

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1979
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

COORDINATION BETWEEN NATIONAL SKILL PROGRAMMES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

1979. SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to develop more coordination between schools, higher education and various National Skill Programmes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of expected amount under this programme;
- (d) the details of objectives to be set under this programme;
- (e) the details and number of States where this scheme is proposed to be implemented;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to cover Gujarat also under this scheme;
- (g) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (h) the time by which it is proposed to be implemented?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (h) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is an unprecedented reforms in the area of education and preparing young Indians for the future and has integrated vocational training and skilling into the curriculum of schools. The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) is implementing an initiative of vocationalization of School Education under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme - *Samgra Shiksha* - throughout the country. The Scheme aims at integrating vocational education with general academic education in all Secondary/Senior Secondary schools, enhancing the employability and entrepreneurial abilities of the students, providing exposure to work environment and generating awareness among students about various career options so as to enable them to make a choice in accordance with their aptitude, competency and aspirations.

Under the scheme, National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant vocational courses are offered to the students from class 9th to 12th in the schools covered under the scheme. At the secondary level, that is, Class 9 and 10, vocational modules are offered to the students as an additional subject. At Senior Secondary level, that is, Class 11 and 12, vocational courses are offered as a compulsory (elective) subject. Employability skill module has been made a mandatory part of the vocational courses. It consists of communication skills, self management skills, information and communication technology skills, entrepreneurship skills and Green skills.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has also given a special emphasis on vocational education and skill development. Integration of vocational education with general education and mainstreaming of vocational education have been identified as the key reform in the education system of the country. In order to fulfil various objectives of the NEP, the existing scheme of Samagra Shiksha has been revamped and various new interventions relating to vocational education have been incorporated. Some of them are as under:

1. Coverage of vocational education has been expanded to cover Government aided schools also in addition to Government Schools.
2. Hub and Spoke Model of Vocational Education has been introduced providing for the utilization of the infrastructure available in the Hub Schools by the students of nearby schools (spoke schools) for vocational training.
3. Exposure of pre-vocational education at Upper Primary level.
4. Internships, bagless days, etc. have been included under innovation component of Samagra Shiksha.

Under the Scheme, a module on entrepreneurship development has been made a core component of vocational education programme from Grades 9 to 12 for nurturing innovation and creativity among the students. The module has been oriented towards the development of creative and innovative skills among the students so that they can apply new knowledge to the existing work and create new ideas and values. Budgetary allocation for Samagra Shiksha for 2023-24 is Rs. 37,453 crore.

The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in coordination with Ministry of Education organized Skill network, School network and Higher Education network into Skill Hubs Initiative (SHI) as a pilot project under PMKVY 3.0 with a focus on introduction of skill training programme in education ecosystem as envisioned in NEP. Under PMKVY 3.0, an amount of Rs. 700 crore was earmarked separately for SHI. As on 31.12.2022, 1,957 SHI have been established across the country, which includes 86 SHIs in the State of Gujarat. The district wise details of SHI and candidates trained in the State of Gujarat are given at *Annexure*.

Further, taking the vision of NEP, Government of India has developed National Credit Framework (NCF) to enable integration of academic and vocational domains to ensure flexibility and mobility between the two.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1979 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023 REGARDING “COORDINATION BETWEEN NATIONAL SKILL PROGRAMMES AND HIGHER EDUCATION”

The district wise details of SHIs and candidates trained in the State of Gujarat as on 31.12.2022

S. No.	District	No. of Training Centres	Trained Candidates
1.	Ahmadabad	5	475
2.	Amreli	2	72
3.	Anand	2	230
4.	Arvalli	1	20
5.	Banas Kantha	3	102
6.	Bharuch	4	319
7.	Botad	2	147
8.	Chhota Udaipur	1	240
9.	Dang	4	134
10.	Devbhumi Dwarka	1	8
11.	Dahod	1	120
12.	Gandhinagar	2	400
13.	Jamnagar	3	286
14.	Junagadh	2	394
15.	Kachchh	3	409
16.	Kheda	1	19
17.	Mahesana	3	50
18.	Mahisagar	1	111
19.	Morbi	1	20
20.	Narmada	2	230
21.	Navsari	2	268
22.	Panch Mahals	2	240
23.	Patan	6	137
24.	Porbandar	2	32
25.	Rajkot	5	98
26.	Sabar Kantha	3	54
27.	Surat	7	446
28.	Tapi	3	236
29.	Vadodara	7	170
30.	Valsad	5	243
	Total	86	5,710
