GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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

(a) the action being taken or proposed to be undertaken by the Government to make the youth aware about its Skill Development initiatives;

(b) keeping in mind that three-fourths of youth are not enrolled in such schemes (as per a survey conducted by Observer Research Foundation and World Economic Forum in 2018), how does the Government planned to enroll them into such schemes;

(c) the steps undertaken by the Government to address the issue of the low budget or funds that are spent in education and training; and

(d) considering that the training provided in Institutes or centres are not sufficient enough to get a trainee the job, what steps has the Government undertaken or plans to undertake to address the insufficient training capacity, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Under Skill India Mission, the Government has been implementing various schemes for imparting employable skills to the youth through short term and long term training. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing a flagship scheme known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY 2.0) for imparting short term training across the country. Long term training is provided through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).

Under PMKVY, Training Partners (TPs) use variety of channels for mobilisation, namely, Mass Media (radio, television, newspapers, mobile phones etc.), Small Media (posters, flyers, leaflets, guidelines, training materials, standalone banners etc.) and Kaushal Melas /Mobilisation Camps (camp-based approach). TPs are mandated to conduct Kaushal and Rozgar Melas every six months with press/media coverage; they are also required to participate actively in National Career Service Melas and on-ground activities.

MSDE's Skills Career Counselling Scheme aims to counsel one crore candidates from the age group of 15-35 years focusing on School & College dropouts, young adults from the community, college students, polytechnic students, ITI students, Diploma students, Graduates, Post-Graduates, NEET category (Not in Employment education or Training), etc. pan India from August 2018. The above mentioned initiatives are undertaken to generate awareness thereby enhancing enrolment of youth in the skill development schemes.

In addition to budget allocations to various skill development schemes, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), a PPP company under MSDE provides funding to build scalable for-profit vocational training initiatives. NSDC acts as a catalyst in skill development by providing funding to enterprises, companies and organisations that provide skill training. It also partners with corporates across sectors through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) & Industry Partnerships arm to channelize industry CSR funds towards skill development initiatives.

Besides In order to improve training capacity of institutes or centres, MSDE has undertaken various steps.

- For scaling up availability of quality trainers and assessors, SSCs are mandated to conduct Training of Trainers (ToT) and Training of Assessors (ToA) programs.
- As per the placement guidelines of PMKVY 2.0 (2016-2020), apart from imparting training, TPs are mandated to facilitate placements of certified candidates. TPs need to organize Placement/Rozgar Melas every six months with support from the Sector Skill Councils (SSCs). NSDC has also empanelled placement partners, with the objective of ensuring placement opportunities to PMKVY certified candidates not placed by TPs within 90 days from date of certification.
- As per the Common Norms, the reimbursement of 20% of training cost to training centres is made only after wage employment or self employment is assured to at least 70% of the certified candidates. There is also a provision to provide post placement support to candidates from special areas/ special groups in order to enable the newly skilled persons to settle into their jobs/vocations.
- The Ministry has also set up Model Skill Centres called Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) in various districts across the country.
