

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
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DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMMES

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

- a) Whether the Ministry is aware that Degree Apprenticeship increases chances of employability;
- b) how many Government colleges and universities are offering Degree Apprenticeship programmes in the country, the details thereof; and
- c) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to promote Degree Apprenticeship programmes in the country; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a to c) Government has stressed the importance of apprenticeships and vocational education in promoting employability and skill development in various fields. The National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) has been implemented to provide a structured framework for skills and vocational education. The University Grant Commission (UGC) has also introduced the Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc) program, which integrates academic knowledge with vocational skills to enhance employability.

Moreover, in order to improve the employability of students, UGC has introduced the 'Guidelines for Higher Education Institutions to offer Internship/Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes' in the year 2020. As per these Guidelines any UG degree programme in any discipline, as specified by UGC under Section 22 (3) of the UGC Act, 1956, is eligible to embed apprenticeship/internship into the degree programme. While programmes for skill-based education emphasize on developing skilled workforce with vocational education only, the emphasis on Internship/Apprenticeship is to improve the employability of students in the general stream. As per the available information, approximately 18,508 students have been imparted training in professional and soft skills by 147 Higher Education Institutions. List is at *Annexure*. Since the detail in the said *Annexure* is too lengthy, it is available on the website of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship at the following link <https://msde.gov.in/en/useful-links/parl-ques/rajya-sabha>.
