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SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES AND TRAINING PROGRAMS IN MAHARASHTRA

3002. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) details of initiatives undertaken to promote skill development in Maharashtra during the last five years;
- (b) how many skill development centres, vocational training institutes and apprenticeship programs have been established or upgraded in the State;
- (c) what steps are being taken to ensure access to training for youth in rural, tribal and under-served areas; and
- (d) how does the Ministry coordinate with Maharashtra State authorities and industries to enhance employability, provide placement opportunities and promote entrepreneurship, ensuring that skill development programs effectively contribute to sustainable livelihoods and economic growth across the State?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): 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 / institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan 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 including the state of Maharashtra. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills.

The number of the Skill Development Centres in the State of Maharashtra under the various schemes of MSDE are as follows:

PMKVY 4.0	JSS	NAPS	CTS/ITIs
571	21	10,294	1046

(c): Some of the steps taken to encourage access to training for youth in rural, tribal and under-served areas are as follows:

- i. The Common Norms for schemes for skill development by the Government provide special provisions have been made for the candidates from the Special Areas like North Eastern States, Hilly States, Districts affected by Left Wing Extremist, etc.
- ii. Under PMKVY, the Government has expanded skill development programs in rural and underserved areas through setting up of Skill India Centres (SICs) and implementation of Special Projects as per local requirements.
- iii. Under NAPS, Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) is being conducted every month on the 2nd Monday, in at least 1/3rd of the districts of each State, to facilitate candidates to avail apprenticeship opportunities and to facilitate establishments to identify potential candidates.
- iv. Directorate General of Training (DGT) has provided relaxation in affiliation norms for the opening of new ITIs in Hilly areas, North-Eastern regions, and under-served blocks across the country, with the aim to encourage the opening of more new ITIs in these areas.
- v. Under NAPS-2, for promotion of apprenticeship in North-Eastern Region (NER), an additional financial support of ₹1,500 per apprentice per month to eligible apprentices of NER, over and above the

Government share of stipend, is provided. This additional support helps more youth take up apprenticeships, build stronger job skills, and gain practical, industry-focused training that prepares them for their chosen careers.

- vi. Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH)- a digital public infrastructure to provide a comprehensive and accessible platform for skill enhancement, offering industry-relevant skill courses, job opportunities, and entrepreneurship support- enhances the accessibility to skill training to the youth including the ones from rural and underserved areas.

(d): In order to synergize initiatives of skill development in the country and overcome the regional imbalance, the schemes of MSDE focus on implementation of training interventions with participation of States and Districts through State Skill Development Mission (SSDMs) and District Skill Committees (DSCs). DSCs are mandated with formulating District Skill Development Plans (DSDPs) to promote decentralized planning and implementation at the grassroots. Further, to ensure the skills imparted are aligned with the current industry requirements and provides apprenticeship and job opportunities, the following specific steps have been taken by MSDE:

- i. National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) has approved 9549 qualifications as per the industry requirements, out of which 3122 qualifications are valid and active and 6427 qualifications are archived for being not relevant.
- ii. 36 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), led by industry leaders in the respective sectors, have been set up which are mandated to identify the skill development needs of respective sectors as well as to determine skill competency standards. NSDC, under the Market led program, provides support to training providers that collaborate and align skill courses with industry demand.
- iii. DGT is implementing Flexi MoU Scheme and Dual System of Training (DST) which are meant to provide training to ITI students in industrial environment as per their requirements.
- iv. Government of India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) in the field of skill development and vocational education and training with twelve countries to align the skilling efforts as per the global requirements.
- v. Under PMKVY, the new age/future skills job-roles have been specially aligned with Industry 4.0 requirements in areas like AI/ML, Robotics, Mechatronics, Drone Technology, etc. for upcoming market demand and industry requirements.
- vi. Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the aegis of MSDE has introduced 31 new age /future skills courses in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) under CTS to provide training in emerging areas such as 5G Network Technician, Artificial Intelligence Programming assistant, Cyber Security Assistant, Drone Technician etc.
- vii. DGT has signed MoU with IT Tech companies like IBM, CISCO, Future Skill Rights Network, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft to ensure industry linkages for the institutes at the state and regional levels under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. These partnerships facilitate the provision of technical and professional skills training in modern technologies.
- viii. Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) established at Ahmedabad and Mumbai, in Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode, aims to cultivate an industry-ready workforce for Industry 4.0, equipped with cutting-edge technology and hands-on training.
- ix. National Skill Development Corporation under the aegis of MSDE has partnered with a number of international organizations such as AWS, Microsoft, Intel, Redhat, Pearson VUE, Boston Consulting Group (BCG), Cisco Networking Academy for providing digital courses.
- x. MSDE 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 details of the trained candidates are available on SIDH portal for connecting with potential employers. Through Skill India Digital Hub, candidates can have access to jobs and apprenticeship opportunities.
- xi. National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) supports seamless transition from education to work; ensuring apprentices gain industry-specific skills through real-world exposure. Under NAPS, stipend support up to Rs 1500/- per month is released to beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- xii. Further, Kaushal Melas and Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Melas (PMNAMs) have been organized to facilitate the placements opportunities to the certified candidates.
