

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 381  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018**

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT AT BLOCK LEVELS**

† **381. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:  
SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:**

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

- (a) whether in comparison to other countries, India has very small percentage of skill workforce and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the number of skilled labourers out of total labourers is very less in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to set up training centres at district and block levels in rural regions for skilled labour training and encouraging youngsters in these centres and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether foreign investment is decreasing in absence of skilled work force and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) As compared to developed countries, where the percentage of skilled workforce is between 60% and 90% of the total workforce, India has 4.69% of workforce with formal vocational skills. In order to increase the percentage of skilled work force, currently, over 40 Skill Development Programmes (SDPs) are being implemented by over 18 Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing flagship scheme known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) on pan-India basis with an objective to provide skilling to one crore people (60 lakh under Fresh Short Term Training and 40 lakh under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)) over the four years (2016-2020) with an outlay of Rs. 12,000 crore. PMKVY enables large number of prospective youth for taking Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through accredited and affiliated training partner/training centers. Under PMKVY, as on 01.02.2018, 44.13 lakh (appx.) candidates have been trained (29.91 lakh STT + 7.82 lakh RPL) / undergoing training (6.4 lakh appx.) under Short Term Training and Recognition of Prior Learning.

Under the PMKVY scheme, skill development training is being imparted through 7549 accredited and affiliated centres located at districts and block levels in the country.

(d) Skill India programmes is preparing high skill work force and it is in turn leveraging Make in India programme of the Government of India which aims to promote foreign investment in the country.

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