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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3340
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/03/2026

**HIMAYAT PROGRAMME FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT IN
JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

3340 Shri Sat Paul Sharma:

Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of youth who have received placement-linked training under the Himayat Programme so far;
- (b) the extent to which trained candidates have secured gainful employment upon completion of training; and
- (c) the details of measures being undertaken to further align the Himayat Programme with emerging skill-demand trends and local employment opportunities in the Union Territory?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Himayat is a special scheme under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh which covers Rural as well as Urban candidates for skill training. The scheme covers both Below Poverty Line as well as Above Poverty Line persons and it is a 100% centrally funded scheme.

Under Himayat, since its inception (2011), a total of 1.03 lakhs candidates has been trained and 0.64 lakhs candidates have been placed.

(c): Under the Himayat Programme, continuous efforts are being made to align training with emerging skill-demand trends and local employment opportunities in the Union Territory. In this regard, the Himayat Mission Management Unit has undertaken Skill Gap Analysis to identify sector-wise employment demand, Impact Assessment to review placement outcomes, and Retention Study to examine attrition patterns among placed candidates. The findings from these exercises are utilised to align training programmes with industry requirements through demand-driven job roles and active employer engagement.
