

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 273
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2017

SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of skilled/ unskilled manpower in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereto;**
- (c) whether this shortage has adversely affected the progress of major infrastructure projects in the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the projects reportedly affected as a result thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and**
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): A skill gap study has been conducted by National Skill Development Council (NSDC) over 2010-2014, which indicates that there is an additional net incremental requirement of 12.079 crores skilled manpower by 2022 in twenty four key sectors.

Employment generation has been an important priority of the Government. Employment generation is both a cause and consequence of economic growth and is impacted by demographic shifts and technological transformations. To cater to technological advances in industry including automation, Government is implementing various schemes like Make in India, Skill India, Digital India etc. Skilling of workforce under skill India is a major thrust of the Government to meet the changing needs of industry.

In order to improve the employability of youth, around 22 Ministries/Department run skill development schemes across various sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency, M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), number of persons skilled across various sectors was 1.04 crore during 2015-16. Government announced a booster package of Rs 6000 crores for the textile sector which is an employment intensive sector.