

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1368

TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019

PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE MARGINALIZED SECTION

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme solely focused on the promotion of entrepreneurship in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether there is any proposal to develop and implement such a scheme; and
- (d) the steps being taken and/or will be taken by the Government to promote entrepreneurship in the marginalised sections of the society?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI R.K. SINGH)**

(a) to (d): To create an enabling ecosystem for Entrepreneurship Development through entrepreneurship education and training across the Country, Pradhan Mantri Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyaan (PM YUVA) was launched by the Government in 2016 for implementation through the Institutes of Higher Learning (Universities, Colleges and Premier Institutes), schools, Industrial Training Centers (ITIs) and Entrepreneurship Development Centers (EDCs) for a period of five years. During review of the PM YUVA project, the progress under the scheme was not found satisfactory and accordingly, it was decided to restructure the project and implement it through the Institutes in the Skill Ecosystem of the Ministry i.e. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs), Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Training Centres. The pilot project on PM YUVA with the revised strategy is under implementation.

Besides, with an aim to promote a culture of entrepreneurship among India's youth and inspire them to set-up their own enterprise and create employment opportunities for others, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, has instituted National Entrepreneurship Awards Scheme (NEAS) in 2016. Under the scheme, awards are conferred to the aspiring first generation entrepreneurs to recognize and honour their efforts and achievements and those individuals/organizations who are working as eco-system builder in the field of entrepreneurship development. The awards also seek to highlight model of excellence for others to emulate and improve upon. Under the scheme, there is special provision of 12 awards in sub-category under Enterprises Track exclusively for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe, Women Entrepreneur, Entrepreneur from Persons with Disability (PwDs) and Entrepreneur from Difficult Areas.
