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QUALITY OF SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS UNDER PMKVY

283   SHRI B. PARTHASARADHI REDDY: SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

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

(a)   the steps being taken to ensure the quality of short-term training programs offered under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), which often have a duration as short as 24 hours;

(b)   whether Government has established any quality control mechanisms to assess and certify the competency of trainees in these short-term courses; and

(c)   what steps are being taken to ensure that these short-term courses result in meaningful skill development rather than certificates with little market value?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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(a) to (c)   The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been implementing Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) since 2015, for imparting skill development training through Short-Term Training (STT) (including Special Project) and up-skilling and re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country. Under STT of PMKVY 4.0, duration of courses generally ranges between 300 – 600 hours. Further, under RPL of PMKVY 4.0, all candidates have to undergo mandatory training of a minimum of 30 hours and maximum duration of 132 hours.

The Government has taken various steps to improve the quality of training under PMKVY 4.0. Under the scheme, job roles have been revised based on the industry demand. Currently, under PMKVY 4.0, around 843 National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) aligned job roles (courses) have been approved for imparting Skill Development training across various sectors. Also, a national pool of 82,938 certified trainers and assessors have been created to improve the quality of training and assessment.

PMKVY 4.0 is being implemented as a Demand-Driven scheme to skill the candidates. PMKVY 4.0 emphasizes on increasing the employability of the candidates by offering Industry Ready, Future Ready and Modern Skilling in various domains. The scheme focuses on new age and emerging courses such as Drone, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), 3D Printing, Block Chain, Mechatronics, Robotics, etc. On-the-Job Training (OJT), mandatory employability skills module, focus on upskilling, Aadhaar authenticated registration of candidates, blended delivery of courses, etc. are some of the important aspects of the scheme.

Further, to monitor the effectiveness of the skill training provided under PMKVY 4.0, the Ministry has launched Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) a unified platform that integrates skilling, education, employment, and entrepreneurship ecosystems to provide a life-long array of services targeting a wide range of stakeholders. The whole training life cycle of candidates and their tracking (from enrolment to post certification follow-up), details of trainers and assessors, accreditation and affiliation of training provider and training centre is captured and monitored through the SIDH. It performs Aadhaar Authentication and De-duplication check of candidate at the time of enrolment.

In addition, details of the trained candidates are available on SIDH portal for connecting with potential employers. Through SIDH, candidates can have access to jobs and apprenticeship opportunities. Further, Rozgar Melas and Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Melas (PMNAMs) have been organized to facilitate the placements opportunities to the certified candidates.

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