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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS

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PROPOSAL FOR A REGIONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT HUB IN GUJARAT

1781: SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry proposes to support the State of Gujarat in establishing a regional skill development hub focused on chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturing under the Skill India Mission to meet sector-specific manpower needs;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed assistance, including curriculum development, training facilities, industry collaboration and financial support;
- (c) whether any consultations have been held with Government of the State of Gujarat or relevant industry associations regarding the establishment of such a hub; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for not considering this proposal despite the significant demand for skilled workers in these industries in the State

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (d): In the State of Gujarat, skilling in the Chemical - Petrochemical sector is undertaken by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals through its autonomous body, the Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET), operating via its centres at Ahmedabad and Navsari. Further, skilling in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical manufacturing sectors under the Skill India Mission is also carried out by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) through various schemes and institutions. The details of skilling activities implemented by CIPET and MSDE are as follows:

- i. CIPET Centres at Ahmedabad and Navsari offer different skilling programs based on duration and content. Under the Skill Development Training Program, there are 37 types of courses being implemented. These are recognised by the National Council of Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The duration of these programs varies from 3 to 6 months, and upon successful completion, CIPET facilitates placement of trained candidates in the industry.

In addition to the above, CIPET also conducts Skill Upgradation Program, which ranges from 16 hours to 3 months, designed to enhance existing skills and competencies.

Over the last three financial years (FY 2022–23 to FY 2024–25), CIPET has skilled 14,256 candidates across the State of Gujarat through the above-mentioned programs.

- ii. Under the Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) promotes skilling in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical sectors through different training centres operating under the schemes of the Ministry, such as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme. There are 53 types of courses being implemented related to chemicals, life sciences, and pharmaceuticals. These initiatives collectively enable skill development through various institutions across the state. Since the inception of the Skill India Mission, 33,066 candidates have been trained under these schemes in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical sectors in the state of Gujarat.
