

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3584
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020**

SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES IN WEST BENGAL

3584. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the number of Skill Development Centres established in West Bengal with Central assistance so far;
- (b) the number of Skill Development Centres established in the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for Skill Development programs in these three districts and State of West Bengal from Central funds;
- (d) whether any review of the skill development programmes have been carried out in above three districts and if so, its details including the number of youth benefited under this programme; and
- (e) the details of employment/placements post training?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has taken initiatives to establish Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) as benchmark, model and aspirational centre in every district of the country. For establishment of PMKK, Ministry supports the private training providers by the concessional loan funding upto 75 percentage of the project investment. Under this framework, 43 PMKKs have been established in the districts including Darjeeling and North Dinajpur of the West Bengal. PMKK in the district of Kalimpong has been allocated to Training Provider, Power to Empower Skills Private Limited. The loan amounting to Rs. 20.21 crore has been released towards establishment of PMKKs in West Bengal including these three districts.

(d) and (e) The skill development training in established PMKKs of West Bengal is being imparted through flagship scheme of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, PMKVY 2016-20. This programme is monitored through multi-layer robust mechanism which includes call validation, surprise visit, concurrent monitoring training centre through digital platform 'SMART', candidates monitoring through 'SDMS' etc. Under PMKVY 2016-20, 2.96 lakh and 1.57 lakh candidates have been trained and certified, respectively, in short term training in State of West Bengal. Out of these certified candidates, 0.85 candidates have been placed. Also, 1 lakh candidates have been oriented under Recognition of Prior Learning component of the scheme.
