GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 795
ANSWERED ON-18/09/2020

CHANGE IN SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES POST COVID-19

795. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

(a) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that people get proper skill training in the midst of COVID-19 lockdown;

(b) whether Government has any data on as to how many people trained, so far, under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) are currently employed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken to ensure employability of people trained under PMKVY; and

(e) the manner in which Government proposes to change the skill development programmes in a post-COVID world?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI R. K. SINGH)

(a) and (e): Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is imparting on-line skilling through 'e-SkillIndia' platform in the midst of COVID-19 lockdown. Further, Ministry of Home Affairs has permitted the conduct of skill training programmes in physical form from September 21, 2020 onwards. Accordingly, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) has been issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) for restarting the training.

(b) and (c): Under PMKVY, as on 17.03.2020, 42.02 lakh and 33.66 lakh candidates have been trained and certified, respectively, under Short Term Training (STT) courses. Out of these certified candidates, 17.54 lakh candidates have been provided with placement. Also, 49.12 lakh candidates who already have the informal skills but are not formally certified have been oriented under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) component of the scheme.

(d): Various initiatives have been taken to enhance placement of the certified candidates. Some of the major initiatives are as follows:

- Training Providers/ Training Centres (TPs/TCs) have to organize Rozgar Melas with the support of Sector Skill Councils;
- Last tranche of payment (i.e. 20% of total training funds) to TPs/TCs is based on placement of certified candidates;
- Additional incentives are given to TPs/TCs for placing candidates above the minimum required level;
- Allocation of fresh targets to TPs/TCs is based on their placement performance.

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