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MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT UNDER SKILL INDIA MISSION

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that according to some reports, 30 per cent of India's youth are neither employed nor in education or training;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of number of people employed under the Skill India mission; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any initiatives to reach its goal of skilling 400 million people under the National Skills Development Programme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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(a) to (d) According to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), the unemployment rate has come down from 6.1% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2022-23.

As per the PLFS Annual Report 2021-22 of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), percentage of persons in the age group 15-59 years who received vocational / technical training was 19.5%, which includes 3.4% who received formal vocational / technical training. Lack of awareness about benefits of vocational training and its perceived low aspirational value are among important reasons for low participation in vocational/technical training programmes.

As per National Sample Survey (NSS) 78th Round (2020-2021), the percentage of persons of age 15-29 years reported to be not in education, employment or training (NEET) at the all-India level is 32.9 percent. This report also categorises the persons who were identified as NEET by types of activities they did during last 7 days preceding the survey. This includes (i) seeking/available for work, (ii) engaged in voluntary work in other household/enterprise, (iii) engaged in social/political work voluntarily, (iv) attending domestic duties, (v) not able to work due to health condition, (vi) spending leisure time and (vii) others.

In order to improve employability of youth of the country, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) under Skill India Mission (SIM), delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training to youth across the country through an extensive network of skill development centres/institutes under various schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). All the Skilling schemes of MSDE are purely demand-driven and joining such courses is a voluntary decision on the part of the potential trainee hence, targets are often not set. The total number of persons trained through schemes of MSDE is as under:

Sl. No.	Schemes	No. of persons trained
1	PMKVY (FY2015-16 to December 2023)	140.81 lakh
2	JSS (FY 2018-19 to December 2023)	22.96 lakh
3	NAPS (FY 2018-19 to December 2023)	27.12 lakh
4	CTS (2018-19 to 2022-23)	65.11 lakh

Aim of the skill development programmes is to equip the youth of the country with market relevant skills to get gainfully employed in wage or self employment. Amongst the schemes of the MSDE, placement is specifically tracked only under Short Term Training (STT) component of PMKVY and 24,39,101 candidates have been reported placed till December 2023. As regards other schemes, third party evaluation reports have observed success in terms of placement or enhancement of income of candidates trained. As far as employment of the JSS scheme beneficiaries is concerned, third party evaluation report of the scheme observed that as an impact of the training programme conducted at JSSs, the self and wage employment and private job have become evident. The report has further observed that usefulness of the scheme would be further evident from the fact that 77.05% of the beneficiary trainees have undergone occupational shifts. The final report of Tracer Study of ITI Graduates (published in January 2018 by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, GoI) mentions that 63.5% of total ITI pass-outs got employed (wage + self, out of which 6.7% are self-employed).
