

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3714
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

APPRENTICESHIP FACILITIES

**3714. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:**

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of registered companies is almost 8 lakh in the country while apprenticeship facility is provided by merely 23000 companies and if so, the steps being taken to provide the facility of apprentice in all the companies;
- (b) whether the target of providing apprentice to 5 lakh youth was set during the year 2016-17 and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said target has been achieved and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of youth provided apprentice training till date, State and company-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government against the companies which are not providing apprenticeship facility for achieving the set target?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE)**

- (a) Presently, there are 43,306 companies and about 8 lakh candidates are registered on the Apprenticeship Portal. Apprenticeship training is provided to the apprentices in only those companies where training facilities for the trade/ course/ job role are available.
- (b)&(c) A new scheme "National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)" has been launched in August, 2016. The target under the NAPS for the financial year 2016-17 was 5 lakh apprentices. 2.9 lakh apprentices were trained during the financial year 2016-17. Target couldn't be achieved due to lack of awareness of NAPS among the stakeholders.
- (d) Details of youth provided apprenticeship training till date, State-wise and company-wise is given at Annexure.
- (e) Companies have been requested to engage apprentices as per the Apprentices Act, 1961. Awareness campaigns in the form of workshops/ meetings, have been conducted. Advertisements have been published in leading newspapers.
