

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1943
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

INDIA-JAPAN DIALOGUE

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

- a. whether agriculture and education sectors have been identified as key sectors in skill development during second India-Japan Dialogue;
- b. if so, the details thereof;
- c. whether Japan would extend assistance in skill development to the sectors identified; and
- d. if so, the details of the key features among the sectors identified for laying focus?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) & (b) Sir, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) does not have any information pertaining to the 2nd India-Japan Dialogue. However, MSDE as a part of Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signed with Japan on 17th October 2017 has been implementing Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP). Under TITP, selected candidates undergo three to five years of On Job Training (OJT), after which they are required to return to India and utilize the skills acquired by them in Japan. Further, Specified Skilled Worker Programme (SSW) is another programme of cooperation in the field of skill development between India and Japan. The MoC on SSW signed in 2021 between MEA and Japan provides cooperation for sending skilled workers to Japan in identified sectors. Under SSW, MSDE has been made the focal point regarding skill exams and tests to measure Japanese language proficiency of specified skilled workers.

Under TITP and SSW several key sectors have been identified based on mutual agreement between India and Japan. Agriculture is one of the key sectors identified under the programmes. However, Education is not being covered under any of these initiatives. The job categories and Roles being covered in the Agriculture sector under TITP and SSW is given at Annexure I.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir, with assistance of Japan, SSW Skill Exam has been started in India for Nursing Care (since Jan 2022) and Agriculture (since Sep 2022) sectors. Also, NSDC under the aegis of MSDE is working with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for provision of Japanese Technical Experts in India.

Annexure I

Job Categories and Roles being covered in the Agriculture sector under TITP and SSW

Project	Job Categories	Job Role
Technical Intern Training Program (TITP)	Cultivation agriculture	1. Facility horticulture 2. Upland field cropping/ Vegetable growing 3. Fruit growing
	Livestock agriculture	1. Hog raising 2. Poultry farming (collecting chicken eggs) 3. Dairy
Specified Skilled Worker (SSW)	General crop farming	1. Cultivation management 2. Collection/shipping/sorting of agricultural products etc
	General livestock farming	1. Breed management 2. Collection/shipping/sorting of livestock products etc
