

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3066
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021**

REVISION OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

3066. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government recognises the need for introducing or revising Skill Development courses in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the displacement of jobs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has set a revised target for skilling for the post-pandemic market in the country and if so, the details thereof; and;
- (c) whether the Government has explored the possibility of conducting and recognising wider online Skill Development courses through the e- Skilling India portal and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The emphasis in all the job roles (revised/ new) being developed is on inclusion of aspects related to infection control measures such as wearing and disposing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, disinfection and sanitization of self, workplace and surroundings. The above measures are being streamlined by facilitating the development of National Occupation Standards (NOSs) related to sanitization and infection control guidelines by the Healthcare Sector Skill Council, and offering of the same in all trainings conducted under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 3.0. This Scheme was launched on 15.01.2021 with an outlay of Rs. 948.90 crore and with a target to train 8.00 lakh youths across the country. This scheme supports the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat by encouraging candidates to opt for local skills with local jobs. As far as displacement of jobs due to the pandemic is concerned, capacity building sessions are being conducted for the sector skill councils to explore the possibilities of making the workforce multi-skilled by developing Qualification Packs which deals with various related competencies (both inter- and intra- sectoral).

(c) National Skill Development Corporation, under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, has created e-Skill India, a multi-lingual portal, providing e-skilling opportunities to the Indian youth. E-Skill India works collaboratively as an e-Learning aggregator portal by establishing strategic digital skilling partnerships with knowledge partners to bring best-in-class digital opportunities for the Indian youth under one roof. The portal has over 900 e-courses and more than 7.5 lakh enrolments. Majority of e-course on e-Skill India are offered for free.
