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SKILL DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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

- (a) whether Ministry is contemplating on developing a Skill Development Index (SDI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) to what extent SDI helps in fine-tuning skill programmes, monitoring, fill skill gaps, etc...;
- (d) what are the global benchmarks in skill development and whether Ministry has studied those benchmarks;
- (e) whether it is the fact that Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD) has developed World Indicators of Skills for Employment (WISE); and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and how Ministry is planning to emulate them for India?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) The Government have no such proposal to develop a Skill Development Index. However, Skill gap studies conducted through different reputed organizations provide information on the skills needed and the skill gaps in various sectors, which help to understand the skill requirements and opportunities. Further, District Skill Committees (DSCs) are mandated with formulating District Skill Development Plans (DSDPs) to promote decentralized planning and implementation at the grassroots. The DSDPs identify sectors in which employment opportunities and demand for skilling exists. Skill Development Programmes of the Government are designed and implemented to bridge identified skill gaps across sectors. Coordination across programs of various Ministries in Government of India and other key stake holders like State Government, Industry, training ecosystem etc is ensured, inter alia, through Common Norms, implementation of National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF), data integration through the Skill India Portal (SIP).

(d) to (f) Different Countries follow different benchmarks of skill development. In India, the National Skill Qualification Framework is composed of eight levels, each representing a different level of complexity and knowledge required to demonstrate competence commensurate for that level.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has developed World Indicators of Skills for Employment (WISE). It contains 64 indicators in five areas namely Contextual factors, Skill acquisition, Skill requirements, Skill mismatch and Economic and social outcomes. Above indicators are suitably factored in preparation of DSDPs.
