

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1109  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018**

**APPRENTICESHIP FOR YOUTH IN COMPANIES**

**1109. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the number of registered companies is almost 8 lakh in the country while apprenticeship facility is provided merely by 23,000 companies;
- (b) if so, the steps taken or being taken against the companies which does not provide the facility of apprenticeship;
- (c) the number of youth availed apprenticeship so far under the skill development programme of Government; and
- (d) whether the target of providing apprenticeship under the skill development has been achieved and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) As per the Apprenticeship Act, 1961 amended upto 2014, it is obligatory, only for those companies to provide facility to engage apprentices whose total strength of employee is 40 and above, however it is optional for companies having employee's strength 6 to 40 to provide the facility of apprenticeship.

Government has launched Apprenticeship India portal for managing and monitoring of apprenticeship training. The companies as well as apprentices have to register on this portal for their participation in the apprenticeship. As on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, 59122 companies have registered on the portal. Out of these, only 42,488 companies have employees strength 40 and above. Presently, 20,770 are engaging apprentices and the rest are being persuaded to engage Apprentices through various campaigning in line with the Apprenticeship Act, 1961 (amended in year 2014). Also, in the year 2016, Government has launched the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) to incentivize the companies engaging the apprentices.

(c) Till December 2018, around 4.7 lakh youth have availed apprenticeship training under the Skill Development programme of the Government.

(d) The Government has set a target of providing apprenticeship training to 50 lakh youth upto the year 2020 under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme. Presently more than 1.6 lakh apprentices are engaged in various companies and more than 10 lakh youth have registered themselves on the apprenticeship portal to be engaged by various companies as apprentices.

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