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SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT TO SKILLED WORKERS

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

- (a) State-wise ranking vis-à-vis skill development and entrepreneurship;
- (b) whether Government proposes to promote the participation of youth and women in skill development training programmes, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is working on any scheme to provide employment to skilled workers of the country in the foreign countries, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

- (a) There is no system of maintaining ranking of the States for skill development and entrepreneurship.
- (b) Under Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers training programmes for skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling, through an extensive network of skill development Centres/ Institutes under various schemes, viz, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to the youth across the country. Inclusive skill development, with the objective of increased women participation for better economic productivity is one of the focus areas of the National Policy on Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, 2015. Also, following special provisions are made to support the women candidates under Common Norms:
 - (i) Organizing of training programmes anywhere in the country where women trainees have to travel more than 80 kms from their homes to reach the nearest training centre and for availing boarding and lodging arrangements.
 - (ii) Post placement support is provided directly to the women candidates, at the rate of Rs. 1500/- per month (upto two months for placement within District of domicile and 3 months for placement outside District of domicile)

Under PMKVY, in order to increase the participation of women, conveyance cost and boarding & lodging facilities are being provided for them. The priority group under JSS includes women. Under long term skilling, Directorate General of Training (DGT), vocational trades particularly suitable for women are identified and their implementation is planned. Also, to increase the women participation in Skill Development ecosystem some ITIs are opened exclusively for women. Presently, there are 311 women ITIs in the country. Out of 33 National Skill Training Institute (NSTI), 19 are exclusively for women. In general ITIs and NSTIs, also, 30% of seats are reserved for women.

Under the aegis of MSDE, National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) has been working for the empowerment, upliftment and development of women across the country. The institute conducts Entrepreneurship Orientation Programmes, Entrepreneurship Awareness Programmes, Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDP) and Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes (ESDP), Women Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (WEDP), for women who wish to become self-reliant or start innovative businesses. The focus is on encouraging women entrepreneurs through appropriate incentives for women owned businesses under the public procurement process. NIESBUD has designed Entrepreneurship Development Programmes for the rural women with the objective to inculcate entrepreneurial values, attitude and motivation among the rural women to take up challenges to set up an enterprise/group enterprise.

(c) With the vision of facilitating gainful employment for the country's youth, leveraging the positive demographic dividend, and seizing the opportunity to cater to the ever- growing global skilled workforce requirement, MSDE has envisioned 'Skill India International (SII)'. Under the SII, two Skill India International Centres have been set up one at Varanasi and the other one at Skill Development Institute (SDI), Bhubaneswar. SII aims to enhance global career mobility opportunities for aspiring candidates in an international benchmarked quality skills ecosystem. In the Budget 2023-24, opening of 30 SII Centres, has been announced. Also, MSDE is leveraging its bilateral engagements with different countries to provide a framework of cooperation in areas like information exchange, standard setting, skill harmonization, recognition of qualification, etc. These engagements are aimed at easing mobility of skilled workforce from India to bilateral partners. NSDC under the aegis of MSDE has also signed Business to Business Agreements with business entities of various countries to facilitate overseas mobility of Indian skilled workforce, capacity building of trainers, employer engagements, etc.
