

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 89
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

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**89. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any training module/course content under the 'Skill India Programme' which can cater to the needs of the foreign countries particularly South Asian countries where manpower from India is in big demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any of the South Asian countries under the 'Skill India Programme' to recognize and accept the trainees/ apprentices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Given the need to orient potential migrant workers with regard to language, culture, do's and don'ts in the destination country, the emigration process and welfare measures, a Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) program has been launched. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is conducting the PDOT program under the Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PKVY). PDOT and Arabic modules are currently catering to gulf countries. The National Skill Development Corporation is the implementing agency for this program. However, MSDE has not signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with South Asian countries under the 'Skill India Programme'.
