

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3364
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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

- (a) the details of the skill training programmes identified in Tamil Nadu to address unemployment in the State;
- (b) whether any separate Skill Development Project has been identified for those returning from the Gulf countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the initiatives taken by the Government to capitalize learning methodologies as per new emerging job skills?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

- (a) For skill development of the youth in the country, including in the State of Tamil Nadu, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has been implementing the following major schemes, viz., Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). under short-term skilling, and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), under longterm skill training. The number of candidates trained under the above schemes from 2018-19 to 2020-21 in the country is 137.56 Lakhs out of which 5.99 Lakhs candidates have been trained in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- (b) The Government of India has launched an initiative SWADES (Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support) to conduct skill mapping of the returning citizens under the Vande Bharat Mission (VBM). SWADES is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Ministry of External Affairs, the said initiative aiming at creating a database of returning citizens based on their skill sets and experience. The returning citizens are required to fill up an online SWADES Skill Card, containing details related to the work sector, job title, employment and years of experience.

(c) eSkill India is the digital skilling initiative from National Skill Development Council (NSDC) and is a first of its kind eSkilling platform leveraging skilling opportunities by combining eContent from various players across the ecosystem. It acts as a onestop shop for all skilling opportunities in our ecosystem. It provides learners an opportunity for lifelong learning to reskill/upskill themselves. Collaborating with multinational organizations, academic institutions, government and non-government organizations, eSkill India aggregates courses through a network of specialized and experienced Knowledge Partners. These have been instrumental in setting up a rich catalogue of digital-skill opportunities for the skill-seekers. Right from trade skills courses to Soft Skills, Life Skills, and Employability enhancers have been provided. Partnerships with industry leaders as IBM, Microsoft, Saylor Academy, Amazon etc. have been established, offering high-quality, new, and emerging courses in diverse sectors and languages.
