneurship Development Centers (EDCs) for over a period of five years (2017-18 to 2021-22). Additionally, students will get easy access to a robust network of peers, mentors incubators, funds and business services through an online platform. Under the PM YUVA scheme, interested students will be given entrepreneurship education and training, including social entrepreneurship. So far, 239 Institutes of Higher Learning have been empanelled to impart entrepreneurship education throughout the country and entrepreneurship courses have started in 226 Institutes of Higher Learning. Keeping in view the mandate of MSDE, an end to end customized entrepreneurship orientation module has been integrated under the Life Skill Course module in the PMKVY Courses so that every candidate undergoing PMKVY skill training will receive orientation in Entrepreneurship. In ITI courses, the module on Entrepreneurship is already integrated as a section in the employability skills. Further, the Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) is being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development. This programme aims to help the rural poor including artisans and weavers to setup enterprises at the village level in non-agricultural sectors. SVEP is being implemented in 19 States as on 28.02.2018.
