

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1235  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020

**Vocational Education**

**1235. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR :**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students of 18-23 age group, as on 31-3-2020, who acquired adequate skills through vocational education, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme;
- (b) Whether there is any Proposal for expansion and re-designing of vocational education and improvement of its quality;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to impart sound vocational training as recommended by National Knowledge Commission and Yashpal Committee for developing the skill of youth across the country?

**A N S W E R**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) Ministry of Education operates National Apprenticeship Training Scheme(NATS). Under this, details of persons trained in 2019-20 is as under :

Category	2019-20
Graduate	51784
Diploma	37886

(b) to (d) : In order to integrate Vocational Education with regular education, Government in Budget 2020-21 has proposed to integrate apprenticeship embedded degree programmes to give impetus to vocational training. Accordingly, University Grants Commission (UGC) has already issued Apprenticeship/Internship embedded degree programme guidelines on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

Under this, a student opts for Vocational hands on training in commercial/industrial set up wherein training done will be counted in credits for the purpose of graduate degree programme. 132 credits are required to be earned for graduate degree programme in general stream. A mix of vocational training & academic learning is envisaged within 132 credits. Out of 132 credits, 24 credits should be subject specific and rest of the credits can be the blend of theory & vocational hands on the training as decided by the Universities & Industries.

