

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 919**  
**ANSWERED ON 14-12-2022**

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS**

919. SHRI MASTHAN RAO BEEDA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that formal skill training is lower in rural areas as compared to urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps towards enhancing skill training in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor.

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) through National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) had published the report 'Status of Education and Vocational Training in India' in 2011-12 on the basis of the NSS 68<sup>th</sup> round. As per the report, among persons of age 15 years and above, 1.1% people in rural areas have technical degrees or diplomas or certificates, however, the percentage was 5.5% in urban areas.

(b) to (d) Under Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is delivering skill training to the youth through various skill development schemes/programmes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for entire India including rural population. JSS has served the rural poor in a substantive manner, with more than 50% beneficiaries hailing from the rural areas. Their outreach programmes have been of great avail in skilling the rural youth. Further, District Skill Committees (DSCs), under the guidance of respective State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs), are playing a key role in addressing the skill gap and assessing demand at the district level including in rural areas. The DSCs have been entrusted with the development of District Skill Development Plans (DSDPs) to promote decentralized planning and implementation at the grassroots.

Apart from MSDE, Ministry of Rural Development is running schemes viz. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI) Scheme. RSETI, an initiative of Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) to have dedicated infrastructure in each district of the country to impart training and skill upgradation of rural youth geared towards entrepreneurship development. RSETIs are managed by banks with active co-operation from the Government of India and State Governments. DDU-GKY is a part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), tasked with the dual objectives of adding diversity to the incomes of rural poor families and of catering to the career aspirations of rural youth. DDU-GKY is uniquely focused on rural youth between the ages of 15 and 35 years from poor families. As a part of the Skill India campaign, it plays an instrumental role in supporting the social and economic programs of the government like the Make in India, Digital India, Smart Cities and Start-Up India, Stand-Up India campaigns.

Further, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, has introduced various central schemes / programmes to impart and promote skilling in agriculture through Agriculture Skill Council of India. These are in addition to the programmes implemented by this Ministry under its schemes. Imparting of skills is essential to improve on the traditional agriculture skills, as also, to infuse new skill sets and techniques for sustainable growth and development. The skills in farming agriculture are imparted to the rural youth and farmers in agriculture and allied sectors including women in Agriculture Sector. Agriculture Crop Production, Seed Industry Segment, Farm Mechanisation & Precision Farming, Production Horticulture, Amenity Horticulture and Landscaping, Post – Harvest, Supply Chain Management, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Farm Management, Poultry Farm Management, Fisheries and other allied segments are the segments of importance for skilling of the rural people.

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