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349. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) the details of the advancements achieved in broadening the coverage of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) scheme;
- (b) the initiatives taken by the Government to ensure that the vocational skills and training offered under this scheme are pertinent and in harmony with local employment prospects and market requirements;
- (c) the details of the share of women in the total beneficiaries under the scheme; and
- (d) the efforts made to integrate this scheme with other similar programs to enhance effectiveness and coordination?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) The Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme, initially launched as Shramik Vidyapeeth (SVP) in 1967, aims to provide skill training in a non-formal mode at the doorsteps of the beneficiary through registered Societies (NGOs) with 100% grant from the Government of India. The objective of the scheme is to increase the household income by promoting self/wage employment through skill development training. The main target of the JSS is to impart vocational skills to the non-literates, neo-literates and persons having rudimentary level of education upto 8th standard and school drop outs upto 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years.

The Scheme was transferred from Ministry of Education to Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in July, 2018. Since, the transfer of the Scheme, the Ministry has taken several steps in broadening its coverage. From 228 functional JSSs in 2018, the number of JSSs increased to 288 in financial year 2023-24 across 26 States and 7 UTs, including aspirational districts, Left Wing Extremist areas, tribal, border and other backward districts of the country. Further, various initiatives have been taken for the advancement in the coverage of the Scheme. This includes-

- (i) Age relaxation is given to SC, ST, Divyang and other deserving cases, especially women.
- (ii) Skill training is organized with special concern for deprived sections, women/adolescent girls and unemployed youth to provide skilling, up-skilling, and re-skilling for self-employment to enhance the family income.

- (iii) The courses selected under the Scheme are based on local market demand and beneficiaries' requirements assessed through door-to-door surveys. Courses with maximum wage/self-employment opportunities are selected.
- (iv) To maintain uniformity and skill standards, all the courses are aligned to National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF).
- (v) Digital Literacy and employability skills have been incorporated in the course curriculum.
- (vi) Capacity building of JSS Staff and Entrepreneurship Development Programme for JSSs Resource Persons.
- (vii) Upgrading tools and equipments of model JSSs centres.
- (viii) The National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) has approved 15 Qualifications / Courses for the Scheme of JSS which has been aligned with NSQF levels 2 and 3. Further, in view of the local market demand and geographical requirements and to cater the beneficiaries with suitable courses, 35 more NSQF-aligned courses of level 2 have been adopted for training during FY 2023-24.
- (ix) Under the Scheme, Livelihood Cells have been created to encourage the beneficiaries for self/wage employment and to assist in the mobilization of loans and formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) / Joint Liability Groups and creating market linkages and promoting livelihood and Entrepreneurship Development.
- (x) The Ministry has leveraged the use of technology through a specially designed web portal which aims to bring transparency and accountability, providing quality and timely information to all the stakeholders of the Skill Ecosystem. In the JSS Scheme, all the data including enrolled, trained, assessed, certified is being captured through the JSS portal which helps in the supervision and monitoring of the Scheme.
- (xi) The Ministry in order to ensure access to quality skill development, relevant opportunities and entrepreneurial support, has developed the Skill India Digital (SID) Portal as a comprehensive digital platform aimed at synergizing and transforming the skills, education and entrepreneurship landscape in the country.

Since, the transfer of the scheme from Ministry of Education to MSDE in July 2018 till 02.01.2024, a total of 22,96,380 beneficiaries have been trained across 288 JSSs in 26 States and 7 UTs. The physical training achievement of the JSSs since FY 2018-19 to FY 2023-24 is given below:

Financial Year	Enrolled	Trained	Assessed	Certified
2018-2019	167283	167283	158576	156639
2019-2020	415332	415332	408779	406576
2020-2021	359796	359796	358296	357765
2021-2022	462059	461996	457649	455595
2022-2023	726405	726284	715500	711906
2023-2024*	409351	165689	150857	149483
Grand Total	2540226	2296380	2249657	2237964

***Data as on 02-01-2024**

- (b) The Ministry has taken several initiatives to ensure that the vocational skills and training under the JSS Scheme are pertinent and in harmony with local employment prospects and market requirement. The courses being offered in the JSS are a blend of technical and employability skills. This enables the beneficiaries in learning the right set of skills to be utilized

for gainful self/wage employment. These courses are selected by each JSS on the basis of the local market demand and beneficiaries' requirements assessed through door-to-door surveys and presented in their Annual Action Plan for approval.

To maintain uniformity and skill standards, all the courses are aligned to National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). Digital Literacy and employability skills are also incorporated in the course curriculum. The National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) has approved 15 Qualifications / Courses for the Scheme of JSS which has been aligned with NSQF levels 2 and 3. Further, in view of the local market demand and geographical requirements and to cater the beneficiaries with suitable courses, 35 more NSQF-aligned courses of level 2 have been adopted for training during FY 2023-24. Moreover, courses under the Scheme are also being aligned to One District One Product (ODOP).

(c) Since July 2018 till 02.01.2024, total 22.96 Lakh beneficiaries have been trained under the scheme out of which 18.88 Lakh beneficiaries are women, which constitute **82.23%** of total beneficiaries. The Gender-wise details of JSS beneficiaries trained since July, 2018 till 02.01.2024 are given below:

Financial Year	Male	Female	Transgender	Total Trained
2018-19	18982	148235	66	167283
2019-20	60939	354135	258	415332
2020-21	61761	297899	136	359796
2021-22	76555	385242	199	461996
2022-23	151256	574811	217	726284
2023-24*	37645	127993	51	165689
Grand Total	407138	1888315	927	2296380

* Data as on 02-01-2024

(d) The Ministry has taken several steps to enhance the effectiveness and coordination by converging the architecture of the JSS Scheme with existing schemes of the Government. The details of such initiatives are given below:

(i) JSSs, as part of the convergence are implementing the flagship schemes of the Government, namely, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and PM Vishwakarma (PMV).

(ii) JSSs have established a Livelihood Cell to encourage the beneficiaries for self/wage employment and assist in the mobilization of loans and formation of SHGs/ JLGs. Livelihood cell provides counselling support to beneficiaries for enabling them to take up self/wage employment in related trades as per the market need. Livelihood cell also act as a bridge between employers, banks/micro-finance institutions/State Governments/ NABARD for delivering the benefits of schemes of financial assistance/loans to JSS beneficiaries, especially women.

(iii) Ministry has also taken the initiative to conduct Entrepreneurship Development Training especially for Self Help Groups/Joint Liability Groups to promote the idea of Vocal for Local (Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan)/One District One Product (ODOP). These measures would lead to the enhancement of livelihood opportunities for the JSS beneficiaries.
