

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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PROGRESS AND TARGETS UNDER THE SKILL INDIA MISSION

1562 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

- (a) the total number of individuals skilled under the Skill India Mission during the last five years, year-wise and the manner in which this compares to the targets set under the National Policy on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015; and
- (b) the number of workers that have been certified under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program to date, and the Ministry's timeline and targets for certifying the remaining workforce in the unorganised sector?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a): Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres 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), to all the sections of the society across the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

The vision of National Policy for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (NPSDE), 2015 is to create an ecosystem of empowerment by skilling on a large scale at speed with high standards and to promote a culture of innovation based entrepreneurship which can generate wealth and employment so as to ensure sustainable livelihoods for all citizens in the country. With a view to guide the policy intervention to realize this vision, estimate of skilling requirement has been provided in the policy document, as per which the fresh entrants between 2015-22 requiring skilling/ Vocational Education Training (VET) is 104.62 million. This estimate is based on 66th and 68th round of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) and Census, 2011 data.

The number of candidates trained under the schemes of MSDE during the last five years, year-wise is as under:

Scheme	Candidates Trained				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
PMKVY	45,65,475	19,60,776	6,16,040	2,11,170	5,39,422
JSS	4,15,332	3,59,796	4,61,996	7,26,284	5,07,337
NAPS	2,01,582	2,96,253	5,90,185	7,37,144	9,31,406
CTS (ITIs)	13,59,489	12,19,446	12,25,851	12,50,679	14,46,247

(b) A total of 56,58,646 candidates certified under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program of MSDE since 2015-16 and upto 31.12.2024. The schemes of MSDE including RPL program are demand driven.
