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**SKILL DEVELOPMENT UNDER PM-DAKSH YOJANA**

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which skill development programmes have been aligned with market demand under schemes like the PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) Yojana;

(b) whether the Ministry has assessed that the skill development, entrepreneurship and rehabilitation schemes have contributed to sustainable livelihood creation rather than just providing short-term relief;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any statistical tracking or evaluation system in place regarding the long-term outcomes for beneficiaries, such as employment stability, income growth and social mobility; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) Under the Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Scheme, trainings are conducted across National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant courses based on proposals submitted by empaneled training institutes, demand and considering factors like viable batch size, geographical conditions etc.

(b) to (e) Under the PM-DAKSH Scheme, training institutes are required to provide employment (wage and/or self-employment) to at least 70% of the trained candidates after completion of training under Short Term Training Courses, failing which, the release of 3rd installment, i.e., 30% of the training cost is forfeited. Further, the training institutes are mandated to maintain collaboration with the relevant industries to facilitate employment opportunities for the trained candidates. The three Corporations under this Department, National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance & Development Corporation (NSKFDC), extend loan facilities and assistance to the eligible youth of target groups in setting up their projects by way of project preparation, training and financial assistance for employability and entrepreneurship after pursuing the vocational education and training courses.

The Evaluation study of PM-DAKSH Scheme shows strong relevance and learning effectiveness, with over 90% of beneficiaries reporting alignment of training with career goals, local labour market needs and achievement of intended learning outcomes. Impact results indicate strong non-material gains such as improved confidence, self-esteem and social recognition, particularly among women and marginalized groups. Sustainability outcomes are largely positive, with most beneficiaries continuing to use acquired skills, expecting long-term income growth, reinvesting in development and feeling capable of maintaining improvements independently.

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