GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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INDIA-(WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM) WEF 'SKILLS ACCELERATOR' INITIATIVE

444 SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

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

- (a) whether Government has identified specific States or regions for implementation of India-World Economic Forum) WEF 'Skills Accelerator initiative, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) how this initiative is going to help in addressing skill gaps across emerging sectors like green energy, advanced manufacturing and digital technologies; and
- (c) the details of provision for private sector participation or partnership under this initiative?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF), deliberated on the "India Skills Accelerator" initiative during a high-level roundtable on 08.04.2025 at Kaushal Bhawan in New Delhi.

The 'India Skills Accelerator' aims to close these gaps through inclusive upskilling and reskilling, mobilizing investment in lifelong learning, and fostering government-industry collaboration. By enabling agile career transitions, promoting scalable training, and aligning education with industry need - especially in high-growth sectors like AI, robotics, and energy - the initiative is to empower India's youth and drive future-ready workforce development. The initiate has robust private sector participation with 02 out of 04 co-chairs from the private sector.
