

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.400  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018**

**Agreement with Japan**

**400. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:**

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

- (a) whether India has entered into any agreement with Japan for sending skilled labour to that country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set up a centre to provide high class training for getting employment abroad and if so, the number of centres proposed to be opened along with the capacity thereof; and
- (d) the total number trainees trained and provided with employment abroad by the Government during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
(SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE)**

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at Tokyo, Japan. The purpose of this MoC is to transfer technical skills from Japan to India by way of "Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP)".

(c) Government of India is keen to bridge the global shortage of labour force in the coming years by reaping the demographic dividend of young Indian labour force. To meet this objective, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship under the "Skill India" Mission is setting up India International Skill Centres (IISCs) to provide skill trainings and certification benchmarked to International Standards. The 1<sup>st</sup> IISC Pilot Centre became operational in March, 2017.

(d) Currently, in the pilot phase there are 13 IISCs operational with a total of 444 students enrolled so far for training in 19 batches. 182 candidates have cleared assessments and 7 candidates have received confirmed job offers from overseas employers.

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