

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 31
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2021

DIGI SAKSHAM PROGRAMME

31. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any Digi Saksham Programme recently in joint venture with Microsoft India;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the key fact or salient features of the said programme;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide free of cost training to rural youth in the field of digital skills including basic skills and advance computing through National Career Service Portal and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;**
- (d) whether the Government is also considering free of cost training to disadvantaged group of the society who have been adversely affected by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) the details of funds sanctioned and released under the said programme during the current year; and**
- (f) the number of youths, particularly from rural areas who get benefitted by the training under the said programme?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Ministry of Labour and Employment has partnered with Microsoft India and launched DigiSaksham - a joint digital skills programme to enhance the employability of youth by imparting digital skills that are required in an increasingly technology driven era. This initiative is an extension of the Government's ongoing programs to support the youth from rural and semi-urban areas to acquire digital skills for better career opportunities. The salient features of the programme are: (i) to support government's accelerated efforts to skill youth for employment; (ii) to develop standardized curriculum and content that would be able to meet the continuously evolving demands of the industry; and (iii) to transform 'youth' into a 'workplace ready professional' through knowledge acquisition and skill development.

Under this programme, various free of cost courses such as Excel, Azure, Security Fundamentals and HTML are provided to the NCS jobseekers through Self-Paced Learning, Virtual Instructor Led Training Mode and Instructor Led Training Mode. The DigiSaksham Programme gives priority to the jobseekers of semi urban areas belonging to disadvantaged groups of the society, including those who have lost their jobs due to Covid-19 pandemic.

(e) The Government of India has neither sanctioned nor released any funds for this programme. However, Microsoft India has contributed funds in this programme through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mandate to train jobseekers on digital skills.

(f) The total number of youths who got benefitted by the training of the said programme are as under:

Jobseekers registered till date for training	13079
Trained through Virtual Instructor Led Training Mode	2095
Trained through Self-paced learning	5897
