GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1230 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019

PERCENTAGE OF SKILLED WORKFORCE

1230. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

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 skilled 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; and
- (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?

ANSWER

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c) As per National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015, only 4.69 % of the total workforce in India has undergone formal skill training. However, this estimate is based on NSSO 68th round survey 2011-12 and does not reflect the training imparted under Skill India Mission since 2015 (every year 1 crore youths are trained under various programs).

The Government is implementing a number of schemes for imparting employable skills to the youth through short term and long term training. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, providing short term training to the youth on PAN India through affiliated training partners/ training centres. After successful implementation of the Scheme in 2015-16, the scheme was re-launched in October, 2016 as PMKVY-2.0 (2016-20) to benefit 10 million youth over the period of four year (2016-20). The Ministry is also promoting establishment of model and aspirational skill centres known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) in every district for imparting skill training. PMKVY 2016-20 does not mandate the establishment of skill development centres, however, enables large number of prospective youth for taking up Short Term Training and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through accredited and affiliated training centers (TCs) throughout the country. The scheme is implemented both in rural and urban areas of the country. As on 24.01.2019, 8331 training centres have been allocated targets to train candidate. Also, 720 PMKKs have been allocated across the country covering 632 districts. Out of allocated PMKKs, 510 PMKKs have been already established.
