

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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SWARNA PRAVAS YOJANA

506. SHRI B. V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Swarna Pravas Yojana to impart skill development for overseas employment to the Indian youth is yet to be implemented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons proposed to be skilled under the Scheme;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for this purpose; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government for the implementation of the Scheme expeditiously and successfully?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY), formerly known as Swarna Pravas Yojana, is a skill development scheme of the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, aimed at enhancing the skill set of potential emigrant workers in select sectors and job roles, in line with international standards, to facilitate overseas employment opportunities. The initial focus of the scheme is on professions that are in demand in the Gulf region.

The scheme includes a technical top up training to be provided by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship through the National Skill Development Corporation. This is complemented with the Pre-Departure Orientation Training under MEA's responsibility for sensitizing prospective migrants about overseas employment, customs, language, culture, living conditions and their rights and responsibilities in the destination country and various government programmes for their welfare and protection.

National Skill Development Corporation had operationalised India International Skill Centres (IISCs) in the pilot phase covering eight sectors i.e. Domestic Workers, Retail, Hospitality, Capital Goods, Healthcare, Construction, Automotive and Security. A total of 593 candidates were enrolled and received domain training on international standards across 9 job roles in 8 Sectors in the pilot phase. From the enrolled candidates, 459 candidates underwent assessment and 286 candidates were certified on domain skills on international standards. Presently, the IISC framework is under review by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

As part of this effort, MEA has launched Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) for the prospective migrant workers going to the Gulf region since

January 2018. As on 29 January, 2019, more than 35,000 workers have been imparted one-day PDOT. Presently, six One Day PDOT Centres are operational i.e. two centers each in New Delhi and Mumbai and one center each in Kochi and Lucknow. The initiative has been a success.

Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) curriculum content has been standardized across all PDO Centers. Comprehensive PDO Manuals for Master Trainers have been developed in six languages i.e. Hindi, English, Bangla, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu and Handbooks for migrant workers have also been developed in eight languages i.e. Hindi, English, Bangla, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Punjabi and Urdu under the aegis of India Center for Migration, which is a think-tank of the Ministry on matters related to the international migration.

Under PKVY, Ministry has transferred Rs 10 Crores to Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in 2016-17 towards Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT), which in turn had transferred Rs 2.99 Crores to National Skill Development Corporation. As per the available information from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, NSDC has utilised fund of Rs 1,47,76,099 so far.
