

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3481
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2016**

SWARNA PRAVAS YOJANA

3481. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Swarna Pravas Yojana implemented by the Government to impart skill development for overseas employment to the Indian Youth is yet to be implemented;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons proposed to be skilled under the scheme;**
- (c) the details of fund allocation made by the Government for this purpose; and**
- (d) the action taken by the Government for implementation of the scheme expeditiously and successfully?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

(a) to (d) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed on July 2, 2016 between the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for implementation of the Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY), formerly Swarna Pravas Yojana. The scheme aims at enhancing the skills set of potential emigrant workers in select sectors and job roles, in line with international standards, to facilitate overseas employment.

The PKVY would include a technical top up training to be provided by MSDE through the National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC). This will be complemented by Pre-Departure Orientation Training aimed at enhancing soft skills of potential emigrants in terms of culture, language, traditions and local rules and regulations of the destination country. MEA, on its part, has finalized the module for the Pre-Departure Orientation Training. NSDC has already identified sixteen India International Skill Centres to operationalize this Scheme.

The Ministry of External Affairs has allocated Rs. 10.00 crore for PKVY for the current financial year.
