

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2227
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (MGNF)

**2227. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:
DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government to boost skill development at the district level, has signed a contract with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore for introducing a two-year fellowship Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any representatives from the State of Andhra Pradesh were selected for this programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) To boost skill development at the district level, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) have signed a contract with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore for implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme. MGNF is a two year academic programme with an in-built component of on-ground practical experience with the district administration. It seeks to create a cadre of individuals, and train them in a blended academic program that provides both academic inputs and requires a field immersion at the district level to understand and contribute to the creation of a district level ecosystem to support skill development. Upon completion of these components, the Fellows will be awarded a Certificate of Public Policy and Management. In the pilot phase, 75 Mahatma Gandhi National Fellows would be deputed to 75 districts across 06 identified States namely (i) Gujarat; (ii) Karnataka; (iii) Meghalaya; (iv) Rajasthan; (v) Uttarakhand; and (vi) Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The selection process of MGNF fellows is not yet complete. The deadline for submission of online applications was 20.11.2019. A written entrance examination, followed by a case analysis and a personal interview will be conducted before the final list of selected candidates is announced.
