

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO - \*147**  
**ANSWERED ON – 31/07/2023**

**SKILL INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTERS IN GUJARAT**

**\*147. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MADAAM:**

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

(a) whether the Government has proposed to set up Skill India International Centers in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of candidates that have been trained, certified, and successfully placed overseas;

(d) whether the Government has identified the top sectors for training in the Skill India International Centers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government to enhance skills in these sectors?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**  
**(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA  
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SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MADAAM REGARDING SKILL INDIA  
INTERNATIONAL CENTERS IN GUJARAT**

(a) & (b) To implement the Government's vision of making India the Skill Hub of the world and in consonance with the Budget announcement for the FY 2023-24, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has envisioned setting up of 30 Skill India International Centers (SIIC) across the country to facilitate mobility of skilled workforce as per demands in different countries. Decision on the locations for setting up SIICs, including Gujarat, will be taken based on viability and potential of international mobility of skilled workforce.

(c) As there are multiple avenues through which skilled personnel can seek employment in foreign destinations including the countries with which MSDE has engaged bilaterally, MSDE monitors the mobility of skilled personnel from India under the bilateral employment and internship cooperation programmes that exists at Government to Government (G2G) level and Business to Business (B2B) level with select few countries. Under such arrangements, a total of 23,127 candidates have got job opportunities in foreign countries from 1.04.2022 to 30.06.2023.

(d) & (e) Yes Sir, National Skill Development Corporation International (NSDCI), under the aegis of MSDE, has conducted Global Skill Gap Study in 16 countries namely: Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Germany, Japan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Romania, Singapore, Sweden, United States of America, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom. On the basis of the study following 10 priority sectors have emerged:

1. Construction
2. Healthcare, Personal Care, and Social Care
3. Hospitality and Tourism Management
4. Energy (Oil, Gas, and Renewables)
5. Education
6. Transport and Logistics
7. IT and Digital
8. Retail
9. Manufacturing
10. Media and Entertainment

In order to train and provide employment to the unemployed youth in foreign locations in different sectors including the identified priority sectors, various initiatives are being undertaken by MSDE. Such initiatives include bilateral engagements with different countries to provide a framework of cooperation in areas like information exchange, standard setting, skill harmonization, recognition of qualification, etc. So far, MSDE has signed Government To Government (G2G) MoUs with 11 countries. Moreover, under the framework provided by these MoUs, MSDE is also implementing different programmes in collaboration with foreign countries, such as Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) Programme with Japan, to enhance skilled mobility of candidates from India. Another program namely Technical Intern Training Program (TITP) is also being implemented with Japan to facilitate the candidates

from India to avail the opportunity of Technical Internship in Japan in which 876 technical interns have been sent to Japan since the start of TITP in July, 2018.

Additionally, NSDCI has signed MoU with 14 states- Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Maharashtra, Kerala, Manipur, Jharkhand, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, and Tripura for the sourcing of candidates for international mobility.

NSDC under the aegis of MSDE has signed 23 Business to Business (B2B) MoUs with various international agencies to partner and collaborate for skill enhancement, assessment and facilitate international mobility of youth from India.

One Skill India International Centre has been made operational in Varanasi, in partnership with International Agencies. Skill training in Electrical, Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC), Automotive, and Plumbing Sector is being provided at the centre.

NSDC through its partners, under the aegis of MSDE has set up 44 Language Training Centres to impart training in English, Japanese & German languages to the youths aspiring for overseas placement opportunities.

Further, MSDE in association with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)- under Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY)- is imparting a one-day Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT) to migrants so that they have the necessary soft skills required in foreign destinations. The orientation includes aspects of language, culture, emigration process, welfare measures and do's and don'ts of the destination country. A certificate is also provided to candidates after completion of 8 hours of training.

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