

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2143  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

**PRIVATE SKILL TRAINING INSTITUTE**

**2143. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the National Skill Development Corporation to bridge the skill gap during the pandemic;
- (b) whether skills training provided by NSDC has moved online and whether there is a significant attrition rate noted in the individuals being trained and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has supported private skill training institutes that shut down due to the heavy cost burden imposed by the pandemic induced lock-down; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) During the pandemic induced lockdown, the National Skill Development Corporation has promoted online skilling through eSkill India portal. This e-learning aggregator portal offers online skill training on a variety of sectors and modules which included IT, Electronics, Retail, Construction, Automotive, Plumbing, Healthcare, Media, Telecom etc. eSkill India has been instrumental in aggregating digital skilling avenues from the leaders in the field of digital skilling. Almost 17 lakh minutes of e-Content is aggregated and most of the e-courses are free. The enrollment for various e-courses is around 7.5 lakh.

(c) and (d) Government of India had constituted a Committee known as Common Norms Committee (CNC) for providing recommendations on cost norms for skill development schemes/programmes implemented by Government of India. Common Norms Committee (CNC) for Skill Development Schemes has decided that 1.5% of the average training cost per trainee for 3 months, or 1.5% of the hourly base cost rate (as applicable as per category of trade undergoing the training) may be allowed as COVID Allowance. The COVID allowance would be funded out of the grants already made available for training.

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