

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNTARRED QUESTION NO. 3642**  
ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

**SKILLS ACQUISITION AND KNOWLEDGE AWARENESS FOR LIVELIHOOD  
PROMOTION**

3642. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR:

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

- (a) the key objectives and major achievements of the Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP);
- (b) the details of the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme launched under SANKALP;
- (c) whether Government has planned/executed any awards or competition between States or districts in terms of their Skill Development Plans, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the financial assistance provided to States under SANKALP during the last three years, year-wise details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) is a World Bank loan-assisted outcome-based Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed to implement the mandate of the National Skill Development Mission (NSDM). The objective of the scheme was to strengthen the short-term skilling ecosystem, and to address ongoing challenges such as infusing quality into skill development programs, making them market-relevant, and ensuring accessibility in the context of Short-Term Training (STT). The scheme had three Result Areas (RAs) and eight Delivery-Linked Indicators (DLIs), details of which are placed at **Annexure-I**. All the targets under the eight DLIs have been achieved.

(b) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) implemented the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) program under SANKALP in collaboration with nine Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) as academic partners. The MGNF programme aimed to strengthen District Skill Committees (DSCs), by supporting them in planning, implementing and monitoring of skill development initiatives at the District level. The two-year Fellowship program included four academic modules of two weeks each and six District immersion modules for the remaining project period. The program was implemented from 2020 to 2023 in two phases. A total of 74 Fellows were deployed in 74 Districts in phase-I during March 2020 - March 2022. Phase-II of the project was implemented from October 2021 - October 2023, and total 657 MGN Fellows were deployed.

(c) In order to promote competition among Districts in preparation of District Skill Development Plan (DSDP) and to recognise outstanding work in this area, MSDE organised the District Skill Development Plans Award Program in 2018-19 and 2020-21. In 2018-19, all districts across India were invited to participate, resulting in the submission of 225 DSDPs. After evaluation of the DSDPs, their shortlisting and presentation before a selection committee, seven districts were awarded Award of Excellence and a Global Exposure Visit, while six were awarded Certificates of Excellence and seven received Letters of Appreciation. In the year 2020-2021, the participation increased significantly, with 467 districts submitting their DSDPs. Post evaluation of these DSDPs, their shortlisting and presentation before a selection committee eight districts received the Award of Excellence, 13 were awarded Certificates of Excellence, and nine received Letters of Appreciation.

(d) As part of the SANKALP scheme, MSDE has released central share of Rs. 330.35 crore to States/UTs, that includes Rs 316.44 crore as State Incentive Grant (SIG) and Rs 13.91 crore to Aspirational Districts as part of the Aspirational Skilling Abhiyaan (ASA) / special projects. Most of the funds under SIG and ASA were released during the years 2018-19 and 2019-20. Details of year-wise funds released are placed at **Annexure-II**.

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**Result Areas (RAs):**

**Result Area 1:** Institutional Strengthening at the National and State Levels for Planning, Delivering, and Monitoring High-quality Market Relevant Training

**Result Area 2:** Improved Quality and Market Relevance of Skills Development Programs

**Result Area 3:** Improved Access to and Completion of Skills Training for Female Trainees and Other Disadvantaged Groups

**Delivery-linked indicators (DLIs):**

- **DLI 1:** Trainees who have successfully completed the market-relevant short-term SD programs and were certified.
- **DLI 2:** Percentage of graduates who are wage employed or self-employed within six months of completion of short-term SD programs.
- **DLI 3:** NSQF aligned QPs translated into teaching learning materials.
- **DLI 5:** Improved performance of states on institutional strengthening, market relevance of SD programs, and access to and completion of training by marginalized populations.
- **DLI 6:** Increase in percentage of women participating in SD programs.
- **DLI 7:** Improved service delivery at the Gram Panchayat (GP) level by linking skill certified individuals to local employment.
- **DLI 8:** Strengthened capacity of District Skill Committee (DSC) to implement short term skill programs.

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**The year-wise fund released to States under SANKALP (Central share)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount in Rs. crore</b>
1	2018-19	60.27
2	2019-20	164.62
3	2020-21	61.99
4	2021-22	0.50
5	2022-23	0.00
6	2023-24	13.85
7	2024-25	29.12
	<b>Total</b>	<b>330.35</b>

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