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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 774
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/07/2026

PROGRESS UNDER DDU-GKY

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Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) to align the skill development of rural youth with emerging employment opportunities and industry requirements, so far;
- (b) the sectors, industries and emerging employment areas that have been identified for the training and placement of rural youth under the said scheme;
- (c) the measures adopted by Government to ensure the placement of trained candidates, partnerships with industries and their post-placement retention; and
- (d) the financial outlay proposed for the implementation of the Scheme, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): DDU-GKY is one of the cluster of initiatives under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) aimed at livelihood diversification and poverty reduction. DDU-GKY aims to skill rural youth and promote sustainable livelihoods for rural youth through placement linked skilling programs.

Under DDU-GKY, efforts are made to align the aspirations of rural youth with the evolving skill requirements of the labour market. States/UTs are provided budgetary support to undertake skill gap studies to identify sectoral opportunities and employment potential in their regions. Based on these studies, States/UTs and Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) are encouraged to propose training programmes in emerging and high-growth sectors aligned with local, domestic and global job markets. While submitting project proposals, PIAs are required to provide justification and demand assessment for the sectors proposed, ensuring that training under DDU-GKY remains demand-driven and industry-relevant.

So far under DDUGKY, a total of **18.45 lakh** candidates has been trained and **12.35 lakh** have been placed till June 2026.

The sectors that have been identified for the training and placement of rural youth under the said scheme are given as **Annexure I**.

(c): Funds are released to Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs), subject to achieving the placement target. PIAs are required to ensure placement of at least 70% of trained candidates, with at least 50% placed in wage employment. Post Placement Support (PPS) is provided to eligible candidates to facilitate retention for a period of six months and tracking for up to twelve months.

(d): The Budget Estimate (BE) for the FY 2026-27 is ₹ 750.00 crore as Central Share.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 774 for reply on 24.07.2026

Sl. No.	Sector
1	Aerospace And Aviation
2	Agriculture
3	Apparel Madeups And Home Furnishings
4	Automotive
5	Beauty & Wellness
6	BFSI
7	Capital Goods
8	Construction
9	Domestic Workers
10	Electronics
11	Food Processing
12	Furniture & Fittings
13	Gem & Jewellery
14	Green Jobs
15	Handicrafts And Carpet
16	Healthcare
17	Hydrocarbon
18	Infrastructure Equipment
19	Instrumentation
20	Iron And Steel
21	IT-ITES
22	Leather
23	Life Sciences
24	Logistics
25	Management, Entrepreneurship And Professional Skills
26	Media & Entertainment
27	Mining
28	Paints And Coatings
29	Plumbing
30	Power
31	Retail
32	Rubber
33	Sports, Physical Education, Fitness & Leisure
34	Telecom
35	Textiles
36	Tourism & Hospitality
